

Summary of results

-211 respondents. Survey was held open 53 days. Survey link was posted on CC Listserv, noted in NW Current, and noted in Lafayette ES Tuesday Bulletin.

Users: 87% neighbors. 45% parents of Lafayette students. 27% Parents of child with sports at Lafayette

Access: Most users walk (57% always; 38% sometimes). Many users come by car (10% always, 54% sometimes). 40% of users come by bike sometimes, with only 2% always. <3 % ever come by bus.

Age of respondents: 1st 2 members of family were in mid-40's; average ages of 3rd -5th members were 7-10 years old

Zip code- 203/211 live in 20015. 5 respondents live in 20008.

Activities in which people have engaged in the last 12 months, from most frequent:

Playing at Playground – 80%

Water fountain and/or bathrooms – 56%

Walking around track – 48%

Baseball – 39%

Picnic – 37%

Walking/exercising dog- 31%

Rollerblading/Scootering/Biking- 29%

Basketball – 28%

Birthday Parties – 26%

Lafayette After School program -21% *note, 2017-2018 provider has indicated her program will be hosted on school grounds only

Ping-Pong -20%

Less than 20%- Soccer, Tennis (w/o pro), Outdoor exercise equipment, Tennis clinics, Tennis lessons (individual), Boot camp, gardening, kickball, yoga, rec (DPR's afterschool program)

Seasonal Use:

Daily use peaks in spring and fall (48% of respondents), followed by summer (42%).
Winter- 23%

Weekly use holds steady – Winter/Summer (35%) are followed by spring (33%) and fall (31%).

Of the 200+ respondents, therefore, roughly 80% use the park weekly, if not daily, in 3 seasons. In winter, that drops to 57%, but 20% of respondents use the park 2-3 times in winter.

Time of Day Use:

On weekdays, the park is fairly lightly used in early and mid mornings (21% and 23%), but weekday afternoons and late afternoons see heavier use (41% and 77%).

On weekends, the early morning usage is still in the low 20%tile (23%), but from mid-morning on, use is high (69% mid-morning, 74% early afternoon, 70% late afternoon).

This use pattern suggests that some users/families may be at the park for multiple hours a day.

Features Valued in the Park:

Several features were “very important” to 50% or more of the respondents:

Cleanliness of grounds	– 79%
Maintenance of equipment	– 76%
Bathrooms	– 70%
Play equipment	- 68%
Trees and shade	- 61%
Separation of playground and dog areas	- 50%

Features that were “very important” or “ important” to 50% or more of the respondents:

Cleanliness of grounds	- 99%
Maintenance of equipment	- 97%
Trees and shade	- 92%
Bathrooms	- 89%
Play equipment	- 89%
Open green space not assigned to field/playground	- 80%
Picnic tables and benches	- 82%
Sustainability	- 77%
Separation of playground and dog areas	- 73%
Water play area	- 69%
Attractiveness of buildings	- 69%
Tranquility	- 68%
Ball field	- 66%
Attractive plantings	- 66%
Track at ball field	- 60%
Tennis courts	- 56%
Basketball court	- 54%

Top 5 “Serious” concerns of respondents regarding Rec Center Renovation:

Trees	- 66%
Trash/ litter	- 65%
Unleashed dogs in play spaces	- 52%
Open Space	- 49%
Stormwater runoff	- 44%

Top 5 “not a concern” items regarding Rec Center renovation:

Traffic/ parking	- 52%
Noise	- 52%
Necessity of getting permits	- 43%
Crowds	- 37%
Lighting	- 31%

Several respondents noted in comments that these issues might become a concern if the rec center is replaced with a larger one.

Overall satisfaction – with 100 being extremely satisfied, 50 somewhat, and 0 – not at all

Average satisfaction was 78 – roughly halfway between “extremely” and “somewhat” satisfied

Individual Comments

Bathrooms/Water Fountains

- 10 for bathrooms that are clean/ have toilet paper/ are open on weekends
- 6 for working water fountains -turn on in spring

Dogs

- 6-pro dog park
- 1-pro dogs off-leash
- 1-against dog park
- 6-against dogs off-leash
- 6-against dogs in playground/ upset about dog feces

Lighting

- 4-for not more or bright lighting/ follow Lighting Task Force guidelines
- 2- pro lights on tennis courts
- 8- against lights on tennis courts

Nature

- 5- Pro more trees / better care for trees
- 6- Pro more shade
- 3- plantings- need better maintenance
- 5- pro more open space
- 2- pro more benches

Play Equipment

- 2- concerns about danger of big slide
- 1- like new climbing / big slide
- 1- want creative toddler equipment
- 2- want toddler equipment without gaps for falling
- 1 -want mulch and sand readded
- 1- want tire swings and monkey bars and more swings
- 3- against rubber surface in play area
- 1- want ADA compliant ground cover
- 1- afraid toddler w/go into big kid area and be abducted

Rec Center (activities/size/impact)

- 4 -concerned that new Rec Center if big will create traffic/ parking/ noise
- 7- against big Rec Center (want similar size; no more than 50% bigger, etc)
- 3- wants indoor programming at CCCC, not at Rec Center
- 1- Rec Center looks shabby
- 3- City has already spent enough \$ on this area
- 2 -Do not see need for big rec center when we have huge new school
- 2- Neighborhood has had too much construction- does not want new Rec Ctr
- 2- against increased hardscape
- 1- wants places for birthday parties, arts and crafts, classes, camps, etc.

Sports

- 1- would love 2 baseball infields
- 2- happy with ball field back
- 2- need more ballfields
- 2- ball field needs better maintenance
- 1- upper field needs better maintenance
- 1- pro fenced-in turf field
- 2- want a pool
- 1- against organized sports having so much use of park
- 1- preserve tennis
- 3- concern about professional instructors pushing lights in order to give lessons
- 2- concern about professional instructor limiting neighbors' access to courts
- 2- want softer track/ track repaired
- 1- wants space for soccer
- 1- would like to use scoreboard at baseball games

Trash

- 1- like cans placed around
- 1- frustrated that cans aren't emptied regularly
- 3- has seen people litter
- 1- wants more trash bins
- 1- wants cans moved next to alley so cans are emptied w/o trucks driving in park

Other (1 each unless noted)

- playground crowded in pm, kids get hurt
- Park gets buggy in summer
- Be careful w/toxic pesticides; be eco friendly
- Pro pollinator garden
- Against school taking over playground
- Need parking management in alley (slow down signs, speed bumps)
- Consider people who walk "without purpose"
- Provide options for people without children to use the park
- Noted serious erosion issues
- Wants us to ask about safety concerns at night
- Wants to consider evening use of park
- Pro more events like movies at park
- Against evening use of park (2)