

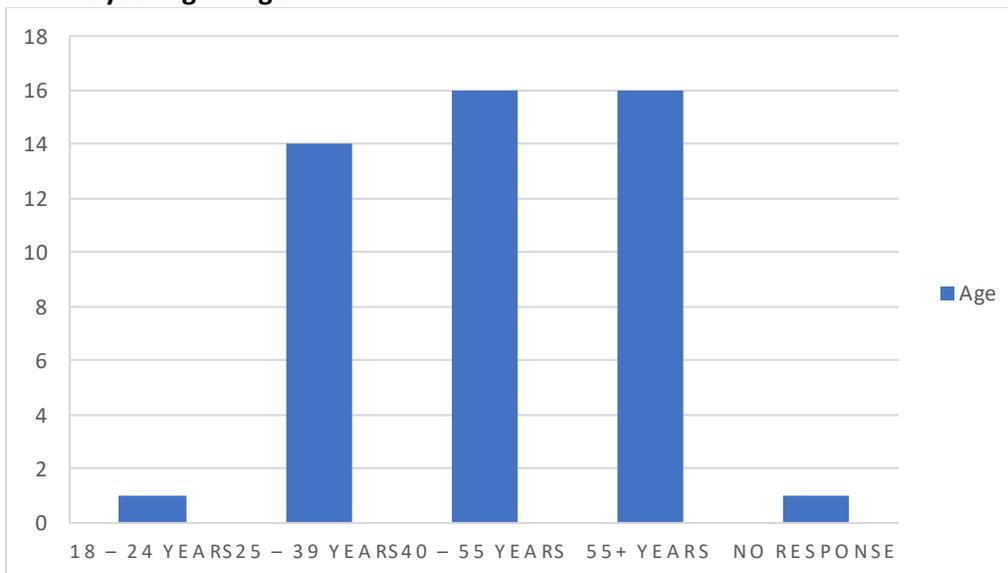


## Hollice T. Williams Stormwater Park Survey Results

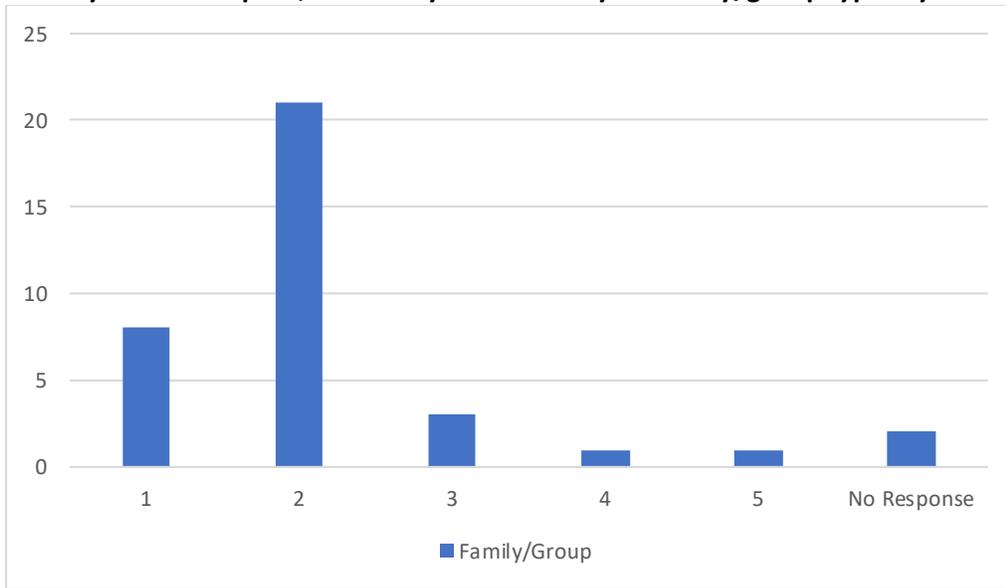
### What is your five-digit zip code?



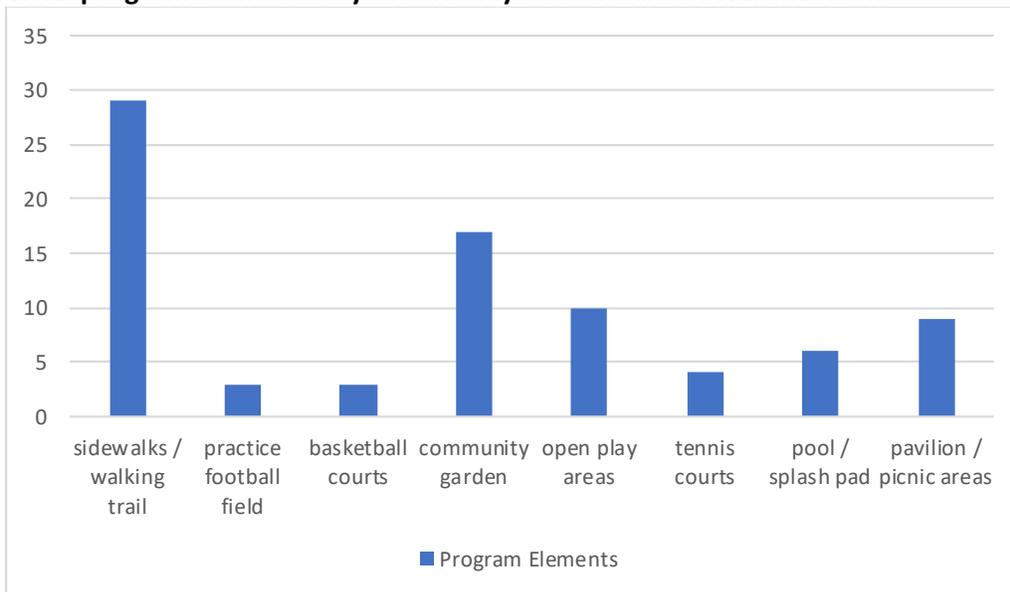
### What is your age range?



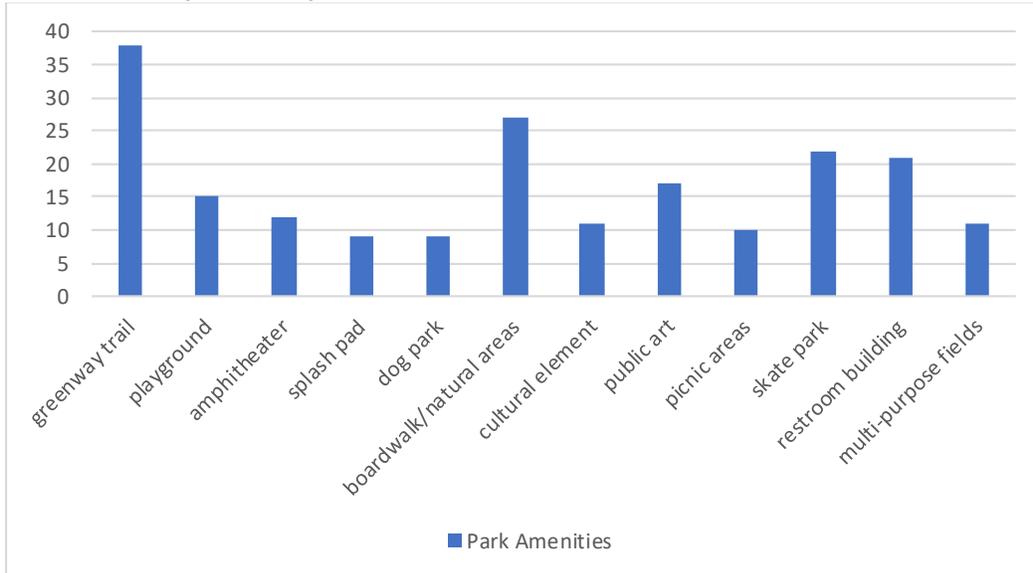
**When you visit the park, how many members of your family/group typically attend?**



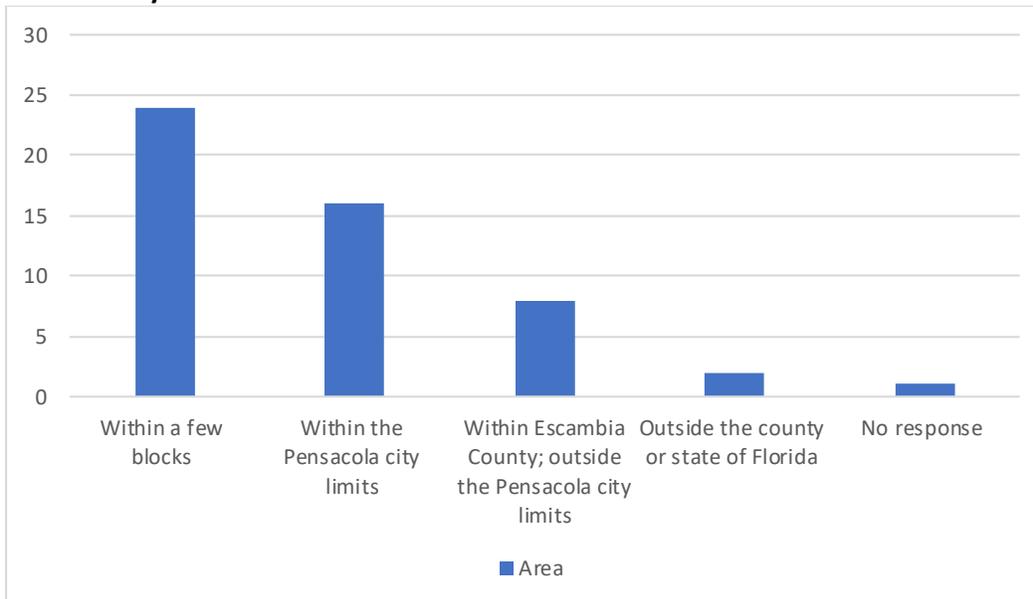
**What program elements do you currently use at Hollice T. Williams Park?**



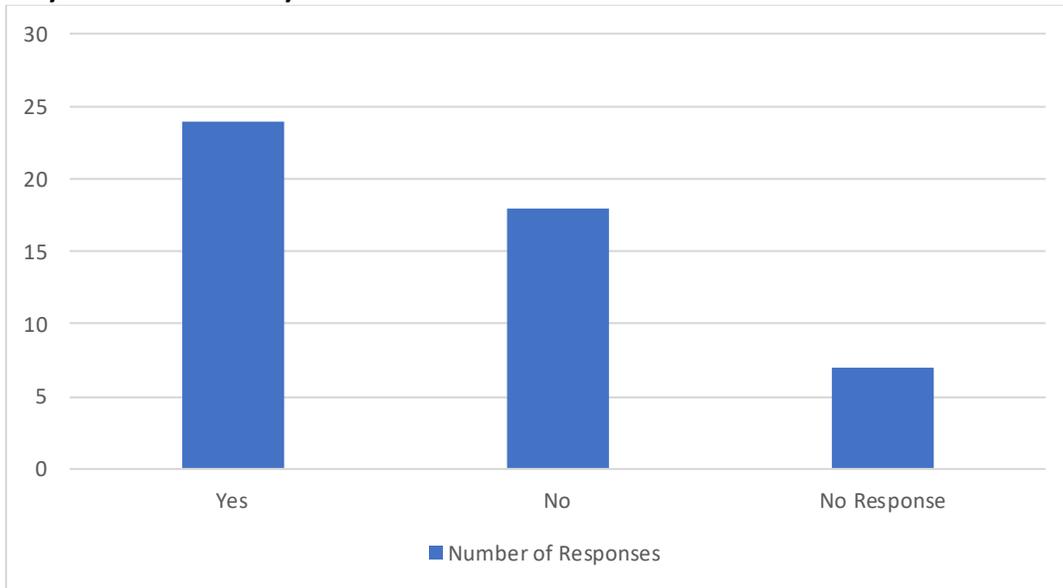
**What new park amenities would you like to see in the Hollice T. Williams Park expansion project?  
Please select up to five options.**



**How far do you live from Hollice T. Williams Park?**



### Do you feel safe when you visit Hollice T. Williams Park?



#### If you selected no, please explain why.

1. Homeless people living under the bridge, not enough lighting when dark, rare patrol of police, it's current cold/ugly/unwelcoming vibe it puts off. It's like an inner city under path that is the armpit of our town. So many people live along this area.
2. I said no, despite the fact that I walk my dog almost every single day there in the evenings. I have to use it to some degree to get an adequate walk in. However, when I really think about it I don't feel completely safe because of poor lighting, blighted/scary looking areas, and a lot of men that are walking around. I've talked about the homeless issues in my previous answer and I want to be very compassionate about the issue. Homeless flock to this area because there aren't a lot of eyes on this area and I think they feel safe and won't be hassled. I totally understand this, but there has to be a balance because it feels almost like a total takeover. There is also a significant environmental impact as there is trash everywhere. As a women, I've been approached several time by men that half the time are just rambling (mental health issues), but they'll try to come close to me and I feel unsafe. I've also personally seen drug use many times in this area.
3. Homeless use the park to do drugs and drink.
4. It's poorly lit and maintained. It's barely a park, rather it is a field with some sidewalks around it. There are constantly homeless people hanging around and sleeping there. There's never a police presence to help deter crime. There's really nothing at this park to make it feel safe. I'm not afraid of the park or going there but it's lacking the feel of being a safe, community centered, family friendly place so I would never go here alone, even in the daytime. I'm certain there are several families with children that would love a decent park in this area but that's not what this is, it's just a run down, scraggly field under the interstate. No one goes to a place like that and thinks of it as a "safe park".
5. I would not go there at night. We have stumbled onto transient people sleeping during the day.
6. Location and lack of amenities means people just hang around. Location can't be changed but more things to DO would make me feel safer because people would be there with a purpose and it would be obvious who is there to start trouble instead of participating in activities.
7. Park does not feel designed to make you feel safe.

8. A lot of transit and homeless and sex offenders living under interstate according to the sex offender look up.
9. Usually not a lot of people around. Area around park isn't 'best' neighborhood.
10. Homeless and groups of guys hanging out.
11. As a sometimes single woman, multiple homeless encampments make me feel unsafe/uncomfortable enjoying the park.
12. Drug hang out
13. I feel safe during mid-morning to early afternoon, but usually I'm alone so other than those times I don't feel as safe.

**Do you visit other parks within the neighborhood or city? If yes, which ones?**

1. Veterans Memorial Park, Bayview
2. 12th/Bobe, 14th/fisher
3. Yes - Bayview, Hitzman, Veteran's Memorial, Seville Square, Maritime Park and the smaller neighborhood parks around East Hill.
4. Maritime Park, Bayview Park, Veterans Memorial Park, and the one near old ECUA property.
5. Maritime Park, Admiral Mason Park, Bertram Park, Bay Bluffs Park, Bayview Park, Wyer Park, Seville Square
6. Yes, I visit Bayview, Maritime, the Bluffs and many others in the County.
7. Yes, Alabama Square, Maritime Park, Bruce Beach, Longhollow Park, Bay Bluffs Park.
8. Bartram, Veteran's Memorial, Community Maritime Park.
9. Bayview and others in the neighborhood that I don't know the names of.
10. Admiral Mason Park
11. Hitzman, Gull Point, Corinne Jones, Vince Whibbs Community Maritime, Seville Square, Bartram, Bay Bluffs, Roger Scott, Tierra Verde, Lavallet, Belvedere, Eastgate, Exchange, Dunwoody, Toledo Square, Malaga Square
12. No
13. Too many to name. Any one we can find.
14. Cordova Square, Malaga Square, Seville Square, Bruce Beach, CMP, Wayside, Bartram Park, Plaza de Luna
15. Bayview Park
16. Bayview, Maritime Park
17. Hitzman, Dunwoody, Bayview, Morelia
18. Bayview, Community Maritime mainly but many others throughout the city while walking dogs etc.
19. I don't know the names - one near Dunwoody and 12th the most, followed by Community Maritime Park, and others.
20. Pintado, Dunwoody, and the Vince Whibbs Sr Maritime Park
21. I go to the skatepark in the park on Chimes way about 4 or 5 times a week. It's horrible, I have been waiting for the city to build the proposed skatepark at the Hollice T Williams park for about 5 or 6 years. Hopefully it will actually get built unlike the skate "spots" that we were told were going to get built a year ago that were supposed to give the skateboarding community a place to skate in the meantime. Skateparks should be just as prevalent in our community as baseball fields or basketball courts.
22. Never knew this park existed. But the plans sound good for the area
23. Alabama Square, Long Hollow, Veterans Memorial, Bartrum Park, Seville Square, Plaza Ferdinand, Maritime Park & Bruce Beach

24. City: Seville Square, Alabama Square, Bayview, Long Hollow Park, Plaza Ferdinand, Bartram Park, Admiral Mason, Corrine Jones, Sanders Beach, and others County: Southwest Escambia Greenway, Navy Point Park, Lexington Terrace Park
25. Bayview, Admiral Mason, Maritime, Seville Square, Plaza de Luna
26. Tippin Park, Corrine Jones Park, Admiral Mason Park, Fairchild Park, various parks off of Bayou Blvd.
27. My family and I live across the street from the Community Garden where the skate park will be (the closest on the check off list below is a few blocks, but we are literally on Hayne Street across from the Garden). We love Bayview Park, Maritime Park, and have been to many parks throughout East Hill.
28. Bayview
29. Alabama Square, Bayview Park
30. Maritime Park, Seville Square, Plaza de Luna, Alabama Square
31. Alabama Square
32. My Kids go to Magee Field and play at playground.
33. Seville Square, Alabama Square, Bruce Beach, Bayview
34. Yes
35. To clarify the above question, I drive through/by almost daily, and on foot/bicycle a few times per year. Yes, we visit Bayview, Maritime, Seville Square, and Veterans Memorial Park often.
36. Yes. Community Maritime Park, Seville Square mainly.
37. Bayview Park
38. Bay Bluffs
39. Corrine Jones
40. Maritime Park
41. Bruce Beach
42. Maritime Park, Legion field, the one on Government St across from Maritime, Bertram Park
43. West of money
44. Bayview Park

### **What do you like about Hollice T. Williams Park?**

1. Large expanse of sidewalks-- useful for walking/biking.
2. Location, location, location.
3. Community Garden and the walking trail.
4. Location to home and a variety of activities. Love the garden and all its events.
5. Open space, basketball courts.
6. Everything is sub-par currently at the Park. I use it mostly for running, walking my dog, and riding my bike. There's the trail, but I don't feel safe using it, so I stick to the surrounding sidewalks. I walk in the open fields sometimes. I do not have kids, so I don't use the play area. It's nice. There's green space, which is very valuable downtown for residents.
7. Proximity to my house lots of potential.
8. Just learning about this park - I have yet to visit!
9. It's one of the very few "parks" in this area.
10. Linear shape could be a very nice greenway.
11. Ample space to socially distance.
12. Lots of space.
13. It's potential.

14. Tennis courts, basketball courts, grassy areas.
15. Love the splash pad.
16. Oasis in town.
17. Walks
18. It's location.
19. I like the hard curb and difficult to follow path. I am begging you do not change that
20. The natural element to it and peacefulness. Even more, the fact that it's the city's largest interconnected park that is shaded from the harsh Florida summers, when most people are outside.
21. While the "trail" that exists now is a good start, it's not made for bicycles (the short sidewalk concrete segments aren't made to be biked on) and aren't wide enough for a large number of users.
22. The park also in theory connects several different neighborhoods and links them and provides a connection to downtown, separated from cars.
23. Open space.
24. The variety of activities it offers.
25. It's across the street from our house!
26. Location and developmental possibilities. Located near the "Chappie" James Museum and Flight Academy. Possibility of inclusion in Florida State Black History Trail.
27. Close to home. Usually not busy.
28. It's a large area with potential for the community.
29. Easy to get to.
30. It's open.
31. Proximity to my neighborhood.
32. The location as it relates to the surrounding neighborhoods.
33. It is a large, linear open space with so much potential.
34. Green space, proximity to urban population.
35. The shade from the interstate and open area.
36. West of money.
37. Near my office, near downtown. Green space.

#### **What changes would you like to see at Hollice T. Williams Park?**

1. Seating/benches, play equipment for kids.
2. Educational sections such as storm water where the students can see how it works. I want what Cascades Park has in Tallahassee, Fl.
3. Public restrooms and trash cans, bike trail, add an outdoor splash pad area that is not connected to the pool, upgrade facilities (clean the cover over the pool that is visible from the freeway), add the skatepark and upgrade the landscaping and paths. I would love this to be a mini central park with trails and a place to sail boats and places to play
4. Lighting, a catch net for garbage thrown off the interstate OR ample garbage cans. Trees, water feature like at Veterans Park, pickleball court, benches along the path
5. Addition of Skate park, walking/biking trails, benches, picnic table, restrooms.
6. I'd like the Park to definitely assist with stormwater issues. Hurricane Sally was really bad for a lot of people in this neighborhood because of flooding. It seems to be very low lying and although I'm not in a flood zone, roads like Tarragona and Guillemard which are very close to the Park, were flooded significantly. The large stormwater pond at the end of the park locked up and full of trash but has such potential. We need a lot more multi-use paths in the city and it would be great if there was one around the stormwater park and then meander down Hollice T

Williams greenway. It would be amazing if the park has natural features that helped with stormwater and provided space for walking/biking trails. It would need to feel safe with adequate lighting and really important to provide connections to other places downtown so people don't have to drive everywhere. And help with transportation to midtown. This whole area is ignored and blighted with trash, homeless people, etc. I have no problem with the homeless shelter and many of the homeless that frequent this area/my neighborhood. They definitely need services, but the city has to find a way to make space for them in this area and also improve the aesthetic and built environment so everyone can hang out here harmoniously. I think that tends to happen when there is something to draw young, old, families, etc. to this area so it doesn't feel quite so dominated by the homeless population. There are many great examples of parks that engage the community through mixed media artwork, landscaping, lighting, exercise opportunities. etc. I think it would be cool to maybe have some of those container building bars/pop up shops like they do in downtown Tampa, but I don't see the need for a fee-based dog park. I think we need to be cognizant of the surrounding community, our income, and what we would actually use.

7. Get rid of vagrants. Add landscaping, possibly bring in businesses like the Atlanta Beltline.
8. Too much to list. Pensacola has a bunch of open fields and playgrounds that are labeled as parks, but they are mostly just rundown, poorly maintained, outdated playgrounds or empty fields. It appears no thought goes into overall current and future community use and certainly not beautification. There's a huge lack of sidewalks, multi-use and bicycle paths, adequate community gathering areas and centers. I don't know of any true public football or soccer fields. All the basketball courts are rundown. Community pools are gross and poorly maintained. There's nothing visually appealing about any of the parks, except the new Bayview Community Center and the newer Maritime Park, everything else has scraggly or no landscaping. Pensacola parks need a major overhaul, along with sidewalks and bike lanes/paths. This is NOT a safe, outdoor friendly community because of the lack of these amenities.
9. A complete walking trail system as well as bike lanes. Similar to Atlanta Beltline.
10. Better lighting and landscaping. The skatepark addition.
11. I would like to see an increase in greenery and native plants. Because it is a lower area to be used as water collection, a bio filter would be a great addition. This would potentially help reduce runoff and contaminants from reaching larger bodies of water and our groundwater. An increase in native plant species would also increase habitat for a multitude of native species that once thrived in the area.
12. We would LOVE a skate park!
13. More park rules enforcement.
14. Walking, running track. Playground equipment.
15. More dedicated playground spaces, and shade landscaping to allow for play year round.
16. More activities.
17. More walking trails and picnic tables, please!
18. I would love to see a cement skatepark built there.
19. As envisioned by the surrounding historic neighborhoods, the project should prioritize historical interpretation of the site through its history as an example of a federal interstate urban renewal project that decimated a historically Black neighborhood through systemic racism and eminent domain — the project should include historical markers throughout, exhibits, and interpretive displays that are designed by the community and public.  
Additionally, connectivity should be a top priority — creating interconnected and wide (10 ft+) biking and walking trails that are smooth and properly graded (not just sidewalks). Residents should be able to walk or bike on these trails beneath I-110 from downtown to the northern

neighborhoods of North Hill and the Eastside/Long Hollow without having to interact with motor vehicles. Transition between the park and the intersecting streets should be seamless and smooth (no curbs). It would be beneficial to have the greenway trail composed of both concrete/hard surface for biking adjacent to a softer surface for walking/running, such as a rubberized surface.

Particularly, LED nighttime lighting should be installed underneath the overpass segments to illuminate the trails and park space, preferably LED lighting that can be multi-colored to also act as public art.

Please look to Greenville, South Carolina's Swamp Rabbit Trail, Atlanta's Beltline, New Orleans' Laffitte Greenway for inspiration and lessons learned. Birmingham, Alabama's Railroad Park, along with Cascade's Park in Tallahassee, are a prime example for stormwater infrastructure.

20. Better use of the space.
21. Utilization of open space for families. I think the skate park is a good idea, but since we live directly across from the Garden, I am concerned about parking and lighting. Garden events make parking a bad situation since the only designated parking is on Hayne Street which is narrow. I think utilization of angled parking on LaRua and Jackson would be better since they are both wider than Hayne Street.
22. I would like to see something included that reflects the African American history of the neighborhood. I would like to see a large photo or mural complete with the info. Identifying the individual for whom the park is named. As the Project Manager of the Eastside Neighborhood Improvement Assoc., it is my opinion, as well as that of the Assoc. members, that if a skatepark is included, it should be located south of Cervantes St. As a matter of fact, that has been previously agreed upon.
23. Cleaned up grounds. Community pool building needs a power wash to roof and coverings.
24. Would like to see the "stormwater" lake beautified and cleaned up. Make it a nice water feature with walks around it. Now it's just fenced off with lots of trash.
25. More gardens with native plants, more walking paths, better playground.
26. I would love to see it closed in like a chain link fence. Add a track around football field. Put some buildings up where there is a private bathroom and some better lights down under the bridge at night. I make my kids come inside due to homeless people walking in the park. I know we have some volunteer programs that do a good job of running them off when the use fields. Make park safe like at Magee Field up the street when they lock it up and keep it clean.
27. Cleaned up, developed for some kid uses-skateboarding, more connected walkways.
28. To be a functional space for the everyone.
29. Stormwater solutions for adjacent neighborhoods that frequently flood, particularly Longhollow blocks bounded by Guillemard, Strong, Tarragona and Gadsden Streets. A multi-use path over the entire length of the park. Less trash/abandoned further and fewer "campers" - I know the homeless presence deters many people from visiting. I'm going to say "yes" for the following safety question, but I am somewhere between "yes" and "no".
30. A continuous trail for walking and bicycling along the length of the corridor (ideally crossing beneath Cervantes bridge at police station) from north to south, with curb cuts to get across east-west roads that cross the Park; creation of a series of outdoor rooms using vegetation and small buildings like clubhouses/pavilions, making sure that these do not create areas of limited visibility that can make people feel unsafe (need "defensible space" --see crime prevention through environmental design; native trees and plants, with perhaps fruit trees and ornamentals in areas of higher human activity; lots of shade from native shade trees; recognition (educational signage) of thriving walkable neighborhood destroyed by interstate construction.

31. More amenities to create it more enjoyable to "Hang Out" in.
32. A skate park!
33. None
34. Public art, Lighting