

An aerial illustration of a park improvement plan. The park features a large blue basketball court with white lines and a hoop, surrounded by a chain-link fence. To the right of the court is a playground with a large blue slide and various climbing structures. A paved path winds through the park, with several benches and trees. A small building with a red roof is located near the bottom left. The background shows a street with cars and more trees. Numbered circles (1, 3, 5, 6, 9, 12, 13) are placed throughout the park, indicating specific improvement areas. The text 'ORMSBY AND ARMSTRONG PARKS' is written in large, bold, black letters across the middle of the image.

ORMSBY AND ARMSTRONG PARKS

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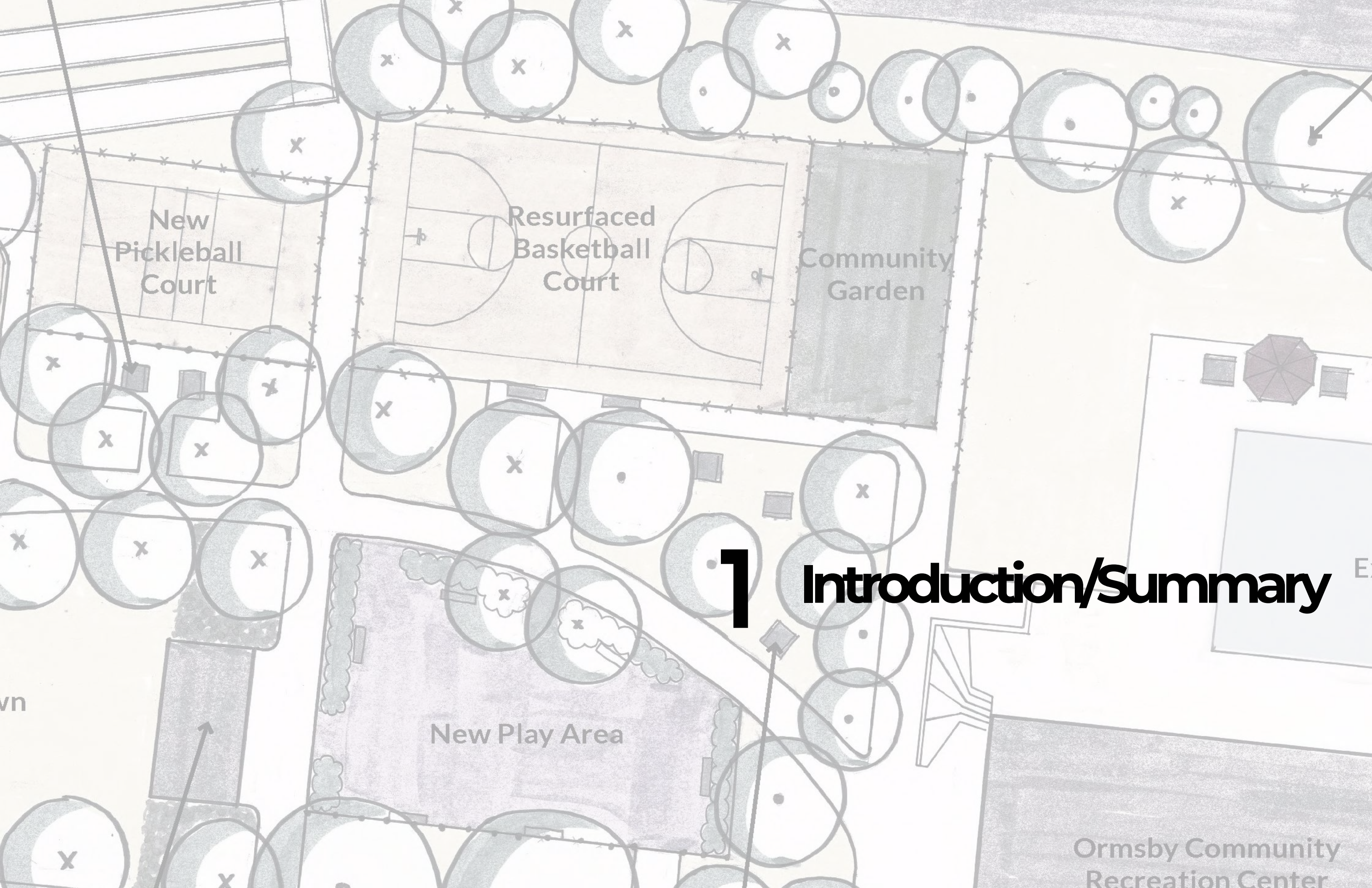
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Introduction/Summary

Ormsby Community
Recreation Center

INTRODUCTION

Ormsby Park and Armstrong Park are located in the South Side Flats of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Ormsby Park is along S 22nd Street, close to many community amenities including the Ormsby Recreation Center, Pool, and South Side Library. Armstrong Park is located between S 12th Street, S 13th Street, and Sarah Street. It is near Esser Plaza and the South Side Market House. These parks are highly utilized and provide important recreation amenities for the South Side residents. South Side Flats is a relatively dense part of the city where green spaces are highly valued. Ensuring environmental justice and equal access to green spaces is crucial in Ormsby and Armstrong Parks because these areas, with high percentages of low-to-moderate income residents and significant environmental burdens, need equitable access to safe, clean recreational spaces. (See Appendix for detailed information). Surrounded by residential and commercial development, the parks are highly accessible and visible to the surrounding community. They include ball fields, basketball and dek hockey courts, playgrounds, walking paths, a spray feature, and buildings. The primary goal of this project is to develop a concept for each park highlighting improvement options based on public input.

SUMMARY

The new concepts for Ormsby and Armstrong Parks expand upon the previous work of Armstrong Park completed by the “South Side Local Development Company” in 2010 and align with elements of the City’s OpenSpacePGH Plan adopted in 2013, which proposes directing resources towards improvements to Ormsby and Armstrong. The purpose is to look at the two parks as a whole, to create a better understanding of the desires and needs of the community, and identify updates to existing amenities.

The new concepts for both Ormsby and Armstrong Park are based on the previous design work, analysis of existing conditions, public input, research, and funding.

Based on community input, Ormsby Parks needs to be reimagined in its entirety due to the awkward placement of the dek hockey court, the park’s central location, and age of the facilities, while Armstrong Park needs updates to existing amenities.

Vision

To develop a plan for Ormsby and Armstrong Parks to create a connected park system that meets the needs and desires of the South Side community.

Goals

- Align proposed park improvements with community priorities for the future parks.
- Improve connections and pedestrian safety through and around the parks.
- Provide more functional parks.
- Improve and expand existing facilities.
- Provide new amenities for desired uses and future programming.
- Coordinate amenities and uses between the parks.



CONTEXT MAP

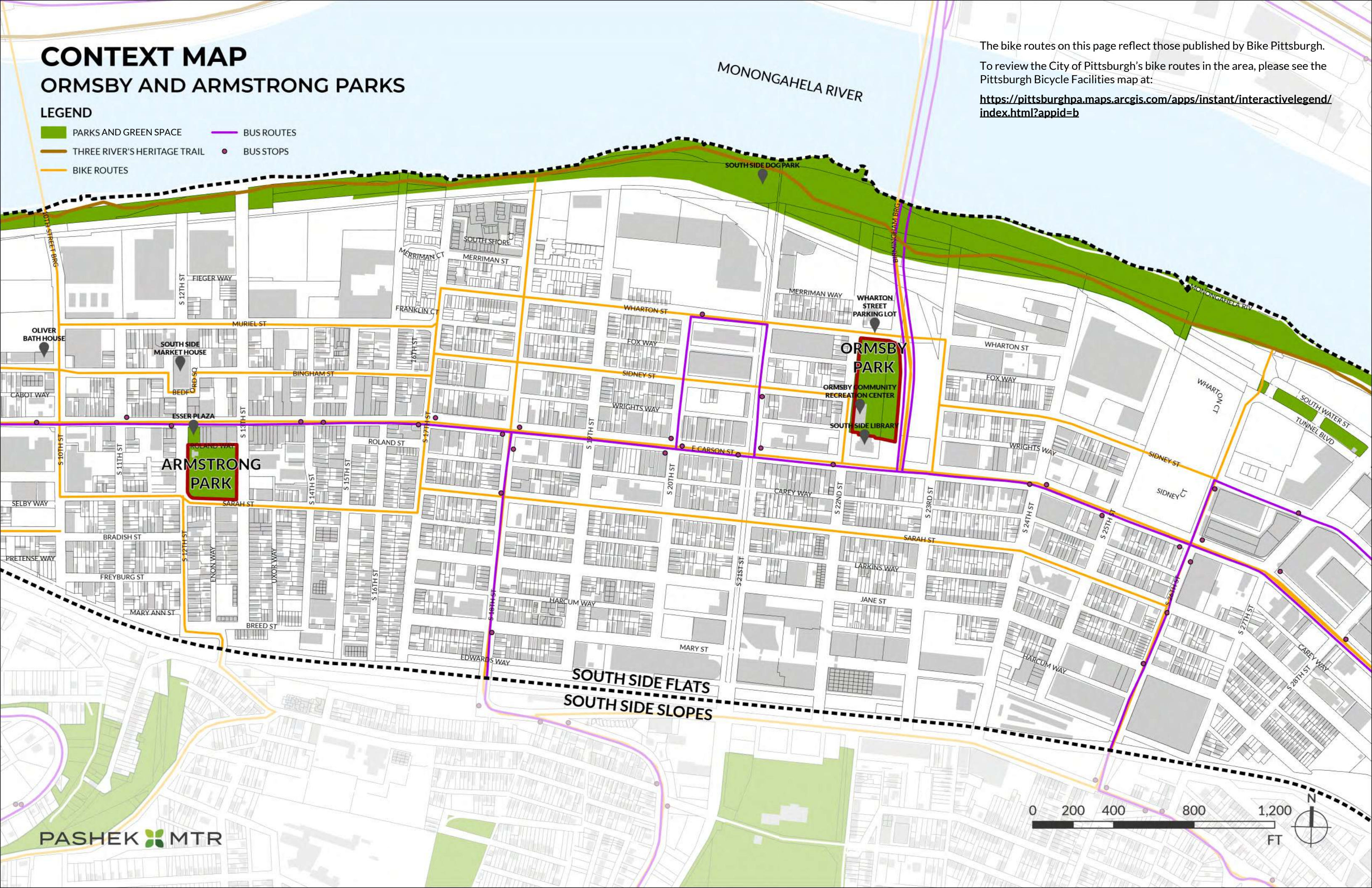
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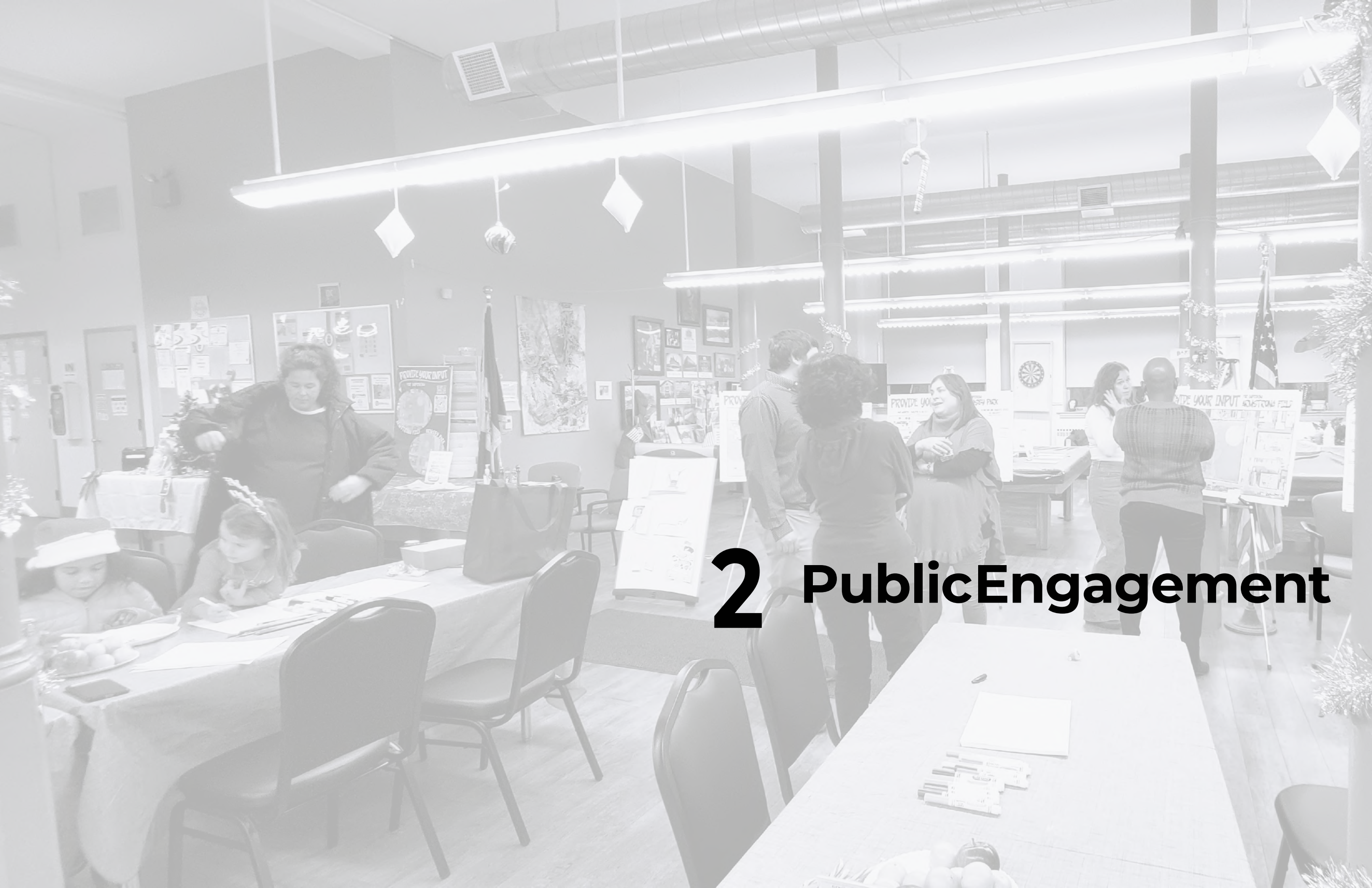
- LEGEND
- PARKS AND GREEN SPACE
 - THREE RIVER'S HERITAGE TRAIL
 - BIKE ROUTES
 - BUS ROUTES
 - BUS STOPS

The bike routes on this page reflect those published by Bike Pittsburgh.

To review the City of Pittsburgh's bike routes in the area, please see the Pittsburgh Bicycle Facilities map at:

<https://pittsburghpa.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/interactivelegend/index.html?appid=b>

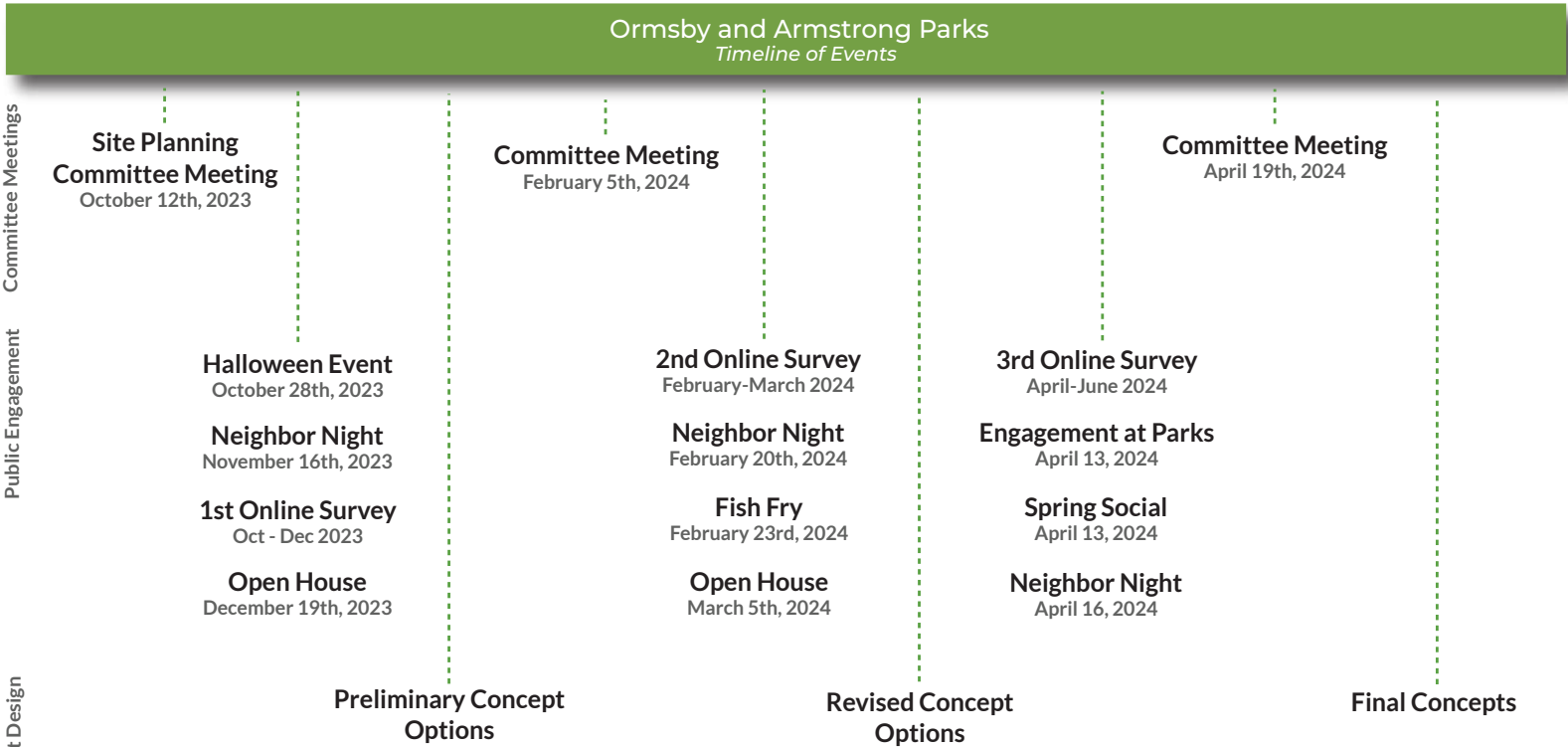




2 PublicEngagement

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

The design team conducted multiple engagement events, surveys, and meetings to gather input and feedback during all stages of the design process. Events were advertised through newsletters, social media, digital and physical flyers, yard signs, and announcements at other events. Stakeholders and community members were actively involved sharing their thoughts and vision for the parks, as well as defining issues and concerns. Although the visions of the community did not always align with one another, the end goal was always the same, to improve the existing parks to be better utilized by everyone.



EngagePGH Webpage Data
<https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/armstrong-ormsby-park-planning>

1042 Visitors
135 Contributors
42 Followers

Advisory Committee

The advisory committee helped oversee the process, coordinate events, get in touch with helpful contacts, and give feedback on designs. The committee consisted of stakeholders in the community including representatives from: South Side Community Council, South Side Slopes Neighborhood Association, South Side Kids, Friends of South Side Park, and The Council District 3 member and staff.

Below is a summary of input received. See the Appendix for detailed meeting minutes.

Site Planning Meeting

The project team and the advisory committee met on site at both Ormsby and Armstrong Park to discuss existing conditions, design wants, challenges, and maintenance.

Ormsby Park Take-Aways:

- Ormsby Park is the heart of South Side, this park should be the focus of a more extensive design.
- Desire for amenities such as garbage cans, lighting, seating, and community spaces.
- Dek hockey is obtrusive and blocks sight lines.
- Intersection at S 22nd Street and Sydney Street is dangerous.
- The existing play equipment is old.
- The community garden is well used but needs water access.
- The existing field is rarely used.
- Noise and visual buffer needed along Birmingham Bridge.
- Possible future PennDOT pedestrian ramp connection project along Birmingham Bridge.

Armstrong Park Take-Aways:

- Desire for amenities such as increased seating, more shade/trees, and walking paths.
- A less obtrusive fence with better connections and site lines.
- Connection to Esser Plaza.
- Safer connections across road intersections.
- Updates to existing amenities: playground, courts, building, and bathrooms.
- The playground and basketball courts are highly used.
- The current ball field area is used primarily as a dog park, but field is rented out/permitted periodically.

Advisory Committee Meeting - February 2024

The project team and the advisory committee met in February of 2024 to discuss public engagement thus far and the initial concept plans. The project team reviewed general notes and takeaways from the first round of public engagement events and the survey responses for both Ormsby and Armstrong Parks. The team presented the initial concept plans and received feedback from the committee. Both the project team and the committee discussed next steps for presenting the initial concepts to the public.

Advisory Committee Meeting - April 2024

The second committee meeting met in April of 2024 to review the second round of public engagement as well as the revised concepts for both Armstrong and Ormsby parks. The committee commented on the revised concepts and discussed priorities and next steps.

First Round of Public Engagement:

The first round of public engagement expands upon the 2010 Armstrong report and received feedback from the surrounding community on the needs and priorities for both parks.

Main Events::

- Halloween Event at Ormsby Park (October 2023)
- South Side Community Action Network (CAN) Neighbor Night (November 2023)
- Open House Public Meeting (December 2023)
- Engage Page Online Survey (64 responses)

Other Events:

- Neighbor Night Announcement of Project Kick-Off (September 2023)
- South Side Planning Forums (Monthly from September to December 2023)

General Take-Aways:

- Both are heavily used parks, especially Ormsby.
- There is an overlap in park users.
- The length of stay is longer at Ormsby.
- Pickleball courts should be added.
- Both are served well by transit, walking/rolling, or biking.

Ormsby Park Take-Aways:

- People love this park. Having the park near the recreation center and library makes it a destination.

- People walk to this park or take transit. Parking can be an obstacle.
- Concern about safety at the S 22nd Street and Sydney Street intersection. Need for traffic calming and a better border/boundary around the park.
- Update the playground equipment and recreational facilities.
- More shade and seating at the pool.
- Need accessible bathroom access and changing room.

Armstrong Park Take-Aways:

- Some folks come down from the South Hilltop to use the park.
- Update the existing building and bathrooms. Want consistent bathroom access.
- Update/improve existing spray park area with non-slip surfacing, push-start button, and more spray features.
- The existing playground is underutilized/smaller, should be updated.
- Contention over use of the field as a dog park. City policies will not support this small of a field to be sanctioned as a dog park.
- More seating and a rentable shelter are desired.
- The basketball court is used often, including for tournaments, and should be updated.
- The other existing court is not used, because it is not lined for regulation tennis or pickleball.
- High fencing restricts circulation within the park and is an uninviting and overpowering visual barrier.
- The baseball field is not frequently used, due to mud and dogs. Comments that the field should be updated and would be better if broken up to provide more walking paths, trees, etc. while keeping larger portion for open play.
- Horseshoe pits not used.
- Safer crosswalks and traffic calming at surrounding intersections.

Using this information and feedback from the committee, the project team created preliminary concept designs for Ormsby and Armstrong Parks.

Second Round of Public Engagement:

The second round of public engagement provided input on preliminary concept designs. The design team shared an overview of the first engagement and then presented two



concepts for Ormsby Park and one concept for Armstrong Park describing the proposed goals and improvements for the concepts.

Main Events:

- South Side Community Action Network (CAN) Neighbor Night (February 2024)
- Fish Fry (February 2024)
- Open House (March 2024)
- Engage Page Online Survey (65 responses)

Other Events:

- South Side Community Council Spring General Meeting Update (March 2024)
- South Side Planning Forums (February and March 2024)

Ormsby Take-Aways:

- Division between keeping the existing ball field (Option 2 Preliminary Concept Drawing) or removing the field, having a formal lawn, and adding a pickleball court (Option 1). A majority preferred Option 1, the formal lawn and pickleball court.
- Pedestrian safety is a high priority.
- Make the play area larger.
- Like the pavilion and increased seating areas.
- Like how moving dek hockey opens visuals, but it is farther for the after-school programs.
- Bathrooms and changing area are a high priority.
- Like the shade and seating by the pool.

Armstrong Take-Aways:

- Want a stronger connection to Esser Plaza.
- More seating areas.
- Basketball is a high priority.
- Like lowering the fence to improve sight lines.
- Like the playground expansion and expanded spray feature.
- Building and bathrooms need to be updated, and to include a working drinking fountain.
- Needs more shade.
- Pedestrian safety is a high priority.
- Division between pro or against pickleball. Some want access to a pickleball court, and some believe pickleball will be too noisy for residents and should be a half basketball court instead.

- Division between making the field area an official dog park or removing the fence to prevent off-leash dog use. (Note: City policies will not support this small of a field to be sanctioned as a dog park.)
- Division between dividing the ball field to create a lawn/picnic area and a smaller ball field or keeping the ball field area as is.

Overall, 80% of people felt that the concept plans for Ormsby and Armstrong Park meet the needs of park users. The project team used this information and feedback from the committee to update the concept plans.

Armstrong Conceptual Plans Updates of Note:

- Increased connection to Esser Plaza through an expanded raised crosswalk and removing fencing.
- Include a half basketball court due to demand and variety of age groups.
- Larger field area than previous concept.
- Low fencing around field.

Ormsby Conceptual Plans Updates of Note:

- Option #1 preferred option.
- Larger formal lawn area.
- Expanded play area.

See Appendix for Preliminary and Draft Concept Plan Options.

Third Round of Public Engagement:

During the third round of public engagement, the project team received feedback on the revised concepts.

Main Events:

- Engagements at Armstrong and Ormsby Parks (April 2024)
- Spring Social (April 2024)
- South Side Community Action Network (CAN) Neighbor Night (April 2024)
- Engage Page Online Survey (9 responses)

Other Events:

- South Side Planning Forum (April 2024)

Ormsby Take Aways:

- Priorities: Playground, Open Field, Moving Dek Hockey, Pavilion, Accessible/Updated Bathrooms, Basketball Court, Pickleball Court, Pool Shading, Traffic Calming.
- Concern of safety and kids running from open lawn to the road.

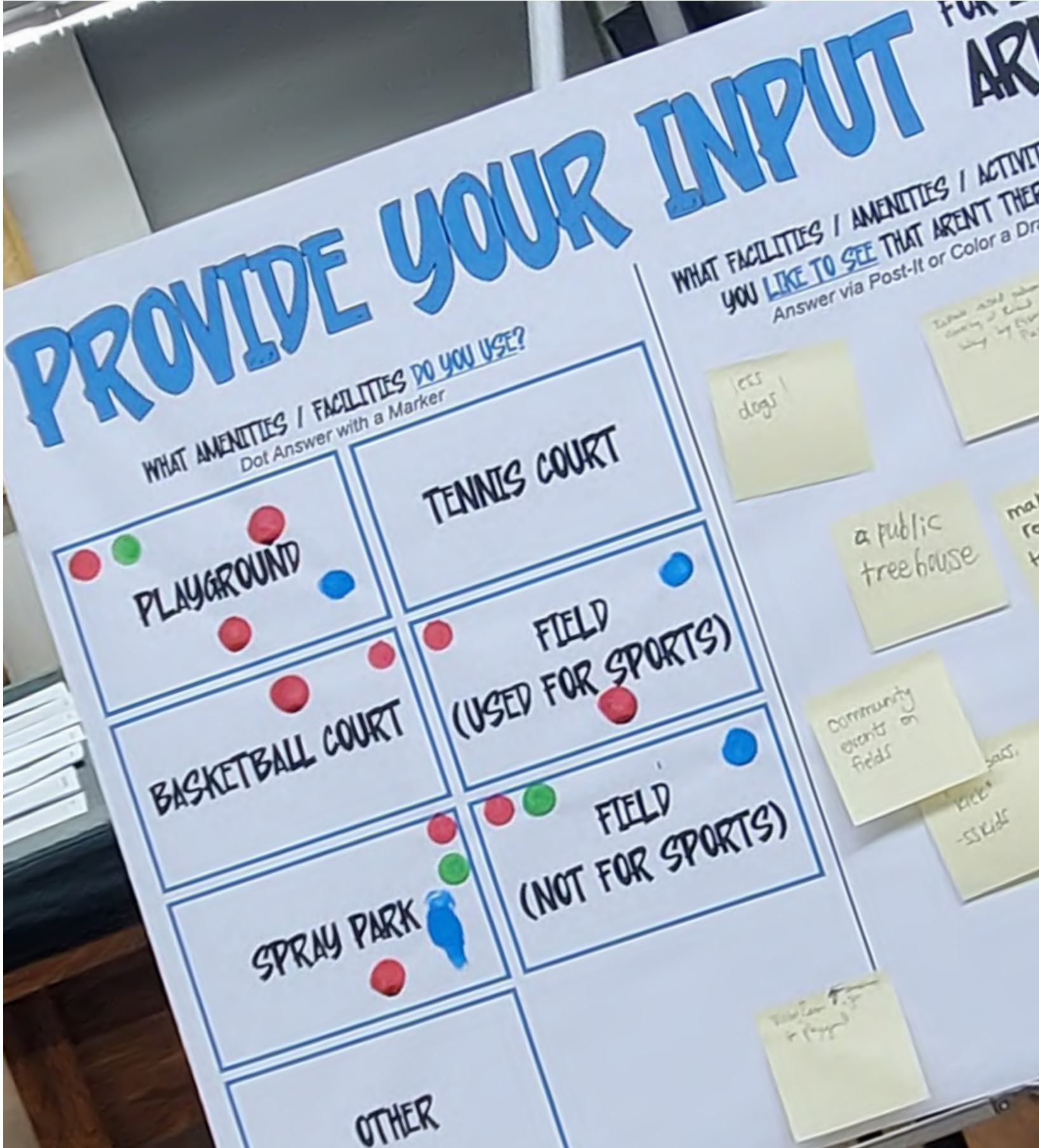
- Division of opinion about removing the field and relocating all field activities to Armstrong.
- Like pickleball.
- Like courts by the bridge. All courts get/will get a lot of use.
- Like moving and updating dek hockey rink.
- Like pavilion, open lawn, and play area combo. But should move pavilion to create path from playground to lawn space.
- Like picnicking areas.
- Bike ramp could possibly be a bike runnel on staircase and add more tree buffer.
- Idea to have food trucks come to the park or a snack bar at the pool.
- Like the pool area seating and shade.
- Like the buffer of trees and increased vegetation.
- Would like a water fountain.
- Would like updated lighting and additional lighting on other courts.
- Importance of traffic calming, pedestrian safety, and parking.

Armstrong Take Aways:

- Priorities: Courts, Spray Feature, Updated Bathrooms, New Playground, Field, Traffic Calming.
- Like half-court. Basketball is used often.
- Like new pathway connections such as openings in the fence at desire lines and common access points.
- Like having a field that could be better utilized at Armstrong. Should make the space as large as possible to not limit the events.

The project team used all of the information gathered from the public engagement events, committee feedback, and input from DPW and DOMI to create a final concept plan for both Ormsby Park and Armstrong Parks.

The final plan drawings were shared with community members at Goat Fest (July 2024), National Night Out (August 2024), and South Side Community Action Network's October 2024 Neighbor Night following the conclusion of the third round of Public Engagement. The project team also shared updates with the South Side Planning Forum from May 2024 into fall 2024.





3 Armstrong Park

EXISTING CONDITIONS

History

In 1952 the original park included a building, basketball court, and baseball field with fencing. In 1953 the city rebuilt Armstrong Park to include a playground, spray feature, table tennis area, horseshoe area, a hard-surface volleyball court, and a memorial monument. The monument memorialized the United States military and Arch Herron, a resident active in the neighborhood’s recreation pursuits.

In 1984 the city updated the playground and court areas to include new surfacing for the courts, fencing, updated planting, light fixtures, new playground equipment, updated memorial plaza, and relocated horseshoe court.

In 1993-1994 the city updated the building to include new bathrooms and updated the playground with new equipment and surfacing.

In 2017 the city updated the playground area with new safety surfacing and updated playground equipment and upgraded the spray feature, as well as repainted the existing courts.

Existing Park

Today Armstrong Park is a widely used 1.55 acre park that contains a ball field, basketball court, paved surface court, playground, horseshoe pits, a building with bathrooms and storage space, and a memorial monument and plaza. This park is an important community hub for South Side and South Hilltop residents. It hosts community events and provides play and recreation space for youth, families, and others.

The park has two spaces: 1) the field area and 2) the court, playground, and building area. Fencing surrounds the park, a 20ft tall fence surrounds the field on the eastern side of

the site, and fencing varying from 4ft tall to 10ft surrounds the court and playground area on the western side of the site. Half of the park includes a large grassy area for the ball field and the other half is impermeable surfacing. Armstrong Park also contains some of the neighborhood’s largest canopy trees.

Three public rights-of-ways border the park including S 12th Street, Sarah Street, and S 13th Street. Esser Plaza and Roland Way are located on the northern border of the site. Roland Way provides service access and limited parking to businesses on East Carson Street. Residents also use it as a cut through to avoid traffic at the 13th and East Carson Intersection. Esser Plaza is a .25 acres public plaza created in the 1990’s and later dedicated as a memorial to Cindy Esser, a long-time resident, business owner, and member of the City of Pittsburgh’s Planning Commission. Esser Plaza is being renovated by the South Side Community Council in coordination with the City.

This is a well loved and well used park. The residents utilize the existing amenities, but Armstrong Park is in need of upgrades and repairs. The residents of the South Side use the basketball court heavily, causing the pavement to crack. Additionally, the hoops are located too close to the edge of the court causing injuries. The other existing court used to be a hard-surface volleyball court and now is no longer usable. A large fence blocks the existing ball field from the rest of the park and has mud and dog waste from use of the area as a make-shift dog park. There is an existing horseshoe pit that the community no longer uses. The spray feature surfacing is slippery, and the timer button does not work. The building needs repairs and maintenance per the city condition assessment. There is limited pedestrian access from the sidewalks and there are concerns of pedestrian safety at the surrounding intersections. There is also a lack of shade, seating, and walking path connections.



Armstrong Park Building



Entrance Plaza and Memorial



Playground



Spray Feature



Ball Field



Open Field and Fence



Basketball Court



Hard-Surface Volleyball Court

ARMSTRONG PARK - EXISTING CONDITIONS PLAN



ARMSTRONG PARK

ORMSBY AND ARMSTRONG PARKS

Concept Plan

LEGEND

- 1

Updated Building

 - Family bathrooms
 - Indoor / outdoor community room
 - Outdoor drinking fountain
 - Bike racks
- 2

Playground

 - Existing play structures to remain
 - Existing swings
 - Updated belt swing seats
 - Toddler swing seats
 - 'Swing along' seat
 - Expanded play surface with new toddler play structure
- 3

Spray Feature

 - New push button start
 - New ground sprays
 - Picnic tables
 - Funnel ball hoop
- 4

Basketball

 - Resurface existing basketball court
 - New half court basketball
 - Benches
 - Picnic tables
 - New hoops
 - Update court lights
- 5

Entrance

 - New park sign
 - Existing statue
 - Benches
- 6

Ball Field

 - Kickball / tee ball
 - Multipurpose lawn
 - Existing bleachers, benches, and backstop
- 7

4' Fence

- 8

10' Tall Chain Link Fence

- 9

Esser Plaza

 - Construction by others
 - Pathway connection to reflect design
- 10

Continuous Sidewalk
- 11

Intersection Safety Improvements

 - Opportunity for Public Art
- 12

Paving Mural



RECOMMENDATIONS

The following recommendations are based on the analysis and feedback provided by the community and advisory committee. The plan expands upon the current uses of the park by upgrading existing amenities and providing additional public desired amenities. This plan also improves pedestrian access to and through the park as well as increasing site lines. The plan features: expanded toddler playground, updated basketball court and a new half basketball court, updated spray feature and surfacing, renovated building and plaza, upgraded ball field, shortening and opening of surrounding fences, and intersection safety improvements.

Entrance

The existing entrance includes an existing memorial statue, benches, flower beds, and large shade trees. Due to the abundance of fencing around the park, this primary entrance is relatively hidden and not well defined. The removal of fencing and the addition of a new park sign will emphasize the primary entrance.

Playground

The City updated the existing playground in 2017. The existing equipment is for 5-12 year olds and there currently is no equipment for toddlers. Through community outreach, the public explained that the horseshoe pits are not used, and they would prefer an area for toddler play. The concept plan shows an expansion of the existing play area to include a toddler play structure, replacing the horseshoe pit area.

The plan proposes relocating the ADA swing to the toddler bay and adding a group swing in its place. The bays would be as follows: Bay #1 would have the group swing, Bay #2 would contain the belt swings, and Bay #3 would include both a toddler swing and the ADA swing.



Spray Feature

The existing spray feature includes a flower that sprays water down the petals. The city updated this feature in 2017. During the public engagement, the community mentioned that this spray feature was a big commodity, but the surfacing was slippery, and it runs when it's not supposed to. The concept plan expands the spray feature by adding ground sprays around the existing flower, replacing the push button start, and updating the concrete surface with a more slip resistant surfacing. Additionally, the plan offers more seating space for both the spray feature and the playground.



Basketball Courts

As stated in the public engagement section, basketball is a highly utilized amenity. The community noted that the courts are overcrowded and do not accommodate enough space for the use it receives. The community also shared that the surfacing is cracking, and the existing hoops are too close to the out-of-bounds line.

There is an existing hard-surface court next to the existing basketball court. This court was originally designed as a volleyball court, but since a hard-surface volleyball court is not common practice anymore it has become unusable. Additionally, the fencing and lines of these courts create a very narrow entrance into the rest of the park from the primary entrance plaza.

The concept plan addresses these concerns by resurfacing the existing basketball court, replacing the existing hoops and adding cushions on the posts as recommended by the community, and changing the hard-surface volleyball court to a half basketball court. The plan also includes a funnel ball hoop located to the side of the courts to create a 'hoop' space for younger children. Having a full court, half court, and funnel ball hoop will allow all levels of basketball players to be able to enjoy the space and not feel overcrowded. The half-basketball court, being a smaller court than the original hard-surface volleyball court, and requiring less fencing, also creates a larger and more open entrance path from the plaza to the rest of the park. Additionally, the concept plan includes benches and picnic tables to accommodate the spectators that frequent the basketball courts. The concept plan also recommends updating the existing court lighting.

During the public engagement process, some community members expressed a desire for a pickleball court at Armstrong. However, the final plan includes a pickleball court at Ormsby Park instead. This decision was made because Armstrong has a high demand for basketball, and pickleball is already available on the second floor of the South Side Market House. Additionally, placing the pickleball court at Ormsby Park helps to minimize potential noise conflicts with nearby residents.



Ball Field

The community uses this large open field for occasional organized sports, pick up sports, picnicking, and general recreation. There is significant community interest in having this space remain a large multipurpose field with only minor updates. Retaining the full field allows for both small-scale and large-scale sport activities to occur in the field. However, the community explained that the existing large obtrusive fencing divides the park in two, blocking the field from the rest of the park.

The concept plan shows updates to the existing field including new protection fencing and infield mix along the baselines, mound, and home plate for the kickball/tee ball field, removed fencing to open the field to the other side of the park, and lowered fencing to 4ft tall surrounding the rest of the field. Lowering and creating openings in the fence makes the park feel more open while still providing a buffer from the surrounding streets.

Note: Many in the community desired a formal dog park at Armstrong. However, current City policy will not allow a park under 1.5 acres to be permitted as a dog park due to maintenance issues. The field at Armstrong is 0.75 acres. In addition, South Side Dog Park along Three Rivers Heritage Trail is located less than one mile from Armstrong Park.



Updated Building

The “Armstrong Park Building” is approximately 1000 square feet, last renovated in 1993, and considered in fair condition during a condition assessment in 2017. During the engagement process, the community told the design team that they want bathroom access, but the bathrooms are not open often. The design team also heard that the building is in a poor location and blocks the visual connection to Esser Park, but it is an important amenity to keep. A community space or shelter was another desired outcome of the community engagement process.

The concept plan shows an updated building that includes all the necessary updates from the condition assessment of 2017, as well as other improvements to address community comments. The existing storage area would become an indoor/outdoor community room. The exterior walls would incorporate additional windows and doors for both visual and physical access to the community room from the playground side of the building. The existing bathrooms will convert to family bathrooms and include a new timed locking system for easier community access.

The concept plan also shows updates surrounding the building including a new outdoor drinking fountain as well as bike racks outside the building. Planting areas around the building will soften the concrete and brick building and plaza. Additionally, removing fencing surrounding the front of the building will provide a better visual and physical connection to Esser Plaza, which was desired by the community. The Esser Plaza renovations, completed by others, will provide an urban plaza and seating space that the community desired.



Intersection Safety Improvements

One of the primary concerns of community members was intersection safety and traffic calming surrounding the park. DOMI provided the recommendations for pedestrian safety through investigation and analysis of the intersections. These recommendations include: creating sidewalk bump-outs and piano key crosswalks on both Sarah and S 12th Street and Sarah and S 13th Street, providing continuous sidewalks at the eastern and western edges of Roland Way, and evaluating Sarah and S 13th Street for all-way stop control. DOMI will also continue to investigate right of way control at the adjacent Sarah Street intersections with a focus on improving pedestrian safety. All of these recommendations would need to be funded through the capital budget and executed by DOMI. However, the piano key crosswalks can be incorporated into the DOMI budget and implemented soon.

There are also opportunities for public art at these intersections. The sidewalk bump-out areas could have a color or mural design. Additionally, the paving area connecting Armstrong to Esser Plaza could include a ground paving mural to better connect the two parks. The community would have to install and maintain all murals. The art pieces would have to follow DOMI guidelines and be approved by DOMI. The community would also have to remove and replace the artwork every 3 years.



CHARACTER IMAGES

These images show city standard amenities.



PHASING PLAN

The phasing plan shown below outlines the priorities for Armstrong Park. The cost estimate is divided based on these priorities.

ARMSTRONG PARK

ORMSBY AND ARMSTRONG PARKS

Priorities

LEGEND

Priority 1 - Playground

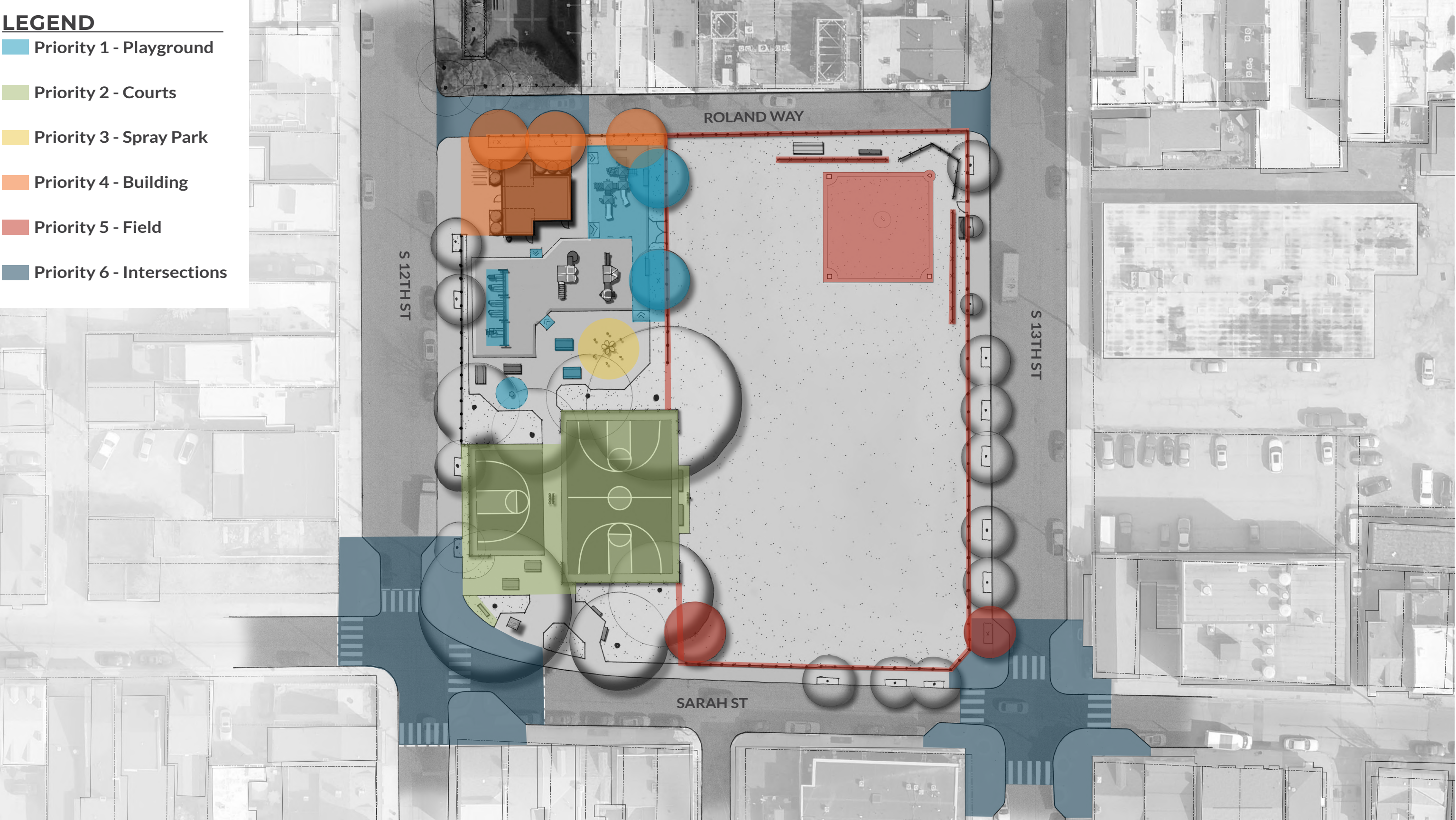
Priority 2 - Courts

Priority 3 - Spray Park

Priority 4 - Building

Priority 5 - Field

Priority 6 - Intersections



COST ESTIMATES

This cost estimate summary for Armstrong Park details the anticipated expenses for the proposed project, covering materials, labor, and contingencies.

Armstrong Park				6/25/2024
Opinion of Probable Construction Cost - Schematic Level			Prepared by Pashek + MTR	
Item Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Item Cost
Playground Area - Priority 1				
PLAYGROUND AREA				\$197,000
Court Area - Priority 2				
COURT AREA				\$305,000
Spray Pad - Priority 3				
SPRAY PAD				\$92,000
Building and Plaza Improvements - Priority 4				
BUILDING AND PLAZA IMPROVEMENTS				\$189,000
Field - Priority 5				
FIELD				\$119,000
TOTAL COST				\$902,000
Intersection Improvements - Priority 6				
INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS				\$302,000
Opinion of Probable Construction Costs is made based on the experience and qualifications of Pashek + MTR, Ltd and represents reasonable judgment based on familiarity with the industry. Pashek + MTR, Ltd. has no control over the cost, or availability of labor, materials or equipment, or over market conditions or the provider’s method of pricing. Pashek + MTR, Ltd cannot and does not guarantee that the opinion of probable cost provided the Owner will not vary from the actual cost experienced by the Owner.				
Construction costs are expressed in 2024 dollars. Costs include materials and labor, subcontractor overhead & profit (if applicable). Not included: design and engineering fees, permitting fees, escalation.				

All budgeting numbers should be evaluated in coordination with DPW BEFORE any Capital Requests are pursued. Capital Requests are to be submitted by DPW.



4 Ormsby Park

EXISTING CONDITIONS

History

The park was built in 1939, and the first recorded renovation of this park was in 1960. The renovated park included a ball field, basketball court, volleyball/paddle tennis court, and playground area.

In 1988 the city built a pool for the recreation center, in turn changing the surrounding plaza and walkways in Ormsby Park.

Between 1988 and 1996 there was an additional renovation of Ormsby Park that included a new basketball court, a new multipurpose court, and a new playground, while keeping the existing ball field.

In 1996 the city renovated the park to update the existing ball field, repaint the existing basketball court, add a new community garden, replace the multipurpose court with a new dek hockey rink, add court lighting, and update the playground.

Existing Park

Today Ormsby Park is the destination park of the South Side. It is a 2.25 acre park right next to multiple community amenities such as the library and the recreation center. The park includes a ball field, basketball court, community garden, dek hockey rink, playground, and swimming pool. This park is a critical community center for South Side and South Hilltop residents. It hosts community gatherings, Dollar Bank Cinema, school-events, South Side Kids events, and more.

The ball field is on the westernmost side of the park and a tall fence contains the field. The dek hockey court is located in the center of the park, the playground is closest to the recreation center entrance, and the basketball court and community garden are along the northernmost edge of the park. The pool is accessible through the recreation

center and has an 8ft tall fence. Half of the park includes a large grassy area for the ball field and the other half is impermeable surfacing with some scattered shade trees primarily around the playground. The dek hockey court creates a visual barrier from the playground to the field.

The park is bounded on two sides by the Birmingham Bridge and S 22nd Street. A steep hill separates the park from Birmingham Bridge. The library is located on the eastern side of the park and an undefined parking lot extended from Wharton Street is located on the western side. The Wharton Street parking lot next door has been used by a nearby apartment complex but is now empty.

The residents of the South Side frequently use this park. Due to its high use and age, it is in need of an upgrade. The dek hockey court is in the middle of the park preventing site lines and circulation. It also needs new surfacing and boards. The baseball field is located on the far side of the park, seldom used, blocked by tall fences, and has minimal space for spectators. The pool has minimal shade and seating areas. The active community garden is well used and needs water access. Due to its overall age and use demands, the park could use a complete overhaul renovation.



Entrance Plaza



Wharton Street Parking



Playground



Dek Hockey



Swings



Basketball



Ball Field



Swimming Pool



Community Garden

ORMSBY PARK - EXISTING CONDITIONS PLAN



ORMSBY PARK
ORMSBY AND ARMSTRONG PARKS
Concept Plan



RECOMMENDATIONS

The design team created a concept plan for Ormsby Park based on the feedback received from the community and committee members. This plan rethinks Ormsby Park as a whole and how to better organize the space and amenities desired, as well as improve connections and pedestrian safety. This plan features: a new dek hockey court, new pickleball court, updated basketball court, multipurpose lawn space with pavilion, new themed playground, expanded pool seating area and shade, updates to the existing recreation center and garden, and intersection safety improvements.

Courts

According to the community, both the basketball court and the dek hockey court are well utilized amenities. Similarly to Armstrong, the community noted that the surfacing is cracking at the basketball court, and the existing hoops are too close to the out-of-bounds line. Additionally, the dek hockey court is showing signs of aging and blocks views and site lines through the park. The public engagement events also showed that the majority of residents showed interest in the addition of a pickleball court in the South Side.

The concept plan shows a new dek hockey court, a new pickleball court, and updates to the existing basketball court. These courts are all located along the back of the property to increase site lines and provide a buffer from Birmingham Bridge. These courts will have benches, seating areas, lighting, and a drinking fountain. The updated basketball court will have new hoops and new surfacing.



Formal Lawn and Pavilion

Through both engagement and analysis, the design team noted that there is currently not enough use or programming in the South Side for two ball fields. However, the community mentioned the need for a community space for events, festivals, movie nights, etc. Therefore, Armstrong will retain a large multi-purpose sports field and Ormsby Park’s field will convert to a formal multi-purpose lawn. The concept plan for Ormsby Park shows a new pavilion and the formal lawn space for multipurpose use, such as community events, pick-up sports, or picnicking. Along the formal lawn will be a fence for safety.



Playground

As previously mentioned, the existing playground is approximately 30 years old and in need of an upgrade. The new playground shown in the concept plan is double the size of the existing playground and will include new themed play equipment for ages 2-12 and updated swings. Surrounding the playground will be community desired amenities such as picnic tables, benches, bike racks, and shade from existing trees.



Pool

The community told the design team that the pool didn’t have enough shade or seating. They also mentioned that a buffer was needed along Birmingham Bridge to block noise and vehicles from looking down into the pool. The design team implemented these ideas into the concept plan by expanding the paved area around the pool and adding shade umbrellas and picnic tables. Additionally, the concept plan includes more shade trees in the lawn and along the hill side to create a vegetative buffer along Birmingham Bridge.



Recreation Center

The existing “Ormsby Community Recreation Center” is approximately 17,000 square feet, built in 1939, and last renovated in 2000. In 2017, the city completed a condition assessment and labeled the overall building condition as “good”. The public engagement process has documented that the Ormsby Community Recreation Center’s locker rooms and bathrooms are inaccessible from the pool and need an upgrade. The concept plan proposes renovating the restrooms to improve accessibility and to complete all other updates proposed in the condition assessment. If renovating the existing restrooms in the recreation center building to be accessible is not feasible, consider constructing a second restroom building at the southwest corner of the pool area.

Fencing

There are two proposed fencing heights in the concept plan, a 4-foot tall fence and a 10-foot tall fence. The 10-ft tall fence is located around the renovated basketball court, the existing community garden, and most of the pickleball court. The 4-ft tall fence is located along the entrance side of the pickleball court, between the formal lawn and S 22nd Street, and along the edge of the playground facing S 22nd Street. The fencing locations provide a safety buffer from the surrounding streets.

Ramp

A proposed bike ramp allows for a connection from the Birmingham Bridge to the Park, Wharton Street Neighborway, and Three River’s Heritage Trail. Although the bike ramp is not the community’s top priority, the design team wanted to acknowledge the possibility. If the bike ramp is not feasible, installing a runnel along the existing staircase would be a cost-saving solution.



Existing Community Garden:

The existing community garden is an active and highly utilized amenity in Ormsby Park. The South Side Community Council and other engaged members of the community steward the garden. They recruit volunteers and have multiple events, including children’s events. The concept plan keeps this existing community garden in place and proposes to add water access for the garden.

Intersection Safety Improvements

The Sidney and S. 22nd intersection is a high priority for the community. S 22nd street has pick-up and drop-off areas, a POGO (Bike Share Pittsburgh Inc) location, and multiple pedestrian crossings.

There are a variety of possible solutions proposed by DOMI to improve pedestrian safety and increase traffic calming, including: creating a raised intersection, a raised crosswalk at one entry point, curb extensions, or 2-3 speed humps and piano key crosswalks. The raised intersection is the most costly and most difficult to implement, but may have the greatest safety impact. The speed humps would be the least expensive and incorporated more quickly.

Any raised solution, including a raised intersection, raised crosswalks, or curb extensions, have an opportunity for public art. Similar to the Armstrong murals, the artwork would have to follow DOMI guidelines and be approved by DOMI. The community would have to both install and maintain the murals and replace the artwork every 3 years.

Additional pedestrian safety solutions include installing piano key crosswalks at Wharton and Sydney Street. DOMI may be able to install the crosswalks within the next year.

The community mentioned during the public engagement the lack of parking and access to the park. A possible solution is to use the existing parking lot next to the park. However, future coordination is needed for the parking lot to determine where the lease documentation is located and if the lot can be transferred back to the city to be used for the public. Moving of the existing POGO location to this parking lot could also help open sight lines and provide a larger pick-up and drop-off area.



CHARACTER IMAGES

These images show city standard amenities and other general amenities.



ORMSBY PARK

ORMSBY AND ARMSTRONG PARKS

Birds Eye Perspective



LEGEND

- 1 New Dek Hockey

2 New Pickleball Court
 - Picnic tables
 - Drinking Fountain

3 Resurface Existing Basketball Court
 - Benches
 - New hoops
 - New court lights

4 Formal Lawn
 - Multipurpose lawn

5 Pavilion

6 Playground
 - New themed play equipment for ages 2-12
 - Updated swings
 - Picnic tables
 - Benches
 - Bicycle racks

7 Pool
 - Expanded paved area for shade umbrellas and picnic tables
 - Shade trees in lawn
- 8 Ormsby Community Recreation Center
 - Renovate restrooms for accessibility

9 Existing Community Garden
 - New water access

10 Bike Ramp
 - Connection to Birmingham Bridge

11 Rain Garden

12 4' Fence

13 10' Tall Chain Link Fence

14 Intersection Safety Improvements

15 Raised Intersection
 - Opportunity For Public Art

COST ESTIMATES

This cost estimate summary for Ormsby Park details the anticipated expenses for the proposed project, covering materials, labor, and contingencies.

It is anticipated that most of the improvements for Ormsby Park will be implemented at the same time. The community would like to see the raised intersection implemented first to increase safe access to the site. The bike ramp is desired but may be harder to implement as additional funding would be required.

Ormsby Park				6/25/2024
Opinion of Probable Construction Cost - Schematic Level				Prepared by Pashek + MTR
Item Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Item Cost
Base Park and Recreation Improvements				
BASE PARK AND RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS				\$2,964,000
Raised Intersection at 22nd and Sidney				
RAISED INTERSECTION				\$223,000
Bike Ramp				
BIKE RAMP				\$749,000
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Construction costs are expressed in 2024 dollars. Costs include materials and labor, subcontractor overhead & profit (if applicable). Not included: design and engineering fees, permitting fees, escalation.				

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Ormsby Park



Welcome to your
Neighborhood Park.
This park is a shared public
open space provided for your
enjoyment and recreation.
There is no rental fee.
Be courteous and respectful to others,
and please keep the park clean.

Park hours are
Sunrise to Sunset
*Seasonal facilities are permitted and fee \$5

Playground:

This play area is for everyone to
enjoy; however, there is an element
of risk in all play. Parents and
caregivers are required to supervise
their children appropriately.

Be curious

Remember, explore, and explore
with caution in the play area.

Be safe

Do not use any equipment if you
are injured or have a
wound, bruise, or other injury.
Do not climb, swing, or rough play.
Do not use any equipment if you
are injured or have a
wound, bruise, or other injury.

Be respectful

Remember, others are also here
to enjoy the park. Please be
respectful and courteous to
others.

Be responsible

Remember, you are also
responsible for your own
actions and the actions of others.

City of Pittsburgh
For more information, please
visit www.pittsburgh.gov/parks
or call 412-325-1234.



No dogs or domestic animals
allowed in the park.

5 Next Steps

Programming

During the public engagement process, several topics were discussed that are related to programming. The community expressed interest in expanding programming at Armstrong, especially in relation to use of the building, and adding vendors or food trucks for both parks. The idea is to activate these parks to reduce vandalism, increase safety (and the perception of safety), and provide additional opportunities for recreation and leisure.

City Planning will continue conversations with the Park and Recreation department and DPW regarding programming and vendors for the parks.

Wharton Street Parking Lot

There is confusion over whether the Wharton Street parking lot is currently being leased. In addition, the South Side Neighborway project completed by DOMI uses the lot to make a safe pedestrian and bicycle connection from the west side of the Birmingham Bridge to the east side. Therefore, shared lane markings are painted within the parking lot. It is unclear whether the lot could be used for parking for the park or some other expanded park use.

City Planning will continue to search for answers regarding the lease of the lot.

POGOH Station at Ormsby

During the public engagement process, the community asked whether the POGOH station located on 22nd Street near the corner of Sidney could be relocated to the Wharton Street parking lot. This would allow more space for pick up and drop off for after school programs and other activities held at the pool, rec center, and library.

City Planning will work with DOMI to assess the feasibility of relocating the POGOH station to the Wharton Street parking lot.

Intersection Safety Improvements

DOMI plans on installing the piano key crosswalks at Wharton and 22nd street, Sarah and 13th street, and Sarah and 12th street within the next year. DOMI is currently looking into options for the other improvements.

Public Street Art

Community-driven public street art can be explored in coordination with the City and DOMI standards and guidelines. As mentioned previously, the community would have to commit to both installing and maintaining the murals and replacing the artwork every 3 years. This process would involve further community engagement. Additionally, it would need approval from DOMI as well as involve a Development Activities Meeting and Public Art and Civic Design Commission Review.

Funding

City Planning will start to look for and work with DPW, DOMI, and elected officials to request designation of funding for both parks. The community would like the proposed raised intersection at Sidney and 22nd streets to be the first priority. Conversations with City Councilman Charland have started to take place regarding funding the intersection improvements through the capital budget.

DPW will start to allocate resources for improvements at Armstrong Park. Funding the full redevelopment of Ormsby Park will most likely take more time as grants may be needed to supplement the cost.

After funding is secured, construction documents will need to be developed before construction can begin.

State Funding Sources

- Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program (GTRP)
- DCED Local Share Account
- Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Park Rehabilitation & Development





6 Appendix A

DETAILED COST ESTIMATES - ARMSTRONG PARK

Armstrong Park				6/25/2024
Opinion of Probable Construction Cost - Schematic Level				Prepared by Pashek + MTR
Item Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Item Cost
Playground Area - Priority 1				
Removals and Site Preparation				
Pavement Removal (to install Funnel Ball Hoop)	40	SF	\$4	\$ 160
Sawcutting Pavements	30	LF	\$6	\$ 180
Remove existing benches	1	LS	\$3,000	\$ 3,000
Tree protection fence	240	LF	\$9	\$ 2,160
Topsoil	8	CY	\$60	\$ 480
Subtotal				\$5,980
Hardscape				
Concrete Paving (repave around Funnel Ball Hoop)	5	SY	\$200	\$ 1,000
Safety Surfacing (tiles on existing asphalt)	1,600	SF	\$25	\$ 40,000
Hardscape				\$41,000
Site Improvements and amenities				
Accessible Picnic Tables	2	EA	\$1,500	\$ 3,000
Trash and Recycling Receptacles	2	EA	\$2,000	\$ 4,000
Benches	2	EA	\$4,000	\$ 8,000
Funnel Ball Hoop (including install)	1	EA	\$2,500	\$ 2,500
Toddler Play Equipment (including install)	1	LS	\$55,000	\$ 55,000
New Swing Seats	1	LS	\$2,000	\$ 2,000
Site Improvements				\$74,500
Plantings				
Shade Trees	2	EA	\$900	\$ 1,800
Seeding - Lawn	1,000	SF	\$0.25	\$ 250
Plantings				\$2,050
Construction Cost				\$123,530
General Conditions			15%	\$ 18,530
Subtotal				\$142,060
GC Overhead & Profit			15%	\$ 21,309
Subtotal				\$163,368
Contingency			20%	\$32,674
TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COSTS				\$196,042
ROUNDED TOTAL				\$197,000

Court Area - Priority 2				
Removals and Site Preparation				
Pavement Removal	450	SF	\$4	\$ 1,800
Sawcutting Pavements	125	LF	\$6	\$ 750
Bench Removal	2	EA	\$1,000	\$ 2,000
Remove court lights	1	LS	\$5,000	\$ 5,000
Fence Removal	300	LF	\$18	\$ 5,400
Half Court and Path Pavement Mill and Overlay	380	SY	\$45	\$ 17,100
Existing Court Pavement Mill and Overlay	520	SY	\$45	\$ 23,400
Tree protection fence	485	LF	\$9	\$ 4,365
Topsoil	70	CY	\$60	\$ 4,200
Subtotal				\$64,015
Hardscape				
Concrete Paving	20	SY	\$200	\$ 4,000
Hardscape				\$4,000
Site Improvements and amenities				
New Basketball Hoops	3	EA	\$4,000	\$ 12,000
Trash and Recycling Receptacles	2	EA	\$2,500	\$ 5,000
New Park Sign	1	LS	\$500	\$ 500
Sports Court Painting (1.5 basketball courts)	1	LS	\$30,000	\$ 30,000
Electrostatic Painting Existing 10' Chainlink Fence	135	LF	\$55	\$ 7,425
New 10' Chainlink Fence	100	LF	\$120	\$ 12,000
Player Benches	2	EA	\$2,000	\$ 4,000
Accessible Picnic Tables	2	EA	\$1,500	\$ 3,000
Site Improvements				\$73,925
Utilities				
Sports Court Lighting (assumes using existing wiring)	1	ALLOW	\$50,000	\$ 50,000
Plantings				\$50,000
Construction Cost				\$191,940
General Conditions			15%	\$ 28,791
Subtotal				\$220,731
GC Overhead & Profit			15%	\$ 33,110
Subtotal				\$253,841
Contingency			20%	\$50,768
TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COSTS				\$304,609
ROUNDED TOTAL				\$305,000

Spray Pad - Priority 3				
Removals and Site Preparation				
Pavement Removal	575	SF	\$4	\$ 2,300
Sawcutting Pavements	100	LF	\$6	\$ 600
Tree protection fence	240	LF	\$9	\$ 2,160
Subtotal				\$5,060
Hardscape				
Concrete Paving - Non slip	64	SY	\$200	\$ 12,800
Hardscape				\$12,800
Site Improvements and amenities				
Spray Park Bubblers with Push Button	1	ALLOW	\$40,000	\$ 40,000
Site Improvements				\$40,000
Construction Cost				\$57,860
General Conditions			15%	\$ 8,679
			Subtotal	\$66,539
GC Overhead & Profit			15%	\$ 9,981
			Subtotal	\$76,520
Contingency			20%	\$15,304
TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COSTS				\$91,824
ROUNDED TOTAL				\$92,000

Building and Plaza Improvements - Priority 4				
Removals and Site Preparation				
Sawcutting pavements	405	LF	\$6	\$ 2,430
Pavement Removal	630	SF	\$4	\$ 2,520
Fence Removal	140	LF	\$18	\$ 2,520
Horseshoe Pits Removal	1	LS	\$500	\$ 500
Tree protection fence	24	LF	\$5	\$ 120
Topsoil	23	CY	\$60	\$ 1,380
Subtotal				\$9,470
Hardscape				
Concrete Paving Repairs	18	SY	\$200	\$ 3,600
Hardscape				\$3,600
Site Improvements and amenities				
Bike Racks	4	EA	\$500	\$ 2,000
Building Improvements	1	Allow	\$100,000	\$ 100,000
Site Improvements				\$102,000
Plantings				
Shade Trees	3	EA	\$900	\$ 2,700
Shrub Planting	7	EA	\$90	\$ 630
Seeding - Lawn	400	SF	\$0.25	\$ 100
Plantings				\$3,430
Construction Cost				\$118,500
General Conditions			15%	\$ 17,775
			Subtotal	\$136,275
GC Overhead & Profit			15%	\$ 20,441
			Subtotal	\$156,716
Contingency			20%	\$31,343
TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COSTS				\$188,060
ROUNDED TOTAL				\$189,000

Field - Priority 5				
Removals and Site Preparation				
Cut Existing Fence Posts to 3' tall and recap (remove mesh)	650	LF	\$30	\$ 19,500
Fence Removal	65	LF	\$18	\$ 1,170
Tree Protection Fence	570	LF	\$9	\$ 5,130
Subtotal				\$25,800
Site Improvements and amenities				
New Fence Gate	1	EA	\$5,000	\$ 5,000
Electrostatic Painting of Existing 10' Chainlink Fence	50	LF	\$50	\$ 2,500
New 10' Chainlink Fence	100	LF	\$120	\$ 12,000
Concrete Mow Strip	100	LF	\$90	\$ 9,000
New 3' Mesh on Cut Fence	650	LF	\$12	\$ 7,800
Infield Dirt Mix	20	CY	\$100	\$ 2,000
Site Improvements				\$38,300
Plantings				
Shade Trees	2	EA	\$900	\$ 1,800
Re-Seeding - Lawn	35,700	SF	\$0.25	\$ 8,925
Plantings				\$10,725
Construction Cost				\$74,825
General Conditions			15%	\$ 11,224
			Subtotal	\$86,049
GC Overhead & Profit			15%	\$ 12,907
			Subtotal	\$98,956
Contingency			20%	\$19,791
TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COSTS				\$118,747
ROUNDED TOTAL				\$119,000

Intersection Improvements - Priority 6				
Hardscape				
Continuous Sidewalks on Roland Way - Removals	550	SF	\$4	\$ 2,200
Continuous Sidewalks on Roland Way - Concrete and curbs	1	LS	\$20,000	\$ 20,000
Painted Intersection on Roland Way	1	LS	\$10,000	\$ 10,000
Bump Outs - Pavement Removals	4,100	SF	\$4	\$ 16,400
Bump Outs - New Curbs	530	LF	\$95	\$ 50,350
Bump Outs - Concrete Paving	350	SY	\$120	\$ 42,000
Bump Outs - Curb Ramps	14	EA	\$2,000	\$ 28,000
Painted Bump Outs	1	LS	\$35,000	\$ 35,000
Regulatory Signs	6	EA	\$500	\$ 3,000
Hardscape				\$206,950
Construction Cost				\$206,950
General Conditions			10%	\$ 20,695
			Subtotal	\$227,645
GC Overhead & Profit			15%	\$ 34,147
			Subtotal	\$261,792
Contingency			15%	\$39,269
TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COSTS				\$301,061
ROUNDED TOTAL				\$302,000
TOTAL COST				\$1,204,000
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DETAILED COST ESTIMATES - ORMSBY PARK

Ormsby Field				6/25/2024
Opinion of Probable Construction Cost - Schematic Level				Prepared by Pashek + MTR
Item Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Item Cost
Removals and Site Preparation				
Erosion & sedimentation controls	1	LS	\$25,000	\$ 25,000
Clearing and Grubbing	0.50	AC	\$8,000	\$ 4,000
Temporary Construction Fence	550	LF	\$9	\$ 4,950
Tree protection fence	820	LF	\$9	\$ 7,380
Earthwork	2,500	CY	\$16	\$ 40,000
Remove Retaining Wall	175	LF	\$40	\$ 7,000
Remove Field Fencing	750	LF	\$18	\$ 13,500
Remove Dek Hockey Fencing and Boards	300	LF	\$20	\$ 6,000
Mill and Overlay Basketball Court	650	SY	\$45	\$ 29,250
Pavement Removal (paths, Dek court, play surfacing)	14,500	SF	\$4	\$ 58,000
Misc Removals (equipment, lights, benches, etc)	1	LS	\$35,000	\$ 35,000
			Subtotal	\$230,080
Hardscape				
Concrete paving (standard duty)	330	SY	\$130	\$ 42,900
Asphalt Paths	750	SY	\$60	\$ 45,000
Basketball Court Painting	1	LS	\$20,000	\$ 20,000
Pickleball Court Paving	250	SY	\$60	\$ 15,000
Pickleball Court Painting	1	LS	\$10,000	\$ 10,000
Dek Hockey Rink Base Paving	540	SY	\$80	\$ 43,200
Play Safety Surface	6,200	SF	\$20	\$ 124,000
			Hardscape	\$300,100
Site Improvements and amenities				
Pavilion 24'x28'	1	LS	\$75,000	\$ 75,000
Dek Hockey Concrete Beam for Dasherboard System	300	LF	\$80	\$ 24,000
Dek Hockey Mylec RS4 Dasher Board System and Dek	1	LS	\$160,000	\$ 160,000
Dek Hockey Upper Containment Fencing	300	LF	\$100	\$ 30,000
Dek Hockey Goal Frames	2	EA	\$2,500	\$ 5,000
Paint Existing Fencing (Garden and Part of Existing Basketball)	220	LF	\$55	\$ 12,100
10' Basketball Fence	90	LF	\$120	\$ 10,800
New Basketball Hoops	2	EA	\$4,000	\$ 8,000
6' Pickleball Fence	120	LF	\$100	\$ 12,000
4' Fence at Pickeball	60	LF	\$80	\$ 4,800
Pickleball Net	1	EA	\$2,000	\$ 2,000
4' Fence at Playground	90	LF	\$80	\$ 7,200
Concrete Mow Strip at Playground Fence	90	LF	\$90	\$ 8,100
4' Fence at Field	160	LF	\$80	\$ 12,800
Concrete Mow Strip at Field Fence	160	LF	\$90	\$ 14,400
Playground Equipment (including install)	1	LS	\$400,000	\$ 400,000
Bollards	20	EA	\$2,000	\$ 40,000
Yard Hydrant for Garden	1	LS	\$1,500	\$ 1,500

Drinking Fountain	1	EA	\$9,000	\$ 9,000
Players Benches	2	EA	\$2,000	\$ 4,000
Benches	6	EA	\$4,000	\$ 24,000
Bike Runnel (in lieu of bike ramp)	1	LS	\$2,500	\$ 2,500
Bike Racks	4	EA	\$500	\$ 2,000
Picnic Tables	12	EA	\$1,500	\$ 18,000
Shade Umbrellas	3	EA	\$5,000	\$ 15,000
Rain Garden Soil	140	CY	\$80	\$ 11,200
Stormwater Piping - 4" underdrain	80	LF	\$65	\$ 5,200
Stormwater Piping - 18"	200	LF	\$120	\$ 24,000
Storm Inlets - 2x4 outlet structure	1	EA	\$8,000	\$ 8,000
Storm Inlets - 2x2 outlet structure	3	EA	\$6,500	\$ 19,500
Cleanouts	2	EA	\$800	\$ 1,600
Storm Tap-in connection	1	LS	\$7,500	\$ 7,500
Sewer line from existing drinking fountain to new drinking fountain	160	LF	\$95	\$ 15,200
Water line from existing drinking fountain and to garden	260	LF	\$60	\$ 15,600
Misc Electrical (electrical service, etc)	1	LS	\$30,000	\$ 30,000
Electrical Trenching, Conduit, and Wire	710	LF	\$30	\$ 21,300
Light Poles	10	EA	\$9,000	\$ 90,000
Pickleball Court Lighting	2	EA	\$20,000	\$ 40,000
Dek Hockey Court Lighting	2	EA	\$20,000	\$ 40,000
Basketball Court Lighting	2	EA	\$20,000	\$ 40,000
			Site Improvements	\$1,271,300
Plantings				
Rain Garden Planting	1,900	SF	\$15	\$ 28,500
Shrub Planting	60	EA	\$90	\$ 5,400
Shade Trees	30	EA	\$900	\$ 27,000
Seeding - Lawn	20,350	SF	\$0.25	\$ 5,088
			Plantings	\$65,988
			Construction Cost	\$1,867,468
General Conditions			15%	\$ 280,120
			Subtotal	\$2,147,588
GC Overhead & Profit			15%	\$ 322,138
			Subtotal	\$2,469,726
			Contingency	\$493,945
			TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COSTS	\$2,963,671
			ROUNDED TOTAL	\$2,964,000

Raised Intersection at 22nd and Sidney

Intersection Improvements				
Raised Intersection (cost estimated by DOMI)	1	LS	\$150,000	\$ 150,000
Painted Bump Outs	1	LS	\$10,000	\$ 10,000
Hardscape				\$160,000
Construction Cost				\$160,000
General Conditions			10%	\$ 16,000
			Subtotal	\$176,000
GC Overhead & Profit			15%	\$ 26,400
			Subtotal	\$202,400
Contingency			10%	\$20,240
TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COSTS				\$222,640
ROUNDED TOTAL				\$223,000

Bike Ramp

Bike Ramp Improvements				
Earthwork	800	CY	\$30	\$ 24,000
Bike Ramp Paving	386	SY	\$180	\$ 69,496
Bike Ramp Walls	2,700	SFF	\$70	\$ 189,000
Railings	630	LF	\$300	\$ 189,000
Hardscape				\$471,496
Construction Cost				\$471,496
General Conditions			15%	\$ 70,724
			Subtotal	\$542,220
GC Overhead & Profit			15%	\$ 81,333
			Subtotal	\$623,553
Contingency			20%	\$124,711
TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COSTS				\$748,264
ROUNDED TOTAL				\$749,000

Note: The updates for the "Ormsby Community Recreation Center" building are not included in this cost estimate. Further study will be needed.

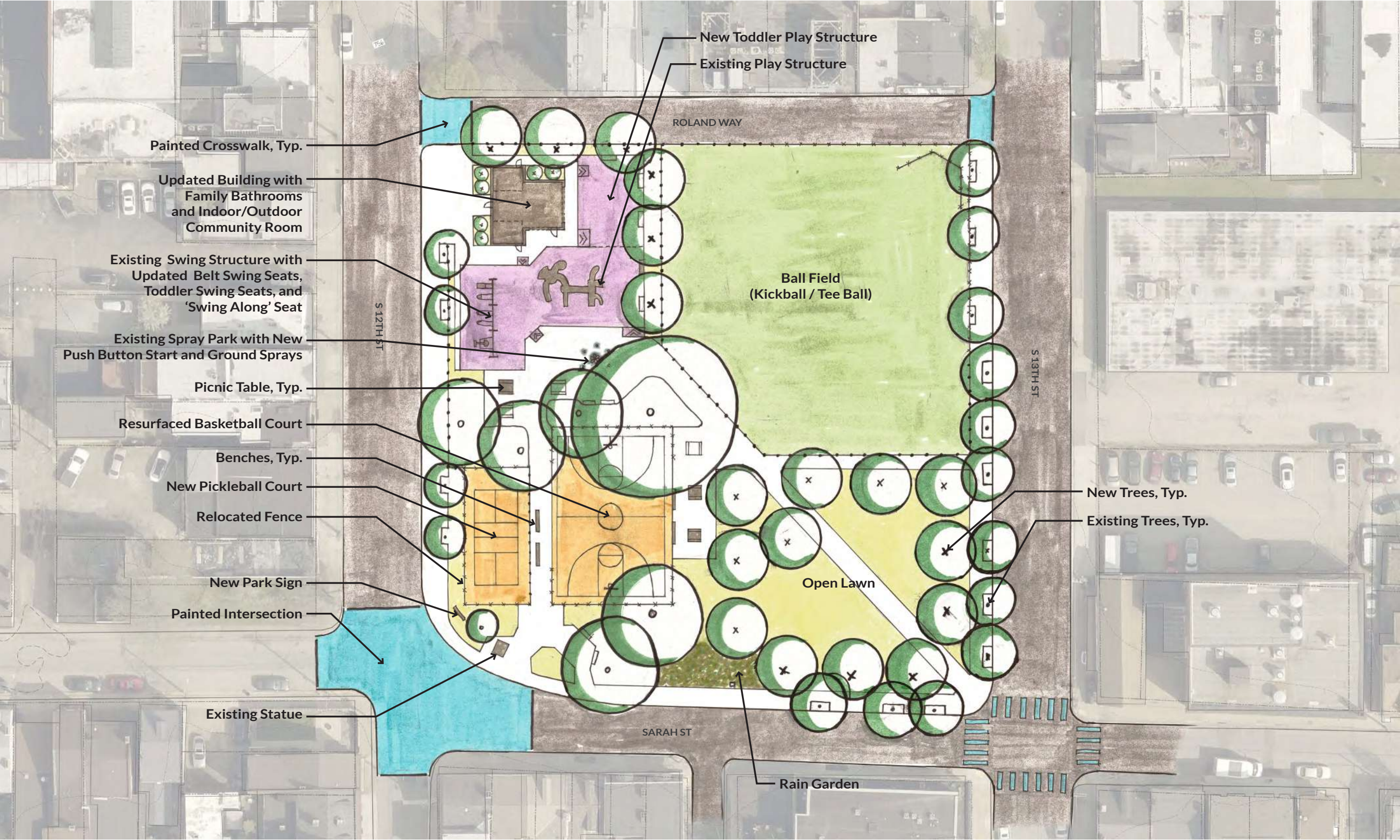
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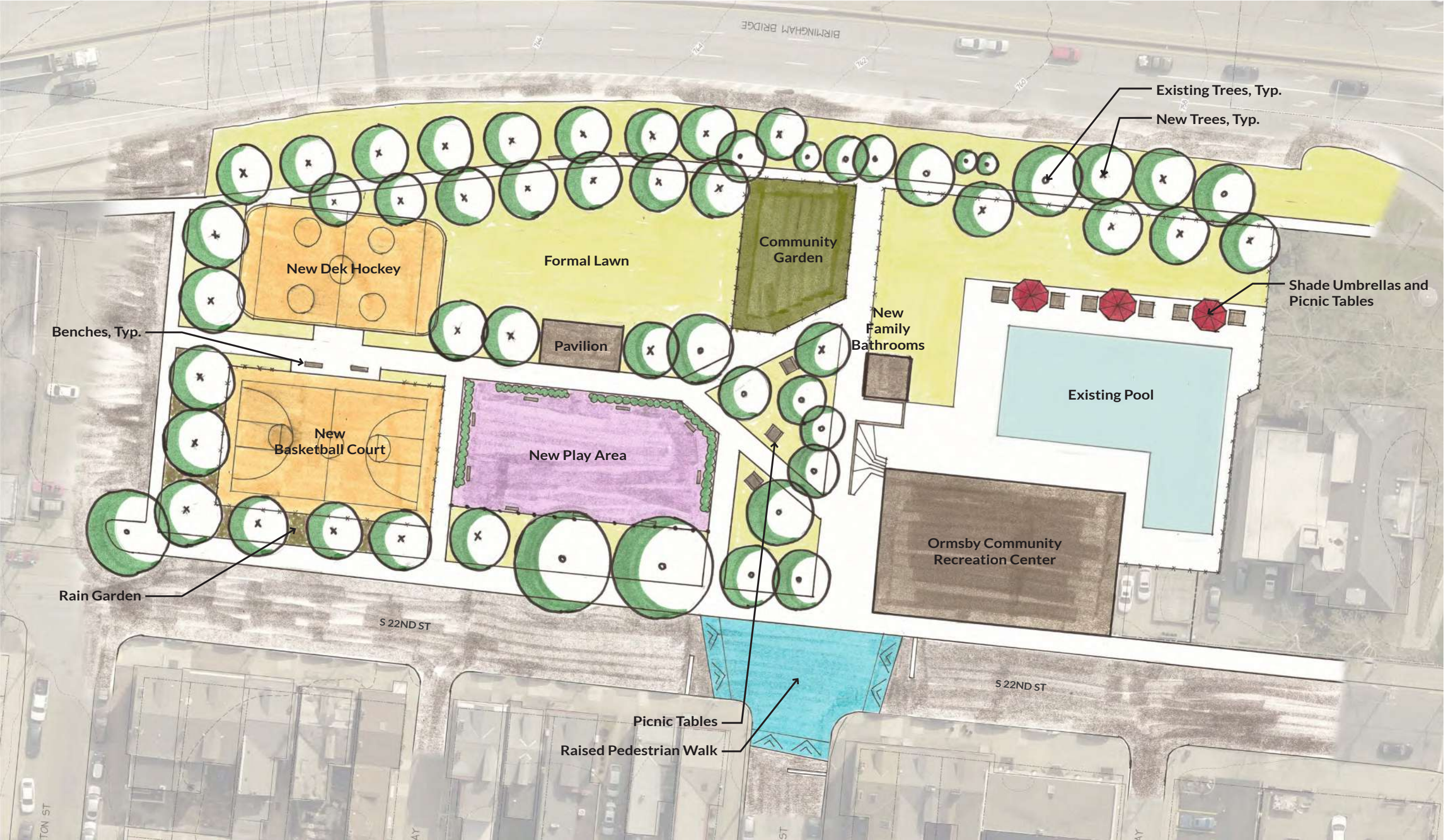
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Preliminary Concepts (Feb 2024)

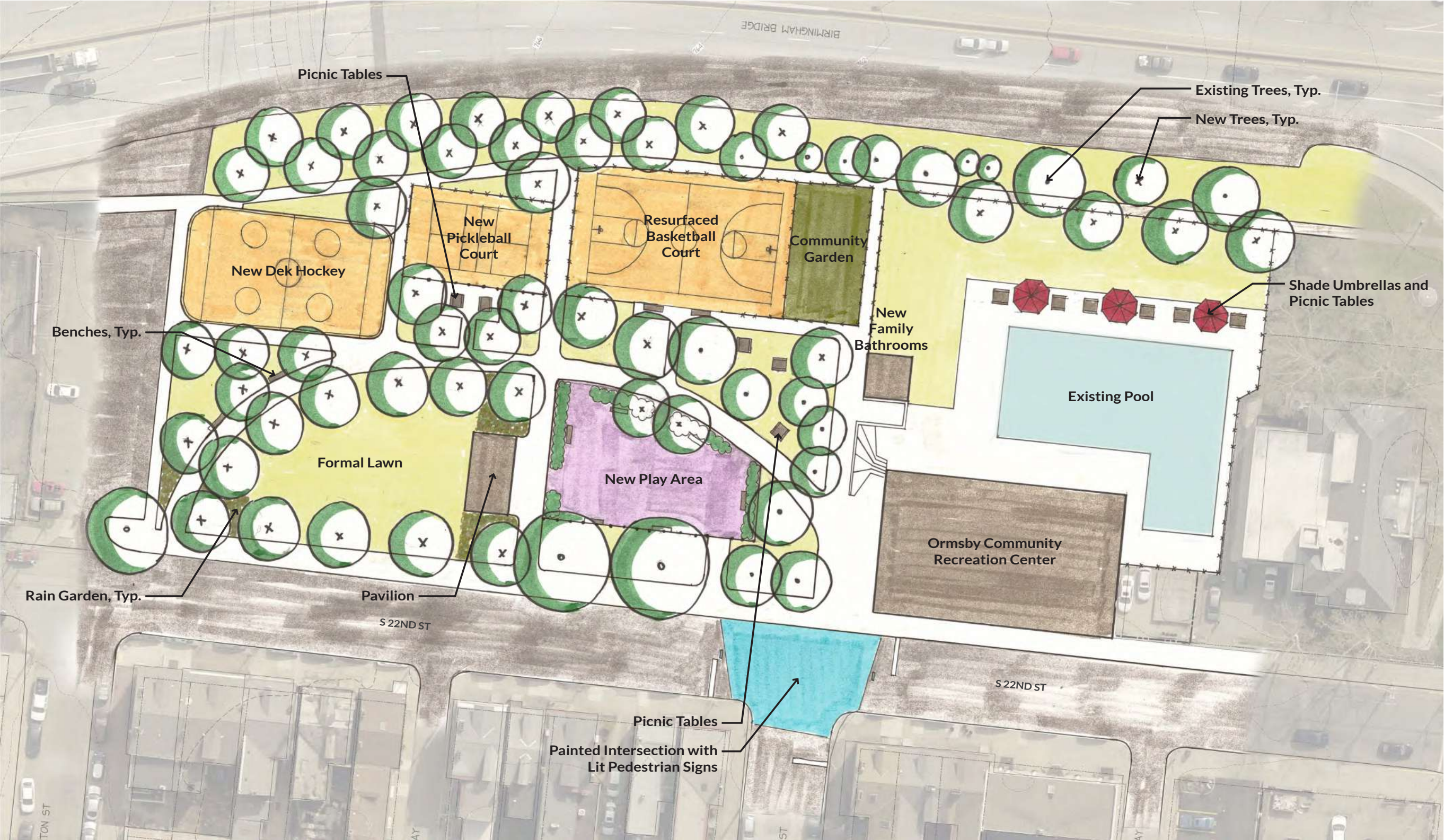
ARMSTRONG PARK ORMSBY AND ARMSTRONG PARKS *Preliminary Concepts*



ORMSBY PARK - OPTION 1
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ORMSBY PARK - OPTION 2
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Draft Concepts (April 2024)

ARMSTRONG PARK ORMSBY AND ARMSTRONG PARKS Concept Plan

LEGEND

- 1 Updated Building**
 - Family bathrooms
 - Indoor / outdoor community room
 - Outdoor drinking fountain
- 2 Playground**
 - Existing play structures to remain
 - Existing swings
 - Updated belt swing seats
 - Toddler swing seats
 - 'Swing along' seat
 - Expanded play surface with new toddler play structure
- 3 Spray Park**
 - New push button start
 - New ground sprays
 - Picnic tables
 - Funnel ball hoop
- 4 Basketball**
 - Resurface existing basketball court
 - New half court basketball
 - Benches
 - Picnic tables
 - Bicycle racks
 - New hoops
 - Update court lights
- 5 Entrance**
 - New park sign
 - Existing statue
 - Benches
- 6 Multi-purpose Field**
 - Kickball / tee ball
 - Multipurpose lawn
 - Existing bleachers, benches, and backstop
- 7 Rain Garden**
- 8 4' Fence** ————
- 9 10' Tall Chain Link Fence** ————
- 10 Esser Plaza**
 - Construction by others
 - Pathway connection to park
- 11 Raised Crosswalk**
- 12 Painted Intersection**
 - Opportunity For Public Art



ORMSBY PARK
ORMSBY AND ARMSTRONG PARKS
Concept Plan





6 Appendix B

MEETING MINUTES

Armstrong and Ormsby Engagement

At South Side Neighbor Night Project Kick-Off Announcement (9/19/23)

At Ormsby Halloween Event by South Side Kids (10/28/23)

At South Side Neighbor Night (11/16/23)

Ormsby:

- Parking is an issue, as well as traffic (speeding)
 - Many people said they walk or take transit, but that parking can be an obstacle, and many people have gotten citations while picking kids up from after school program
 - Lots of concern about the intersection and creating traffic calming
- Need better border/boundary around park. Street (and bridge) are really dangerous and there’s nothing really stopping kids from darting out
- People love this park! Having the park near the recreation center and library makes it a destination. Viewed as great for after-school activities
- Pool:
 - Need shade structures in pool area as well as seating
 - Expanded pool hours
 - Start swim lessons again!
 - Install some spray features
- Refresh/update the equipment and facilities
 - More swings
 - Updated playground
- Shorter basketball hoops
- There are people who roller blade in the dek hockey rink, which seems to be getting used more since it was updated
 - Velum is starting to do roller skating—could help generate interest/programming
- Need consistent bathroom access
 - Family changing room needed (in alley by library?)
- Thoughts that Ormsby is better suited for pickleball, as noise would impact adjacent residents less than at Armstrong
- There should be a trailhead to the riverfront trail in the back of Ormsby (the neighborway is a good connector)
- Improve access to a water source for community volunteers at the community garden

Armstrong:

- Some residents refer to this as “12th Street Park”
- Want/need consistent bathroom access
- More/better spray features
 - The “spray park” needs to be majorly improved.

- Sunflower doesn’t turn off
 - The ground gets incredibly slippery underneath the existing spray feature, possibly because it doesn’t turn off and it’s in the shade
- Viewed as being less kid friendly than Ormsby since the playground is underutilized/smaller
- Lots of people do not want the field to be used as a dog park
 - Many people want to see a designated dog park, but the City policies won’t support a smaller area with that sanctioned use
- More seating is desired
- Horseshoes pits can go
- Basketball tournaments are a big deal, ensure updates support that programming
 - Big League basketball
 - Late night basketball at South Side Market House
- Some said tennis courts/pickleball isn’t overly used
- All of the high fencing doesn’t make for a positive park experience (getting to or around it)
- Baseball diamond isn’t used frequently, many commented that the field would be better if broken up to provide some more walking paths, trees, etc., while keeping a somewhat large useable portion for more open play



Ormsby and Armstrong Parks

October 12, 2023 at 9:30am on site

Attendees:

Project Team

Martina Battistone, Department of City Planning
Sara Thompson, Pashek+MTR
Alex Zwegat, Pashek+MTR

Stakeholders

Joe Rush, DPW
Thomas Scharff, DCP
Marti Battistone, DCP
Bob Charland, City Council District Office
Kathleen Petrillo
Claire Pro
Cara Jette
Mike Clark

Site Planning Meeting - Meeting Minutes

Discussion Items

1. Armstrong Park

- Design Wants
 - Green buffers, less obtrusive fence
 - Be aware of maintenance restrictions
 - More trees, the large existing ones are starting to die.
 - Raised crosswalk on Roland Way / Better connection to plaza.
 - Plan for Plaza – pathway and gathering space with mural backdrop.
 - Storage
 - More seating/benches
 - Walking path
 - Updated playground, basketball court, and pickleball
- Design challenges
 - Dogs on site
 - Baseball not used, muddy
- Maintenance
 - 13 employees for 30 parks.
 - Maintain landscape every 10-14 days, pick up trash and general look throughs every day in parks.
 - Volunteers maintain the planting around the monument.
- Existing Building
 - Needs to be painted / updated

- More inviting / bathrooms are now open for use
 - Utilize area for storage and/or gathering space
 - Subcontractor opens and maintains bathrooms.
 - Open from 8am to 9pm or 10pm
- Existing Active Recreation
 - Playground and basketball highly used
 - Field is rented out/permitted often.
 - PSL uses space for kickball, flag football, ultimate frisbee but it is a bit small.

2. Ormsby Park

- Design Wants
 - Community gathering space
 - Shelter / Pavilion
 - Picnic tables
 - Grills
 - More garbage cans
 - More lighting
 - Lighting on building for safety might not be working
 - Any new lights to have buttons with timers to save energy
 - More shade / more trees
 - More opportunities for teenagers
- Design Challenges
 - Deck hockey area is obtrusive.
 - Used often by the rec center for scheduled games and by children from playground.
 - Intersection to get to the park is very dangerous
 - Parking is limited
 - Loading zone in front of the park
 - Parking lot on other side of the field to be looked into for repurposing to city for parking.
 - Dog use in field area (not as much as Armstrong)
- Existing Play Area
 - Primarily young kid area / equipment
 - Safety surfacing is new, equipment is old.
 - Close to street and not fenced in, needs a barrier.
 - Not enough table seating for picnicking
- Existing Community Garden
 - Children’s Enrichment Programs
 - Does not have existing water access.
- Existing Active Recreation
 - Basketball lacks shade. Does need more seating.



Ormsby Park and Armstrong Park

Public Engagement Open House: December 19, 2023 from 4:00pm-7:00pm, South Side Market House
Attendance: Approximately 10 people

Open House Summary

The participants were asked their thoughts regarding Ormsby Park and Armstrong Park. Their answers were dotted on an activity board or written on a post-it note and stuck to the activity board. Children were also asked to participate by coloring a picture of what they would like to see at the parks. A summary from the activity boards is outlined below.

1. Ormsby Park

- What amenities / facilities do you use?
 - Playground = 7 votes
 - Basketball Court = 2 votes
 - Dek Hockey Rink = 1 vote
 - Pool = 4 votes
 - Tennis Court = 1 vote
 - Field (Used for Sports) = 2 votes
 - Field (Not for Sports) = 6 votes
 - Other
 - Community time – at seating area
 - Community garden
- What facilities / amenities / activities would you like to see that aren’t there now?
 - Pavilion
 - Splash pad
 - Accessible toilet for pool and playground (outside rec center) use.
- Do you have any comments, issues, or concerns?
 - Move the dek hockey and basketball courts to screen off the ground!
 - Litter/smoking (cigarette butts).
 - Privacy screening of pool from bridge.
 - This is multi-user, delicate social fabric so hesitant for a big change.
 - “Paradise of the neighborhood”.
 - Connection to uptown and hill is nice.
 - Most area visitors from outside the South Side tend to come from South Hilltop.
 - Giant eagle attracts families to Ormsby after shopping.
 - Visitors from South Side Slopes seeking playgrounds/parks often use Armstrong and Ormsby in the South Side Flats, or use Grandview Park, given the lack of good, up-to-date playgrounds in the South Side Slopes
 - Allentown residents tend to use Grandview Park and Warrington Rec Center.
 - Great diverse mix of neighborhood users.
 - Construction impact on delicate social fabric that is so vibrant.
 - If remodeled room in Ormsby Rec Center Building, could use it for community meetings and as a small event space. The building is not ADA accessible and lacks AC.

- Existing field is rarely rented out / permitted and is rarely utilized (due to disconnection from rest of park).
 - Used for movies in the park, back to school events, Halloween events, etc.
 - Rugby teams use it for practice.
 - People use area for exercise / warm-ups.
 - Existing Surrounding Walkway
 - Utilized by patrons but leads to unsafe pedestrian connections on Carson St.
 - 22nd street a better crosswalk – removing walkway could lead people to this intersection instead.
 - Other Considerations
 - Ormsby is in the heart of the South Side, if more extensive design is required this park should be the focus.
 - Near the rec center/pool, library, and Phillips School (K-5), and also host to Ascent summer camps and others.
 - Create a noise and visual buffer by Birmingham Bridge that doesn’t add maintenance. (Berm or wall)
 - PennDot pedestrian ramp trail connection possible along Birmingham Bridge
3. Next Steps
- PMTR to create a survey to distribute.
 - To be distributed online, at local events, and partner with local organizations to distribute.
 - Distributing Events to be decided
 - Possible Event: Halloween Party at Ormsby Park on October 28th

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- Some gawking concerns from vehicles at rush hour (looking towards pool from Birmingham Bridge)
- Is this lot leased or open?
- Open parking lot for use.
- Allow this lot for park parking.
- Pull permit history!
- Dek hockey presents a sight barrier between the playground and field
- Dek hockey rink/court is used for soccer too. Overall it receives moderate level of usage. It's a unique amenity that draws people from wider distance.
- Bathrooms are closed during some community use hours -- especially an issue in summer evenings
- Field needs its condition improved. There is no PSL kickball at Ormsby field.

2. **Armstrong Park**

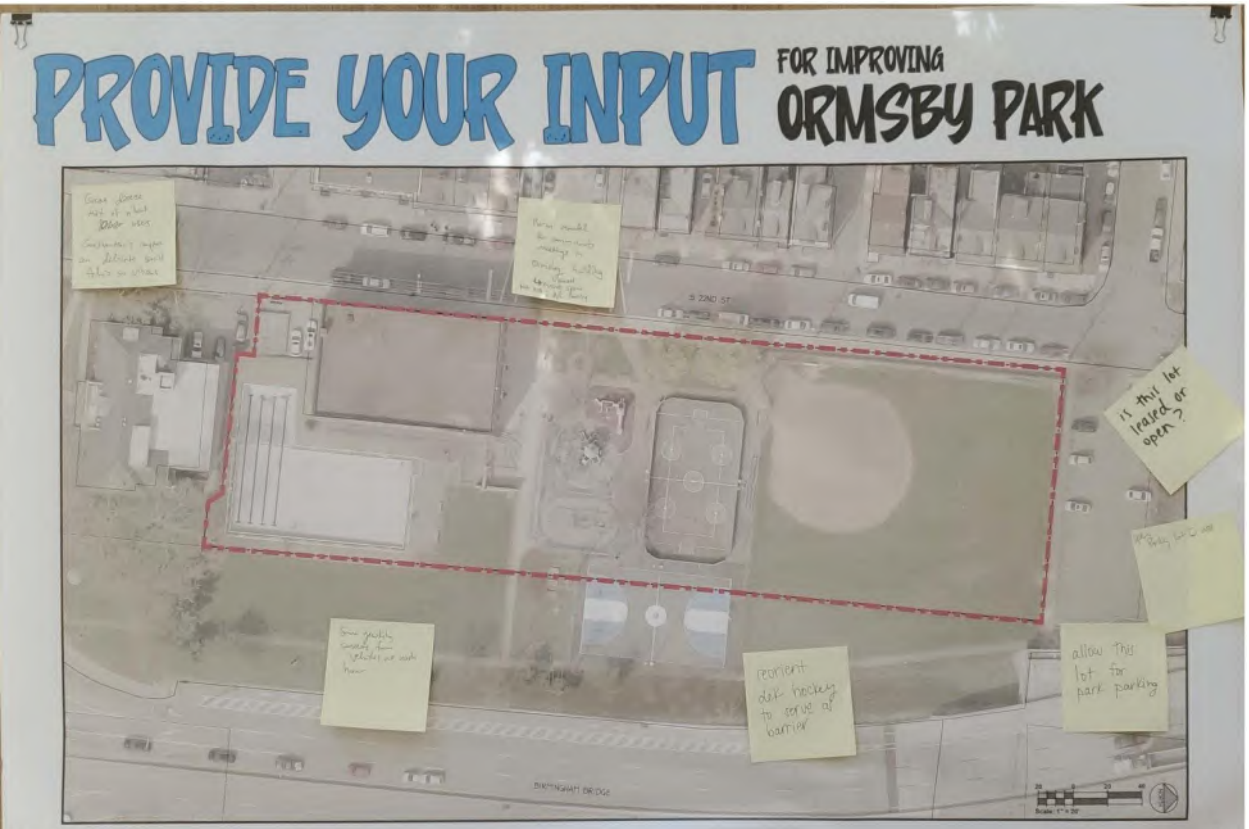
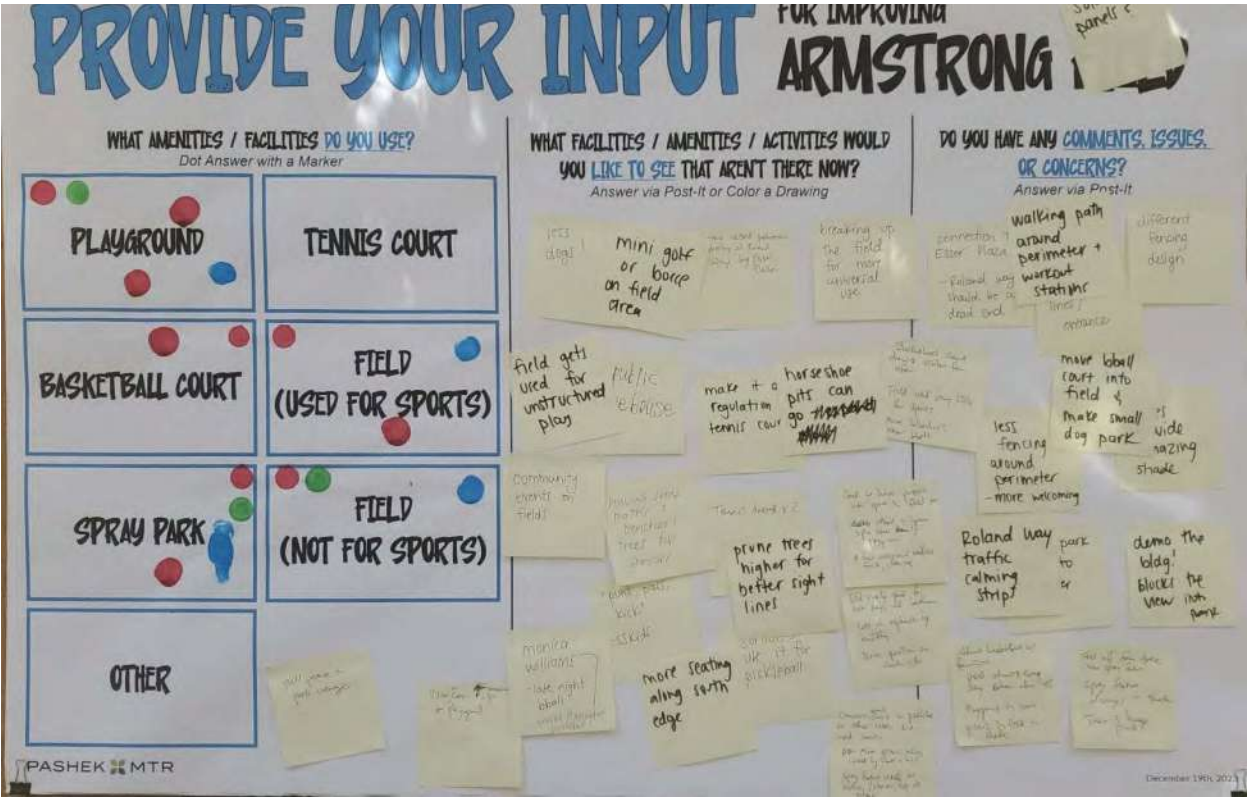
- What amenities / facilities do you use?
 - Playground = 5 votes
 - Basketball Court = 2 votes
 - Spray Park = 4 votes
 - Tennis Court = 0 votes
 - Field (Used for Sports) = 3 votes
 - Field (Not for Sports) = 3 Votes
 - Other
 - Field gets used for unstructured play
 - Community events on fields
 - Seniors use court for pickleball
 - Basketball often is with adult players who come with their families, used almost every day when above 45 degrees.
- What facilities / amenities / activities would you like to see that aren't there now?
 - Mini golf or bocce on field area.
 - Install raised pedestrian crossing at Roland Way by Esser Plaza.
 - A public tree house.
 - More bleachers? Near basketball.
 - Have some paths, benches, and trees for seniors.
 - Tennis desired x2.
 - Good to have passive use space in field too.
 - "Punt, Pass, Kick" – SSKids
 - Desire to have a pavilion somewhere on South Side.
 - More seating along south edge.
 - More picnic tables (used by basketball families a lot).
 - Walking paths around the perimeter and workout stations.
 - Move basketball courts into field and make a small dog park.
 - Roland way traffic calming strips.
 - People picnic in the field in shade.
 - Tree is a huge plus.
 - Solar panels?
 - Pedestrian safety improvements at 12th and Sarah.

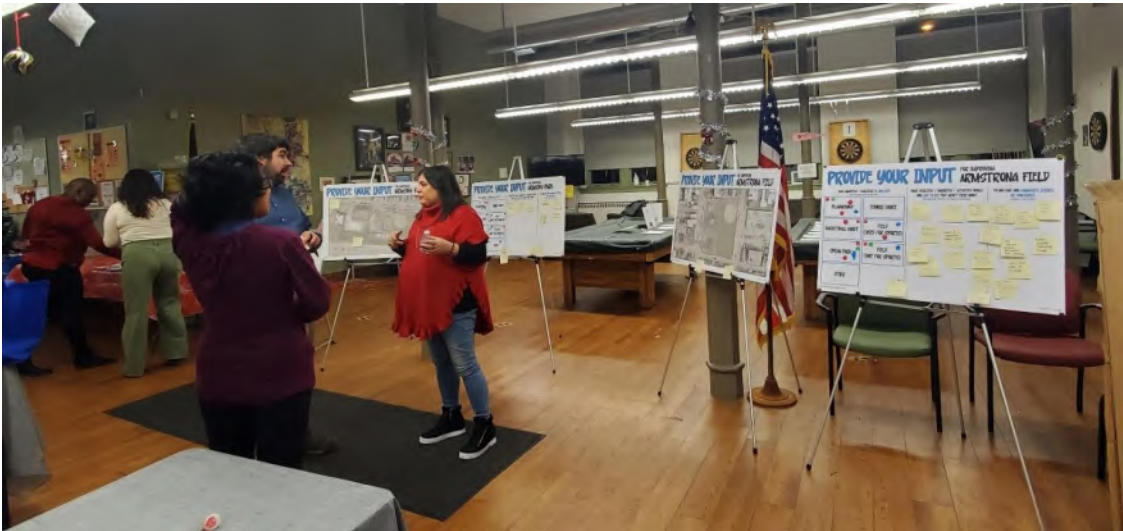
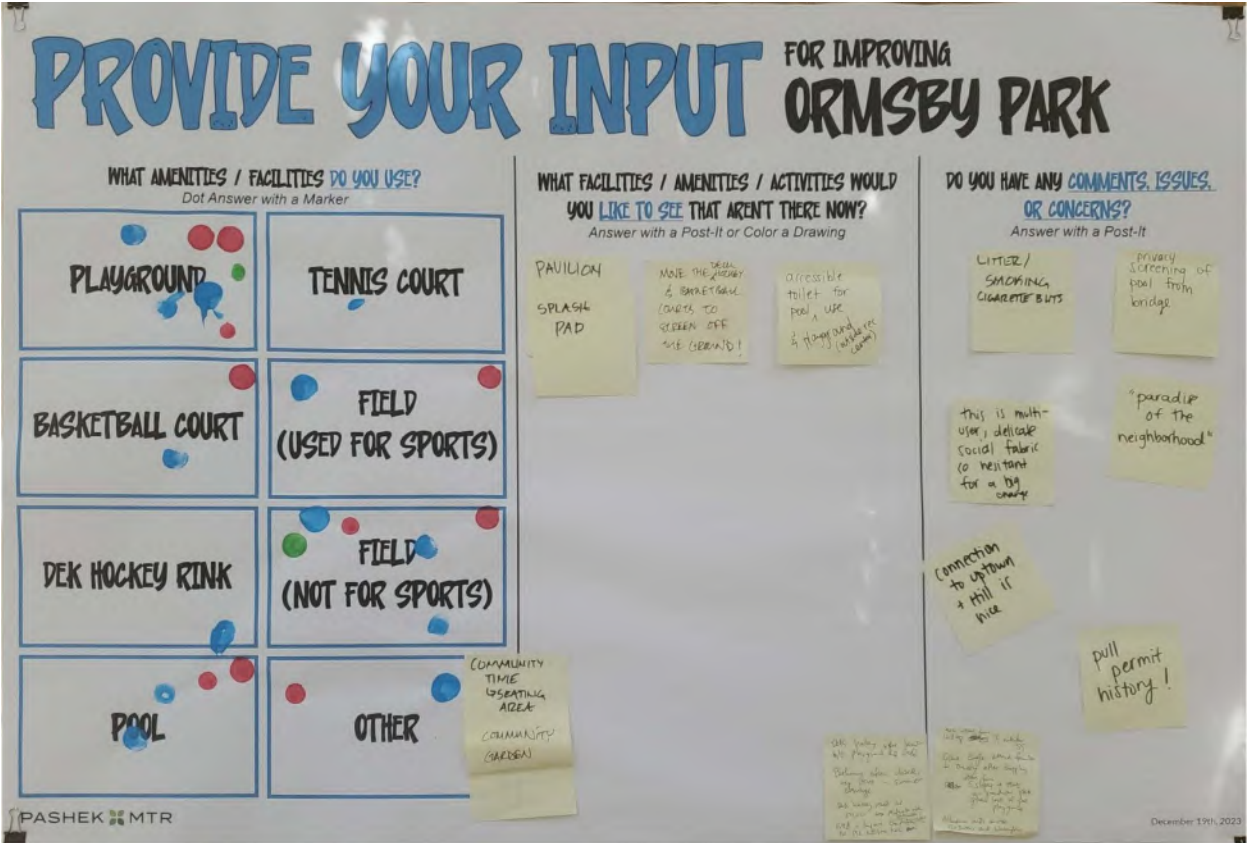
- Do you have any comments, issues, or concerns?
 - Less dogs!
 - Breaking up the field for more universal use.
 - Make it a regulation tennis court.
 - Convert tennis court to pickleball or other use. Not used now.
 - Horseshoe pits can go.
 - Different fencing design.
 - Less fencing around the perimeter, more welcoming.
 - Remove fencing to add entrance on 13th and Sarah. Cut through walking path in field?
 - Trees provide amazing shade.
 - Demo the building, blocks the view of the park.
 - Connection to Esser Plaza. Roland Way should be a dead end.
 - Ideal to improve sight lines by playground.
 - A few occasional needles found.
 - Prune trees higher for better sight lines.
 - Lots of asphalt by building.
 - Spray feature used for bathing/shower by some, especially at night.
 - Basketball court draws visitors from afar.
 - Field used very little for sports.
 - Building blocks sight lines and entrance.
 - Spray park needs to be safer.
 - Playground in sun.
 - Debris fall off from tree into spray feature.
 - Spray feature is always in shade.
 - Speeding cars along 12th trying to beat the light, and also speeding cars on Sarah St.
 - Dairy Queen is really good spot for hot days and bathroom near Armstrong
 - Occasionally tourists and visitors coming to E. Carson street swing by Armstrong when looking for a nearby convenient park
 - Ormsby is a park that makes you want to stay multiple hours, whereas Armstrong you just visit briefly (example of 2 hours at Ormsby vs. 15 minutes at Armstrong).
- Other
 - Pull permit history on park usage.
 - Monica Williams – late night basketball. Works at Arlington Pickleball.

3. **Next Steps**

- Synthesize input from event and online survey.
- Develop concept plans based on input, research, and analysis.
- Phase 2 of public engagement to review draft recommendations in the spring.

4. Photos and Boards





Kid's Thoughts for Park

- Treehouse x2
- Water Slide
- Unicorn
- Trees

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Date Prepared: 12/20/2023



Ormsby and Armstrong Parks

February 5, 2024 at 10:00am via Teams

Attendees:

Project Team

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Thomas Scharff, Department of City Planning
Sara Thompson, Pashek+MTR
Alex Zwegat, Pashek+MTR

Committee

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Claire Pro
Cara Jette
Adam Jette
Kitty Vagley
Marya Pittaway
Alicia Carberry

Committee Meeting - Meeting Minutes

Discussion Items

1. Introduction and Engagement Summary

- Discussed the agenda for the meeting today. Marti noted that the conceptual plans will include one concept for Armstrong, and Ormsby will have multiple plans due to the larger improvements desired.
- Engagement Review
 - Marti sent PDF of engagement summary to the committee.
 - Items were generally already known or have already been brought up by the committee. The results confirmed the direction headed based on the input.
 - Started outreach in fall. Events: Halloween Event, South Side Community Action Network Meeting, December Public Meeting. Also had an online survey.
 - Marti reviewed general notes/takeaways from the meetings and survey responses for both Ormsby and Armstrong.

2. Armstrong Park

- Sara reviewed the concept plan.
- Comments
 - Create fence openings for the ball field
 - PMTR did not go into detail with the openings, wanted the committee’s input. Could open up the fencing more, would help reduce the desire to use it as a dog park. Or could keep the fence openings where they are by the

- backstop to keep an enclosed space.
 - Committee recommendation #1: Not have the ball field fully fenced in and remove the low fence around the back to open up the field to the playground.
 - Committee recommendation #2: Move the fence closer to home plate to add the green space by the playground.
 - Committee recommendation #3: Add a gate or large opening to the low fence to allow parents to open gate and allow kids to run in the ball field area.
- Add more court recreation items for children in the park. i.e. Little kid basketball courts, half courts, or different height hoops.
 - PMTR to add a little kid reaction court space by the existing basketball courts.
- Change the crosswalk on Roland to be a raised crosswalk. Keep the painted intersection on Sarah and 12th street because it is a problem intersection.
- Since the spray park will be updated, committee suggests that the family restrooms be more luxurious and have locker room space.
 - DCP and PMTR note that since the spray park will still be very small, the city will most likely not add locker rooms for something this size.
- Make sure there are plenty of benches and picnic tables.
 - The details of where the benches will be located will be included in the next design phase.
- The committee wants to ensure that the intersection of Sarah and 13th street is safe as well, possibly add a stop sign. Would love for Bob to revisit traffic calming generally on Sarah street.

3. Ormsby Park

- Sara reviewed the four concept plans.
- Comments
 - Committee member A mentioned that dek hockey is used often, so option 4 should be removed.
 - Committee member B reminds PMTR to pay attention to the switch back bike path along the trail while designing.
 - Committee member B prefers option 2 due to the arched walkway, pickleball, and the formal lawn and play area towards the front.
 - Committee member B notes that the design should create a crosswalk at 22nd street and Wharton by the parking lot.
 - Committee member B wants to confirm that the design thinks about rain gardens and how they function.
 - Committee member C would like the ball field to stay at Ormsby, if removing ball field entirely from Armstrong.
 - Committee member D likes the addition of the pickleball court, the arched

- pathway, and the pavilion in the center between playground and field.
- Traffic calming is very important to the community. Should be advocated to DOMI through DPW and the design.
- Committee member A votes for option 2, but would like to switch the basketball and dek hockey courts if possible. She notes that we should also ask the recreation center if they currently use the ball field.
- Committee member A notes that PMTR should add family bathrooms to all plans.
- Committee consensus is to present concepts #2 and #3 to the public with modifications mentioned.

4. Public Presentation

- Marti suggests that we present these concepts in person via an in-person public meeting versus online, due to the difficulty of portraying the design virtually.
- Possible Events
 - Fish Fry on Feb 23rd to present the concepts.
 - Create a standalone event in March to present the concepts.
 - April Spring Social (to present the draft plan).

5. Next Steps

- Marti to discuss the concepts with DPW and ask the Rec Director about the field in Ormsby.
- PMTR to update the plans as needed per comments for public engagement.
- 2nd Round of Public Engagement
 - Fish Fry on February 23rd to present concepts.
 - Public Meeting beginning of March to present concepts.
- PMTR to revise concepts based on public feedback.
- Draft of new revised concept presented at the spring social on April 13th.

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Ormsby Park and Armstrong Park

Concept Design Public Engagement Events:
South Side Community Action Network (CAN) Neighbor Night on February 20, 2024 from 6:00pm-9:00pm at South Side Market House
Attendance: Approximately 20-30 people

Fish Fry on February 23, 2024 from 4:00pm-7:00pm at Cupka's Cafe II
Attendance: Approximately 50 people

Open House on March 5, 2024 from 4:00pm-7:00pm at South Side Market House and Armstrong Park
Attendance: Approximately 40-80 people

Public Engagement Summary

The design team gave a brief overview of the comments received from the first round of engagement and presented the concepts of both Ormsby and Armstrong Park based on that feedback. One conceptual plan for Armstrong and two conceptual plans for Ormsby. An overview of the proposed goals and improvements is outlined below.

Armstrong Conceptual Plans

- General Improvements:
- Increase sight lines and circulation.
 - Increase green space around the edges.
 - Improve park entrances.
 - Renovate bathrooms and create a rentable community space.
 - Add toddler play structure.
 - Update spray area with non-slip surfacing, push button start, and additional ground sprays.
 - Resurface highly used basketball court and increase space around court.
 - Formalize generic asphalt court as a pickleball court.
 - Provide more seating and picnicking areas throughout the park.
 - Improve pedestrian safety on surrounding streets.
 - Connect to Esser Plaza.
 - Create a rain garden for stormwater management.

Ormsby Conceptual Plans:

- Improvements Shared by Both Concepts:
- Increase sight lines and circulation.
 - Improve pedestrian safety and traffic calming for surrounding streets.
 - Increase access and update the existing locker rooms facilities in the recreation center.
 - Increase shade and seating at pool and provide a vegetative buffer along Birmingham Bridge.
 - Add a rentable pavilion.
 - Create more welcoming entrances by moving dek hockey towards the Birmingham Bridge.
 - Provide more seating and picnicking areas throughout the park.
 - Create a new expanded playground with themed play equipment.
 - Update basketball court and dek hockey rink.
 - Provide a bike connection between the Birmingham Bridge and the Park and river trail.
 - Create a rain garden for stormwater management.

- Bike parking! But not in place of street parking.
- March 5th Open House – Armstrong Location
 - Feels like option 1 would be more utilized
 - Like lawn
 - Want a place to run
 - Highly used area. Needs snack shop.
 - Right turn only on Carson and 22nd street causes problems with traffic.
 - Yes! Update locker rooms!
- 2. Ormsby Park - Option 2
 - Neighbor Night
 - Wrong direction / side for bike ramp
 - Can play baseball on any grass park but won't picnic on a baseball field.
 - Programming and layout are great now. Maybe bring field in but that's it.
 - PSL uses kickball and goes to bar across the street.
 - Nosie of raised crosswalks.
 - Fish Fry
 - Love the shade and tables by the pool.
 - Need new dek hockey surface – it's used a lot.
 - Like field
 - No pickleball
 - Like dek hockey closer to play.
 - Slide pavilion over to allow circulation between play and basketball.
 - Keep ball field x3.
 - Would be a shame to lose a formal field.
 - Need to maintain the field – kickball is inside now.
 - Want to see pickleball courts here, not Armstrong.
 - Do we need fencing around the field.
 - Monkey bars on playground – stuff for older kids 6-12.
 - Adding more seating / space for just hanging out.
 - Talk to PSL? Field usage.
 - Traffic calming is a must.
 - Play area needs to be close to rec center for after school program.
 - Like pickleball at Armstrong not Ormsby. Like to keep the field.
 - March 5th Open House – South Side Market House Location
 - Bathrooms need to be maintained.
 - Pickleball under bridge?
 - Keep full field
 - Field at Ormsby, not Armstrong!
 - Fencing around field?
 - Trees around walkway? (field edge)
 - Trees on hillside.
 - March 5th Open House – Armstrong Location
 - *No comments
- 3. **Armstrong Park**
 - Neighbor Night
 - Reference Esser Plaza / Show connection.

- Add crosswalk across S 12th Street near Roland Way.
 - Basketball is used heavily.
 - Pickleball noise could disrupt nearby residents since on edge. Basketball, badminton, or ping pong instead. Play pickleball at indoor market house, not here.
 - Lots of people would use pickleball.
 - Raised crosswalk intersection at S12th street and Sarah Street.
 - Maybe remove pedestrian path to make open lawn usable as field?
 - Remove walkway to keep larger lawn area.
 - Debate over dog park at Armstrong. Keep use and vibrancy. Limits children use.
 - Armstrong is a pass-through park now.
 - Great vantage for watching the field/game anywhere in the park.
 - Enforce no dog park. Use as an active sport field – baseball / soccer full side. Don't do lawn. Pump played two games in the same night. Keep big field.
- Fish Fry
 - Need a fenced area for community events.
 - Need enforcement of dogs off leash.
 - Fencing around other area for dogs?
 - Remove fence of ball field
 - Drinking fountain extend time of use.
 - More trash cans.
 - Outdoor ping pong table?
 - Concerned about noise?
 - Like the pickleball!
 - Think about Futsol.
- March 5th Open House – South Side Market House Location
 - More adults at Armstrong
 - Make sure sight lines are good for play area.
 - ADA accessible swings.
 - Love the pickleball court.
 - Pro pickleball
 - Put noisy activities in the NW corner.
 - Bump our for traffic calming (at Sarah St and S 12th St).
 - Rain garden – in favor.
 - Open lawn won't be used by kids b/c traffic.
 - More intense traffic calming (Sarah St and S 13th Street).
 - Chopping lawn area with pavement.
 - I like the separate lawn area.
 - Esser will provide seating and shade. Don't need it here in open lawn.
 - Need some open green space.
 - Keep large rectangular field.
 - Dog users are large % of users.
 - Field at Armstrong, not Ormsby.
 - Show Esser Plaza plan and connection.
 - Building as rentable space.
- March 5th Open House – Armstrong Location
 - Like addition of toddler play structure x3.
 - Move bleacher seating to basketball. Do a dunk contest here.
 - Expand spray park x3. (add more interactive water play features)
 - Play area to have art board with hang zone.

- Change pickleball to basketball (basketball used a lot).
- Vote for pickleball.
- Multi-level climbing structures.
- Would rather more basketball and pickleball than have any field.
- Park needs general updates (worn down now)
- Bathrooms! (often locked)
- Good area for brief rest when on extended walk.
- More picnic space.
- Add openings to building. Garage Door.
- Like toddler area.
- Basketball backboards make glass / improve x2. Look at Monroeville Park examples. Add cushion to basketball posts.
- Vending machines. Include security cameras by them.
- Add shade umbrellas. Look to Morse Gardens example.
- Place to ride bike and scooter.
- Worried about dogs (child's comment)
- Worried about dog waste
- Swung by for a quick visit. Fairly new to park.
- Like that its more open feeling.
- Want a pedestrian light/crosswalk at Sarah and S 13th st. Stop sign / slow traffic.
- Love painted crosswalk at the corners. Ex Bloomfield / friendship.
- Install Pittsburgh Potty – example downtown at Gateway Center.
- Bathroom access. Port-a-john.
- Came down from hilltop since this is a better park than what is near home.
- Parkour course on playground.
- Add water fountain.
- More sitting areas – heavily used already.
- More swings – heavily used already
- Vote half basketball over pickleball.
- Add more lighting.
- Field currently used as dog park.
- Want green space without dogs.
- Dream: water park.
- Need additional pool since Ormsby pool heavily used.
- Corner of Roland and S 13th Street is a trouble area. Been shootings. Make welcoming.
- Like proposal overall.
- Like toddler play.
- Add extra basketball court. Very heavily used.
- Resurface basketball court to fix court cracks x3.
- Fence removal near street may be dangerous if kids run into street / affect usage by families
- Youth sports and basketball advance Stop the Violence efforts; need City government to take more active role in youth sports programming like it did in past with BIG Leagues and when Armstrong Park had lots of youth baseball
- Once plant trees in a sports field it is hard to go back to recreational use; but people can still picnic on a field
- Muddy, standing water conditions and drainage issues in baseball field make it not used for other sports when it rains; therefore, need to keep grass portions of field

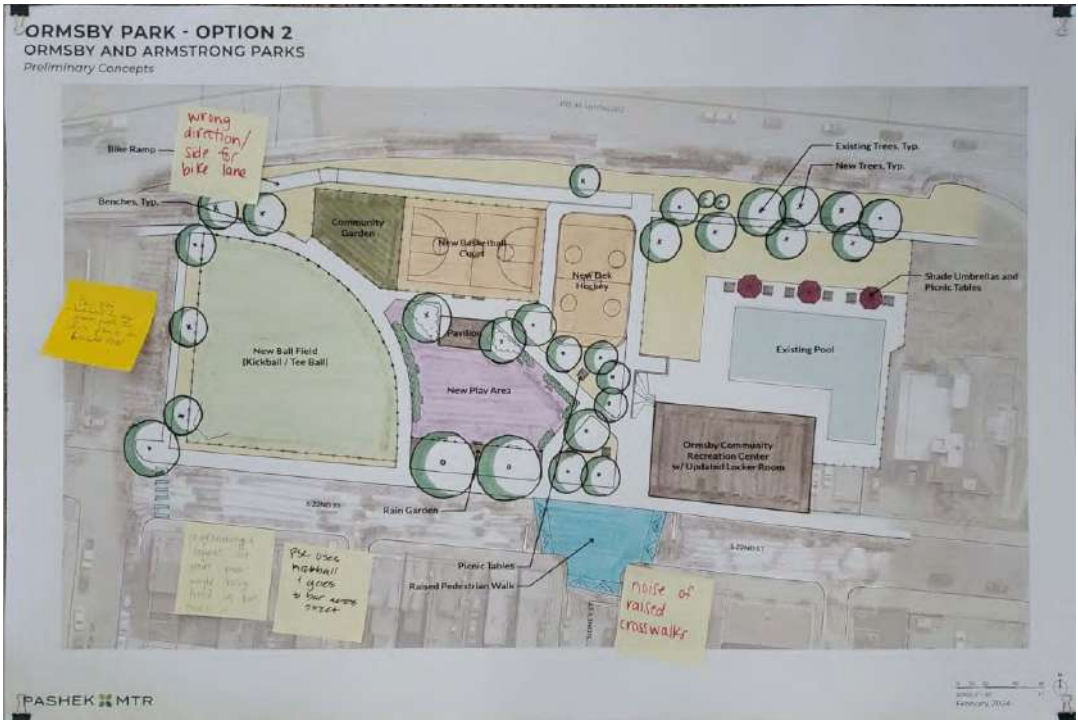
for other sports (formal or informal like throwing football, frisbee, kicking soccer ball, etc.) for those occasions

- 4. Next Steps
 - Synthesize input from events and online survey.
 - Revise concept plans based on input.
 - Phase 3 of public engagement to review revised recommendations at the Spring Social April 13th.
- 5. Photos and Boards

Neighbor Night
Ormsby Park – Option 1



Ormsby Park - Option 2



Armstrong Park



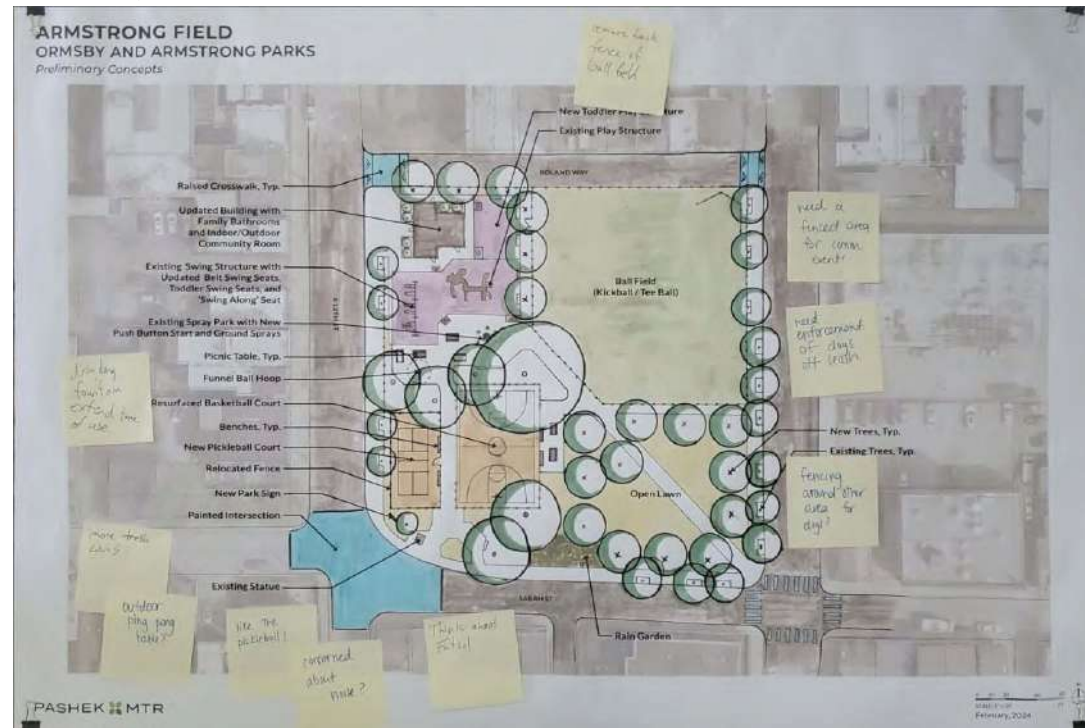
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Ormsby Park - Option 1



Ormsby Park - Option 2



Armstrong Park



March 5th Open House - South Side Market House Location
Ormsby Park – Option 1



Ormsby Park – Option 2

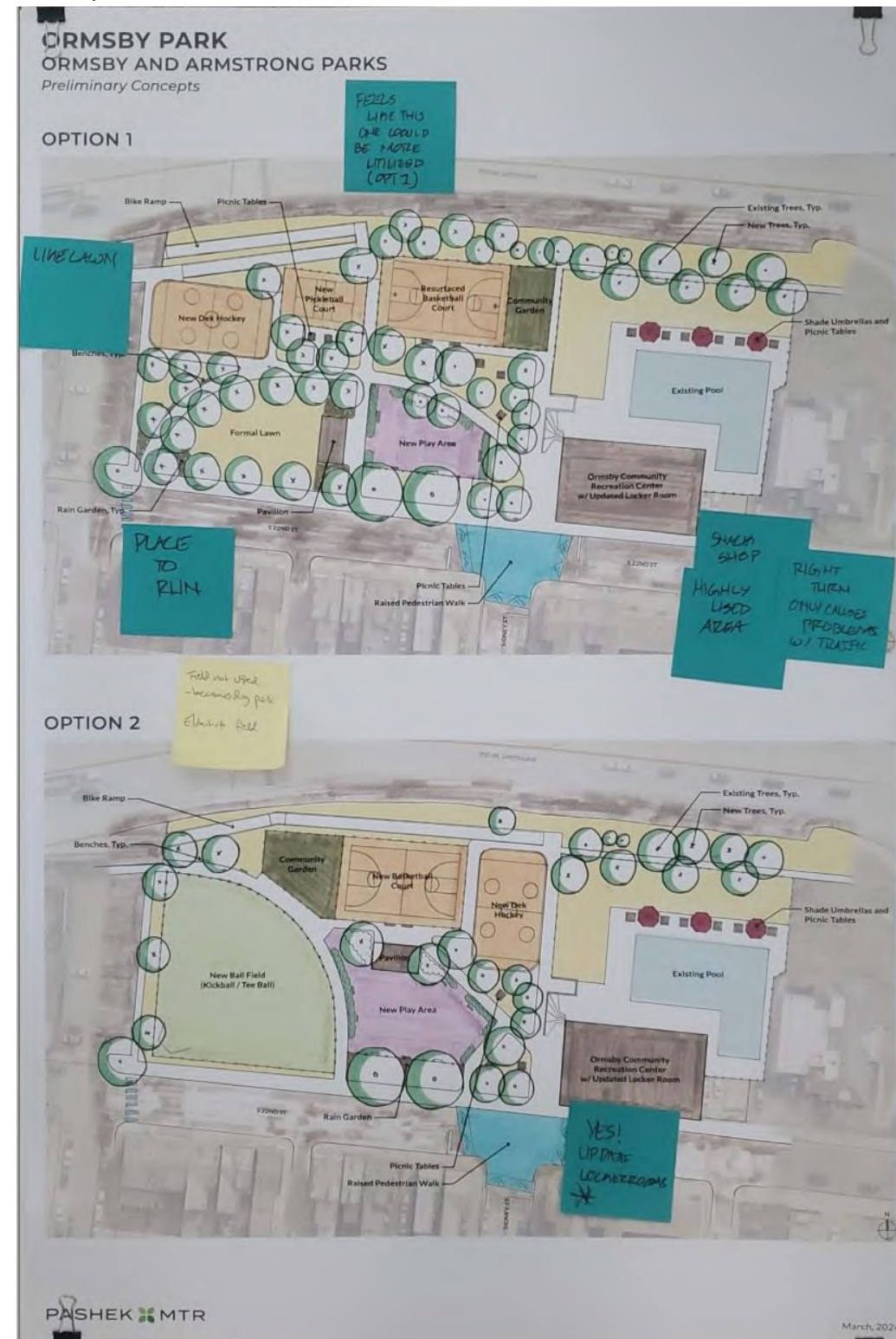


Armstrong Park



March 5th Open House - Armstrong Location

Ormsby Park



Armstrong Park



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Ormsby and Armstrong Parks

April 19, 2024 at 10:00am via Teams

Attendees:
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Sara Thompson, Pashek+MTR
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Committee
Alicia Carberry
Joyce Pagan
Claire Pro
Kathleen Petrillo

Committee Meeting - Meeting Minutes

Discussion Items

- 1. Introduction and Engagement Summary
 - Reviewed the April 13th and Neighbor Night public engagement events summary.

- 2. Armstrong Park
 - Comments:
 - Should the pathway at Sarah and 13th be kept?
 - Committee member A: like the aesthetics of the path.
 - Committee member B: Removing the path doesn't remove entering the park just aesthetics, but removing the field could remove programming.
 - Consultant team noted that likely would close opening if not a path, since otherwise would become dirt path by default
 - Committee member A: Could make the opening/entrance in the park along Sara Street instead. If remove path, consider way to make the stroll along the sidewalk more enjoyable and still feel like a "park experience"
 - Committee member B: Potential loss of dog walk path loop is not major since it's only one block anyway
 - Committee member B: If adding fitness stations, should be added to Armstrong and not Ormsby given Ormsby is more focused on children as the users
 - Priorities:
 - Playground, courts, spray feature surfacing, removing some of fencing between field and playground.
 - Add stop sign at Sarah and 13th.
 - Bathrooms

3. Ormsby Park

Comments:

- What can be fixed in the interim (lighting, drinking fountain, bathrooms)?
 - Water fountain is a priority for both drinking water and water access for the garden. Access to water for the garden is a priority.
- There are barriers to the park. Permanent safety goals are needed for 22nd street. People run through stop signs continuously.
 - There are barriers/problems with getting things done with DOMI.
 - Response: We will relay frustrations with DOMI.
- City staff needs to be better at upkeeping amenities like bathrooms, trash, programming, safety measures, etc.
 - Can update park, but if it won't be upkept then it doesn't matter.
 - Response: DPW is understaffed and starting to hire more staff, so we'll hopefully see a turn in maintenance. If upgrades are made and it reactivates the space the more it will be taken care of / be a priority.
- Move the bikes from S 22nd street to Wharton Street, opens up parking spaces for food trucks, etc.
- Private businesses can open places across the street if there is parking available for them.
- Fence along 22nd street by field?
 - Committee member B: Yes, pro fence.
 - Committee member A: Against fence, to keep it open so can enter anywhere. But not opposed to low decorative fence or pipe rail. Anything that is not obtrusive.
 - Committee member B: Small barrier would be ideal to slow kids down.
- Moving pavilion to allow pedestrian travel path between open lawn space and playground.
- Ramp
 - Engagement comments about switching the bike ramp to stairs and a runnel instead.
 - Committee member B: ramp is important to keep bike and pedestrians away from Birmingham Bridge
 - Note: bike ramp is one way due to the side of the bike bath it is on.
 - Note: It is being acknowledged on the plan, shown to accommodate it in the future design but ramp would be completed as a separate project from the park.

4. Next Steps

- Update design per comments.

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Ormsby Park and Armstrong Park

Public Engagement Events:
Ormsby Park and Armstrong Park on April 13, 2024 from 2:00pm-4:00pm

Spring Social on April 13, 2024 from 5:00pm-7:00pm at Velum Fermentation

Neighbor Night on April 16, 2024 from 6:00pm-9:00pm at South Side Market House

Public Engagement Summary

The design team gave a brief overview of the comments received from the first two rounds of engagement and presented the revised concept plans of both Ormsby and Armstrong Park based on that feedback. The changes in designs from the previous concept iteration are outlined below.

Armstrong Conceptual Plans

- Updates of Note:
- Increased connection to Esser Plaza through an expanded raised crosswalk and removing fencing.
 - Include a half basketball court due to demand and variety of age groups.
 - Expanded field area.
 - Low fencing around field.

ARMSTRONG FIELD
ORMSBY AND ARMSTRONG PARKS
Concept Plan



Ormsby Conceptual Plan:

- Updates of Note:
- Option #1 preferred option.
 - Expanded field area.
 - Expanded play area.



ORMSBY PARK
ORMSBY AND ARMSTRONG PARKS
Birds Eye Perspective



Feedback Summary:

The team went to 4 locations to receive feedback on the concepts. The participants were asked their thoughts regarding Ormsby Park and Armstrong Park Concept Designs. Their answers were written on a post-it note and stuck to the boards. The comments are below.

1. Ormsby Park

- April 13th Events
 - General Comments
 - Like overall x5.
 - Library needs to be involved. Ormsby is a campus.
 - Ormsby is important. Park should be upgraded.
 - Check on mine subsidence issue under Ormsby pool.
 - Prioritization Comments
 - Prioritize open field and pavilion.
 - Pickleball is a priority.
 - Priority to move dek hockey to get playground expansion and lawn and pavilion.
 - Dot Voting Exercise [not done with everyone]:
 - New Pickleball Court (x2)
 - Pavilion and/or Playground area and/or combination (x4)
 - Pool picnic tables and shade structures (x1)
 - Paths, Connections, and Safety Comments
 - Safety of kids running on lawn near 22nd street.
 - Like fence near playground. Little kid's safety first and universal design for kids.
 - Car barrier needed at 22nd.
 - Like raised intersection for safety.
 - Car barrier.
 - Field and Formal Lawn Comments
 - Kickball 4 times a year.
 - Like removal of fence on 22nd street and easy access to lawn.
 - Like ballfield going away, no one uses it that much.
 - Cricket, football, kickball, and rugby playing now at field. And sun bathing on the lawn.
 - Some children use Ormsby field for tee ball [or similar ball games] and related sports.
 - Court Comments
 - Basketball gets lots of use.
 - Love pickleball, would like more.
 - Art design on basketball court (can see from bridge).
 - Courts by bridge is great.
 - Basketball pick-up more often in Ormsby.
 - People play in Ormsby as long as lights are on. Extend light hours.

- Dek Hockey Comments
 - Like moving dek hockey to open up the park.
 - Update dek hockey (nets, wall cushions, etc.).
 - Good to open visual sight lines by moving dek hockey.
- Play Area Comments
 - Like pavilion, playground, and open lawn combo x4.
 - Slide updates. See-saw. Animal parts puzzles. Chalk space. Steppingstones. Better Tables.
 - Need shade on playground.
 - Turn the pavilion to open playground to lawn space.
- Ramp Comments
 - Bike runnel on staircase? (an idea staff mentioned in conversation with community member)
 - Would love the trail connection.
 - Do protected bike path down to path with tree buffer on interior side (instead of ramp?)
 - Needs to be safe.
 - Raised intersection! Yes! Safety! Fill gap in car barrier.
- Picnicking Comments
 - Like picnicking areas.
 - Like picnic areas being outside slide area. Like shade for sunny days.
- Food Comments
 - Bring food trucks and beer trucks. Activities of field bring traffic to local businesses (e.g. Ruggers Pub etc).
 - Food truck space.
 - Activate with food trucks, vendors, etc.
- Dog Comments
 - Dog waste station.
 - Dog walking.
- Pool area:
 - Like the tables to make more efficient use of space. [Pool lawn] fills quickly in the summer [with people laying out on grass]
- Vegetation Comments
 - Love trees (noise and sight barrier).
 - Buffer pool (with vegetation).
 - Buffer of trees by pool.
- Amenity Comments
 - Water fountains (people and dogs).
 - Drinking fountain.
 - Adult fitness stations.
 - Lighting.
 - Sign or something (along Birmingham Bridge) to advertise park.
 - Water fountain has been off for 16 years.

- Neighbor Night Event
 - General Comments
 - Like overall.
 - Involve master gardeners in design later.
 - Late night lighting.
 - Add BBQ pit. Commercial scale for public park.
 - Prioritization Comments
 - Playground is priority.
 - Ramp Comments
 - Stairs from Birmingham Bridge not well lit.
 - Value of bike ramp – what would connect to in uptown? [discussed future BRT cycle track in Uptown, but also bike ramp would lead to one-way bike lane coming from Uptown, not going towards Uptown]
 - Food Comments
 - Snack bar by pool (staff capacity exists there at pool to sell snacks; Citi Parks reduced autonomy of rec center director to purchase snacks for sale).
 - Amenities Comments
 - Bike repair station.
 - Benches location.
 - Parking, Roadway, and Connections Comments
 - Manage neighbor way use through current parking lot – dual use.
 - Plans for parking? Use of largely empty parking lot.
 - Speed bumps/humps and traffic calming. No one stops on 22nd.
 - Concrete barriers on 22nd and Sydney Street.
 - Do curb bump-out to slow traffic at 22nd & Sydney intersection? Could combine with drop off zone.
 - Speed bumps. Cars fly turning off of bridge at Carson, en route to Wharton St and then Giant Eagle nearby.
 - More wayfinding signage to GAP trail.
 - Add wayfinding signage near East Carson to go by bike on neighbor way under bridge.
 - Field Comments
 - Remove trees from field [concerned with reduction in youth sports play space of field]
 - Lines for soccer in field? Pick-up soccer.
 - No fence in order to make 22nd field as inviting as possible.
 - Maybe put in fence along Ormsby field since kids' balls go into street.
 - Court Comments
 - Early AM/late night use of dek hockey – need lights late hours [group of employees who finish their dish-washing jobs afterwards go and play soccer there]

- Love pickleball court. Needs windscreens. GAMMA local pickleball company. Provides branded nets and wind screens at no charge.
 - Paint exterior of dek hockey walls. A way to advertise it as dek hockey for awareness.
 - Like pickleball.
- Pool Comments
 - Pool renovation?? Put up sign with rules for pool and affix to brick/wall.
 - Like visual buffer from bridge to pool.
 - Do swimming lessons at pool.
- Bathroom Comments
 - Bathrooms: filthy, dark, not in good condition x2.
 - Bathrooms need work.
- Play Area
 - Unicorn themed playground and intersection mural and park. Shows welcoming energy of Southside. Unique draw. (Example of dinosaur themed park that draws people from other neighborhoods who might not otherwise come.)
 - Pavilion rental? [debate about how to manage: as permitted or not]
 - Pull pavilion to one side so kids can run through [from playground to lawn space] without going through pavilion (for situations where pavilion is being used by other group/entity) x2.

2. Armstrong Park

- April 13th Events
 - General Comments
 - Like overall x2
 - Hours of operation and lighting?
 - Place for snacks and drinks?
 - Toddler structure needed.
 - Open the bathrooms.
 - Seniors pickleball [at Market House, also have option to play] outdoors?
 - Prioritization Comments
 - Prioritize Armstrong updates.
 - Courts a priority.
 - Needs revitalization.
 - Spray park surfacing first – it's very slippery.
 - Dot Voting Exercise (not done with everyone):
 - Updated Bathrooms (x1)
 - Pathways and Connections Comments
 - Like walking paths.
 - Like the opening in the fence on Roland way. Come from this way often.
 - Like the crosswalk on Roland
 - Like the walkway with trees x2
 - Sarah and 13th Street Comments
 - Really like path at Sarah and 13th street

- Like Sarah and 13th access to get to playground
- Like the Sarah and 13th entrance. People cut through Park to businesses at S 12th St & E Carson St. Good pedestrian desire line.
- Like the pathway and improved access at Sarah and 13th.
- Basketball Comments
 - Repave basketball court.
 - Basketball is used a ton. Love the half court.
- Fields Comments
 - Field is better here (over Ormsby)
 - Dog poop a big problem.
 - Kids can't play in field because of dog poop.
 - Field needs to be organic space, not dog park.
- Neighbor Night Event
 - General Comments
 - Formal name change? to 12th street? [discussion: Many people don't know it by its name of Armstrong, and/or it's listed as "Armstrong Park"]
 - Like overall.
 - Bathroom management plan. Talk to South Side Clean Team [services are paid via South Side Parking Enhancement District revenues].
 - Field Comments
 - Concern: reduction of fields' sizes, planting trees in fields, impacts how much youth sports can occur there
 - Dogs off leash on field is issue, especially for kids.
 - Lighting of field. E.g. for soccer.
 - Court Comments
 - Like half basketball court.
 - Half basketball court good for younger players since adult players use full court.
 - Spray Park Comments
 - Spray park should be on timer, just functional for hours when kids use it.
 - Love small spray features popping up from ground.

3. Next Steps

- Synthesize input from events and online survey.
- Revise concept plans based on input.

4. Photos and Boards

April 13th Ormsby Park Board



April 13th Armstrong Park Board



Neighbor Night Ormsby Boards



Neighbor Night Armstrong Park Board



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COMMUNITY FEEDBACK FROM OTHER EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Summary of Project Feedback at the South Side Planning Forums between September 2023 and Fall 2024:

- The parks are a huge part of the community and there is a desire to see spaces that are usable and for the plans to not be too lofty
- Concern regarding lack of ADA access to the Ormsby Park Rec Center bathroom in the basement, and the difficulty for parents with strollers to use the bathroom.
- Discussion of Ormsby Rec center being temporarily closed multiple months due to boiler needing replacement (staff and programming temporarily moved to Arlington Rec Center).
- Concerns regarding use of Armstrong’s field as a dog park and recognition that the space is too small to fit City dog park requirements
- Discussion of safety improvements needed near Ormsby Park along S 22nd St and nearby, including Carson Street

Summary of Project Feedback at the South Side Community Council Spring General Meeting (March 14, 2024):

- Important to have the connection from Esser Plaza to the northwest corner of Armstrong Park, and to keep in mind the new design for Esser Plaza that is being implemented soon with construction
- Clarifying what official sports (e.g. adult softball/baseball) could be played at Armstrong ballfield in light of its dimensions
- Additional clarification about the DPW policy related to the designation of dog parks and why having a dog park at Armstrong does not fit with the policy; acknowledgment that acreage of the field is too small to fit policy
- Recognition that there is not implementation funding budgeted yet for the projects; encouragement from South Side Community Council for residents to press their City Council and Mayor on funding the improvements

Summary of Project Feedback from Birmingham Foundation (September 2023):

- Suggested improvements to water feature at Armstrong Park
- Suggested play areas/equipment for multiple ages, that have intuitive clarity of which age group belongs where, without large barriers, and emphasis on amenities for very young children/toddlers and early walkers. Accommodate families that have kids of various ages.
- Important to explore programming opportunities

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE STATISTICS

Ormsby:

Under the Community Development Block Grant-eligible census tracts map (ACS 2016-2020 data), Ormsby Park falls in a CDBG-eligible Census Tract (tract is 51.1% Low to Moderate Income, or LMI). At the smaller block group geographic level, Ormsby Park's Census Tract (CT) Block Group is 72.5% LMI. Ormsby Park falls within a Census Tract Block Group that is a Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Environmental Justice Screen Area, with a score of 81, due especially to a Pollution Burden Score of 100. There is Section 8 housing at the Carson Square Apartments within a half block of Ormsby Park, and the Housing Authority of City of Pittsburgh (HACP) has Morse Gardens senior housing within ~6 blocks of Ormsby Park. Engagement with park users showed some came from South Hilltop neighborhoods (which are nearly all CDBG-eligible).

Armstrong:

Under the Community Development Block Grant-eligible census tracts map (ACS 2016-2020 data), Armstrong Park falls in a CDBG-eligible Census Tract (Armstrong Field's tract is 65.6% is Low to Moderate Income, or LMI); and at the smaller block group geographic level, Armstrong Census Tract Block Group is 51.3% LMI. Engagement with park users showed some came from South Hilltop neighborhoods (which are nearly all CDBG-eligible).

CITY OF PITTSBURGH OFF-LEASH DOG PARK SITE SELECTION CRITERIA:

- The land must be 1.5 - 2 acres in size, well-drained, with a maximum slope of 5%.
- It should avoid interference with other established uses or sponsored activities.
- The location must have high visibility; ideal locations would be adjacent to roadways, visible from other uses such as roads, parks, public buildings, or trail corridors.
- An ideal distance between the OLEA (Off-leash exercise area) and adjacent residences and businesses is two hundred (200) feet. However, changes in topography or landscape can reduce the need for spatial separation.
- Sites should have near-by parking to accommodate both residential use and dog park visitors and minimal impact on the visual character of a park while avoiding spillover into non-dog areas.
- These areas should also avoid sensitive environmental habitats; including hillsides, riparian areas, high-valued habitats, or protected watersheds.
- Normal public process, including public meetings, design review, and planning meeting processes should be adhered to in developing and finalizing design.

ENGAGE PAGE DETAILED DATA:

1848	VIEWS
1625	VISITS
1042	VISITORS
147	CONTRIBUTIONS
135	CONTRIBUTORS
42	FOLLOWERS

Data from September 2023 to September 2024

GLOSSARY OF TERMS:

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Views refers to the total number of times a visitor on your sites views any page on your site or project. Page views are recorded each time a page is visited, regardless if the user has previously visited that page.

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Visits refers to the number of individual 'browsing sessions' a user, or Visitor, has on your site. A new session starts when a user enters your site, and remains continues as long as the user remains active (e.g. browsing different pages, downloading documents, completing surveys, etc.). If a Visit becomes inactive for 30 minutes or more, the session automatically ends and the Visit is deemed to be finished.

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The number of Visitors who have 'subscribed' to a project by selecting the 'Follow' button on the project website.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SURVEYS

Round 1 Favorite Memories Survey - Text Responses

Share your favorite memories at Armstrong or Ormsby Parks

1. Learning to climb!

Armstrong Park was my son's first park. We took him there to swing long before he could walk. We're so lucky to have such a great little playground and other park amenities in our neighborhood. Armstrong and Ormsby Parks are one of the many reasons we love living in the South Side and raising our son here.

Views: 17
Up Votes: 0
Down Votes: 0
Total Votes: 0

2. Great place for Parties

These parks really shine when there are events. I've loved the movie nights at Ormsby and the community park events at Armstrong.
Armstrong playground is the closest playground to my house, so we go there a lot with a 7 year old. We love the big trees at both playgrounds that provide shade on the hottest days. We also pick up trash a lot there, and we are frustrated with the lack of improvements (closed bathrooms, constantly on water feature.)
Since my daughter is petrified of dogs, it would be great to see a solution that allows both dogs and kids to utilize the big green space at Armstrong.

Views: 24
Up Votes: 1
Down Votes: 0
Total Votes: 1

3. Dennis and Polly @ Ormsby

The park was always clean, always busy, and always safe. Those 2 employees along with Ron (volunteer) and Michelle (volunteer) kept that place perfect. If they weren't umpiring a softball game or refereeing a basketball game, they were outside somewhere checking on us kids. You never know what you have until it's gone. And I miss those 90's days as a 9 year old kid. Always had a reason, a positive reason, to be at that playground Monday thru Friday at 3pm and stay until 8pm. Even on Saturdays, they'd rotate who gave out the lunches.

Views: 30
Up Votes: 7
Down Votes: 0
Total Votes: 7

Use Survey Round 1

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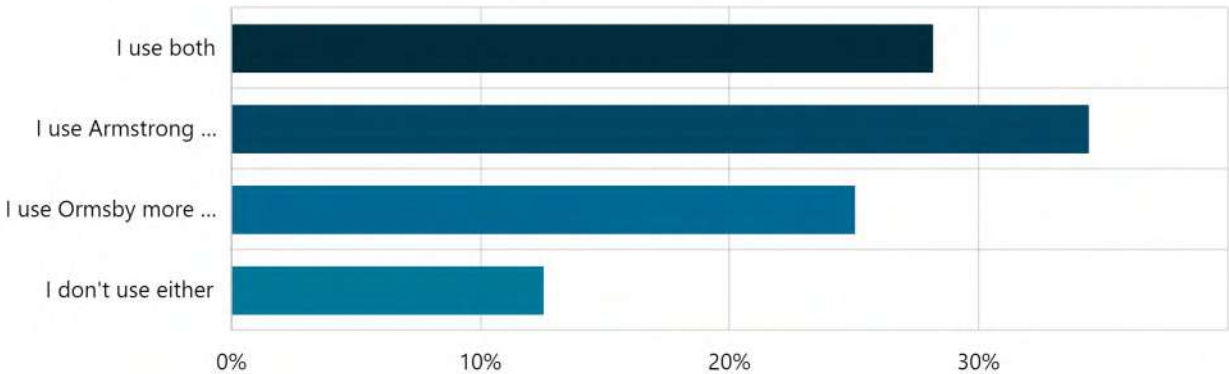
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[Armstrong & Ormsby Park Planning](#)

64 Contributors | 64 Contributions

Contribution Summary

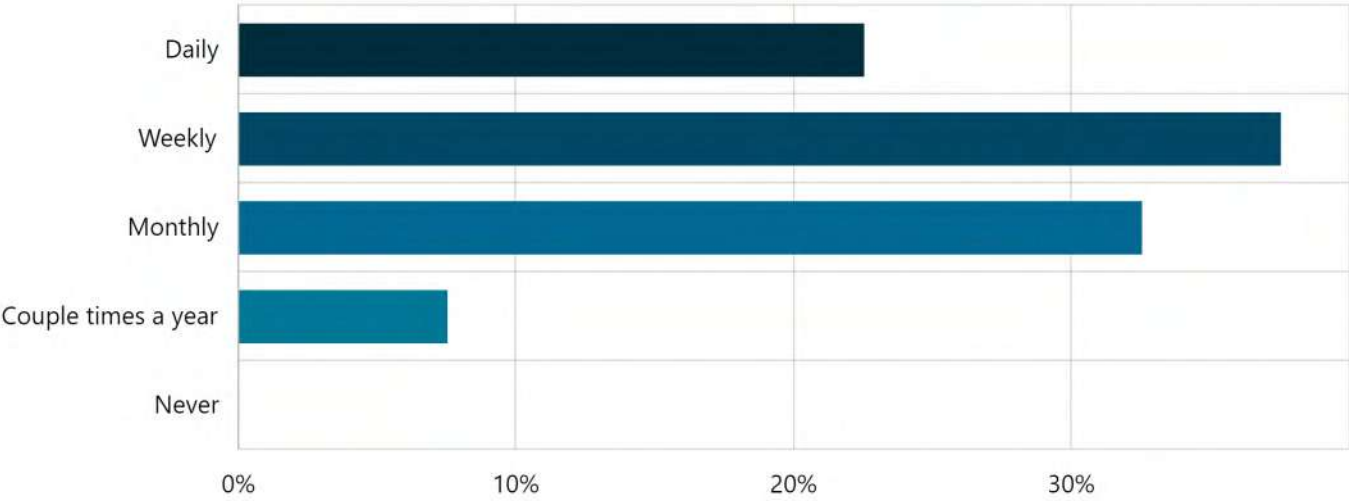
1. Do you use one park more than the other? Required
Multi Choice | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 64 (100%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
I use both	28.13%	18
I use Armstrong more frequently	34.38%	22
I use Ormsby more frequently	25.00%	16
I don't use either	12.50%	8
Total	100.00%	64

2. How often do you visit Armstrong Park?

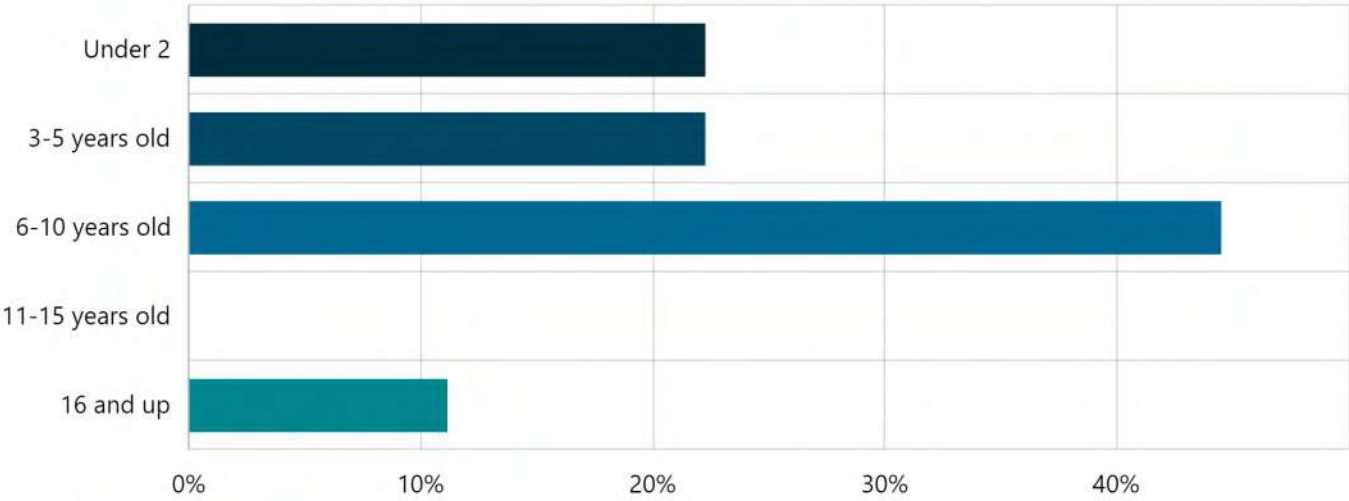
Multi Choice | Skipped: 24 | Answered: 40 (62.5%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Daily	22.50%	9
Weekly	37.50%	15
Monthly	32.50%	13
Couple times a year	7.50%	3
Never	0%	0
Total	100.00%	40

3. If you take children to the park, what is their age range?

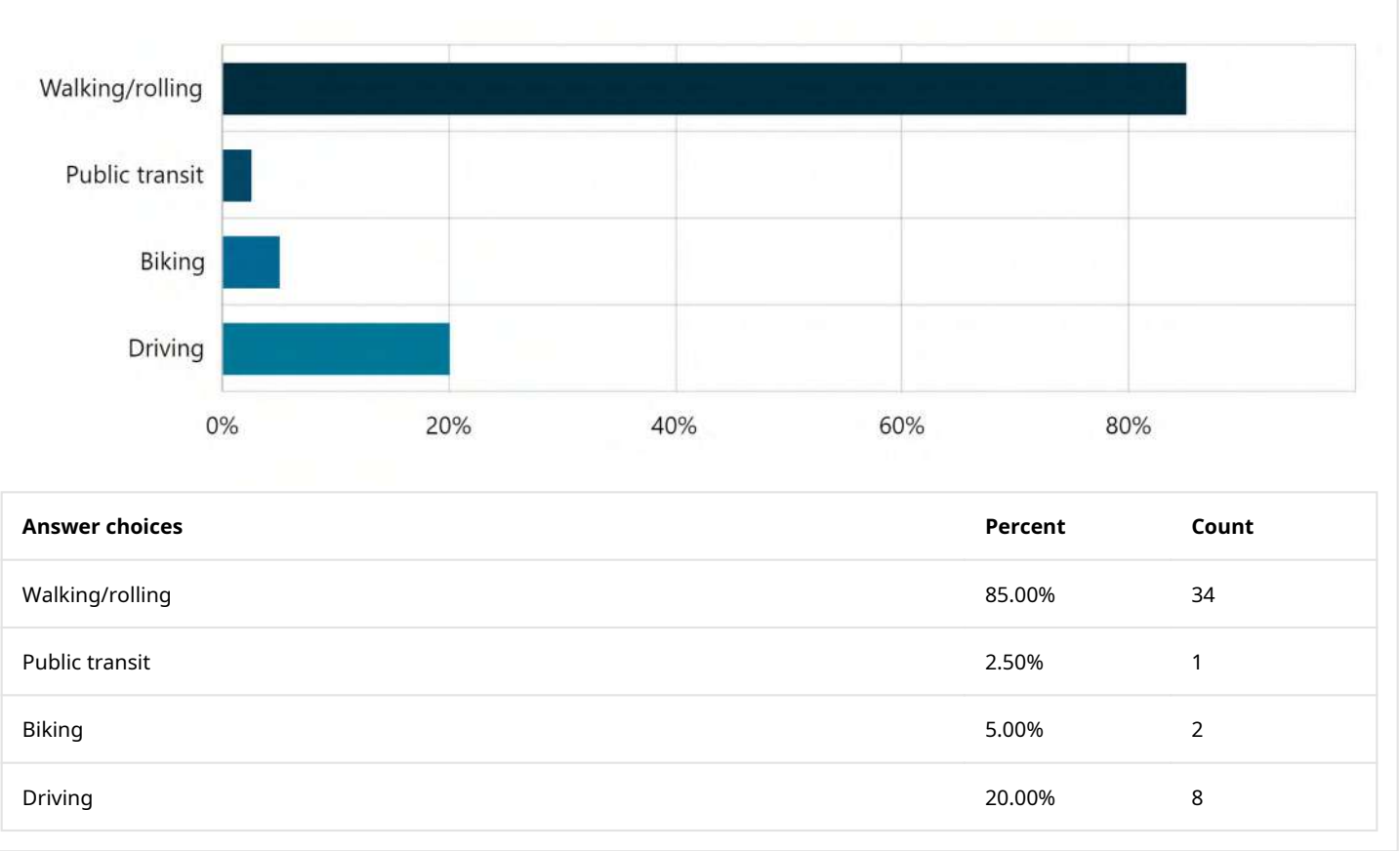
Multi Choice | Skipped: 46 | Answered: 18 (28.1%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Under 2	22.22%	4
3-5 years old	22.22%	4
6-10 years old	44.44%	8
11-15 years old	0%	0
16 and up	11.11%	2
Total	100.00%	18

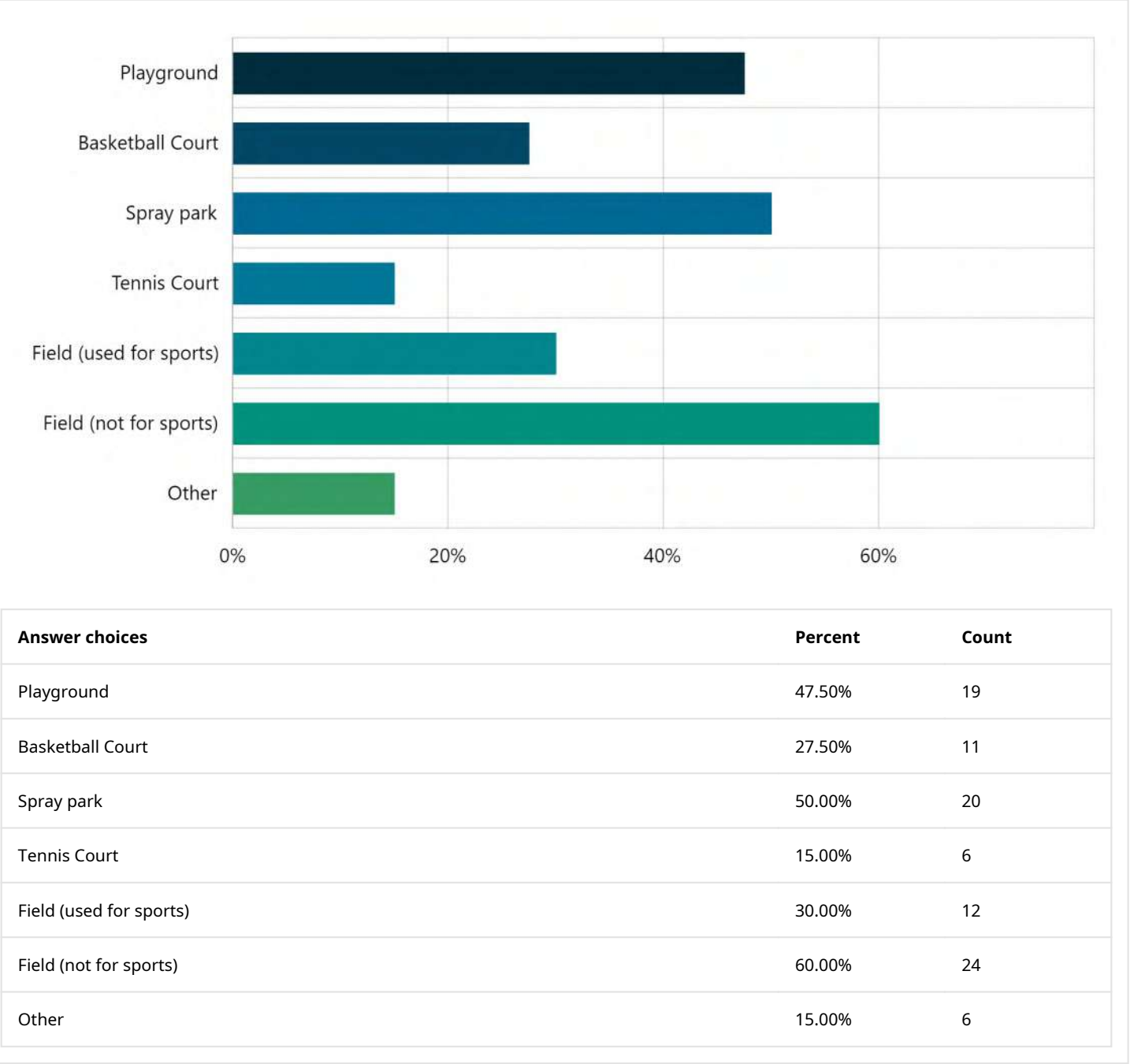
4. How do you get to Armstrong?

Multi Choice | Skipped: 24 | Answered: 40 (62.5%)



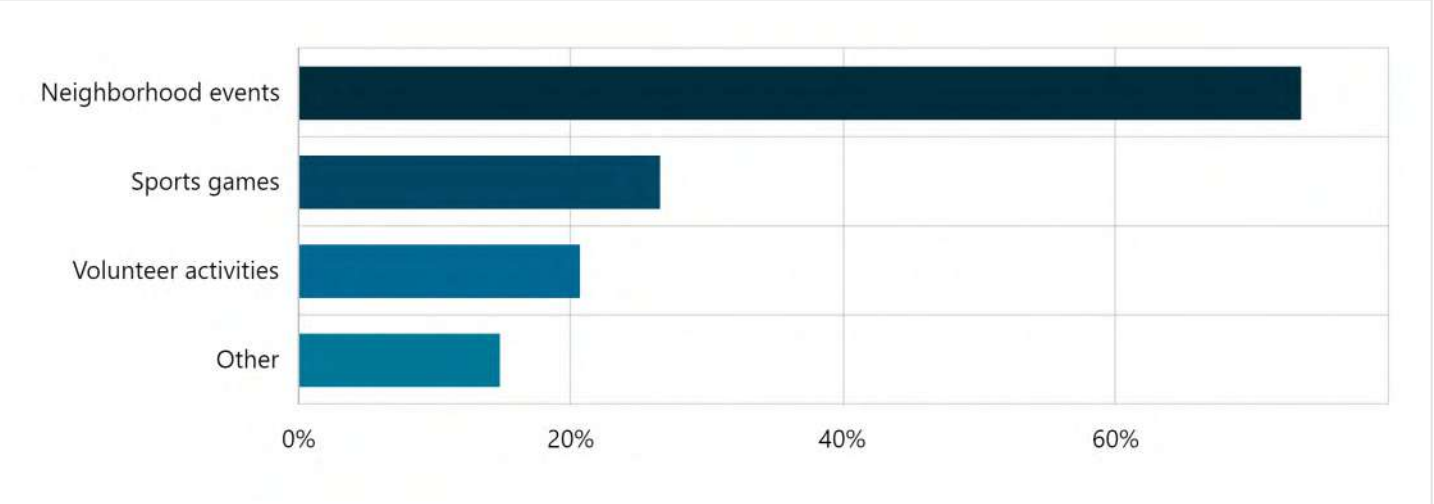
5. What amenities/facilities do you use at Armstrong Park?

Multi Choice | Skipped: 24 | Answered: 40 (62.5%)



6. What events do you attend at Armstrong Park?

Multi Choice | Skipped: 30 | Answered: 34 (53.1%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Neighborhood events	73.53%	25
Sports games	26.47%	9
Volunteer activities	20.59%	7
Other	14.71%	5

7. What facilities would you like to see at Armstrong Park that are not there now?

Long Text | Skipped: 33 | Answered: 31 (48.4%)



Tag	Percent	Count
Dog Park (Pro)	45%	14
Pickleball	23%	7
Restrooms	10%	3
Futsal Field	10%	3
Tennis Court	10%	3
Lighting	6%	2
Spray Park Upgrade/Maintenance	6%	2
Playground	6%	2
Public Safety Concerns	3%	1
Sand Volleyball	3%	1
Unicorn	3%	1
Seating	3%	1
Bocce	3%	1
Dog Park (Anti)	3%	1

Featured Contributions

No featured contributions

8. Which facilities need the most improvement at Armstrong Park?

Long Text | Skipped: 37 | Answered: 27 (42.2%)

Sentiment

No sentiment data

Tags



Tag	Percent	Count
Bathrooms	33%	9
Field	30%	8
Court	15%	4
Tennis Court	15%	4
Playground	11%	3
Basketball Court	11%	3
Fences	11%	3
Dog Park (Anti)	7%	2
Spray Park Upgrade/Maintenance	7%	2
General Maintenance	4%	1
Lighting	4%	1
Futsal Field	4%	1
Pickleball	4%	1
Dog Park (Pro)	4%	1
Swings	4%	1

9. Are there facilities that do not seem to be used at Armstrong Park?

Long Text | Skipped: 39 | Answered: 25 (39.1%)

Sentiment

No sentiment data

Tags



Tag	Percent	Count
Horseshoe Pits	32%	8
Baseball Field	28%	7
Tennis Court	28%	7
Playground	8%	2
Spray Park Upgrade/Maintenance	8%	2
Bathrooms	4%	1
Unicorn	4%	1
Building	4%	1
Pickleball	4%	1

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10. Do you have any general comments or concerns?

Long Text | Skipped: 39 | Answered: 25 (39.1%)

Sentiment

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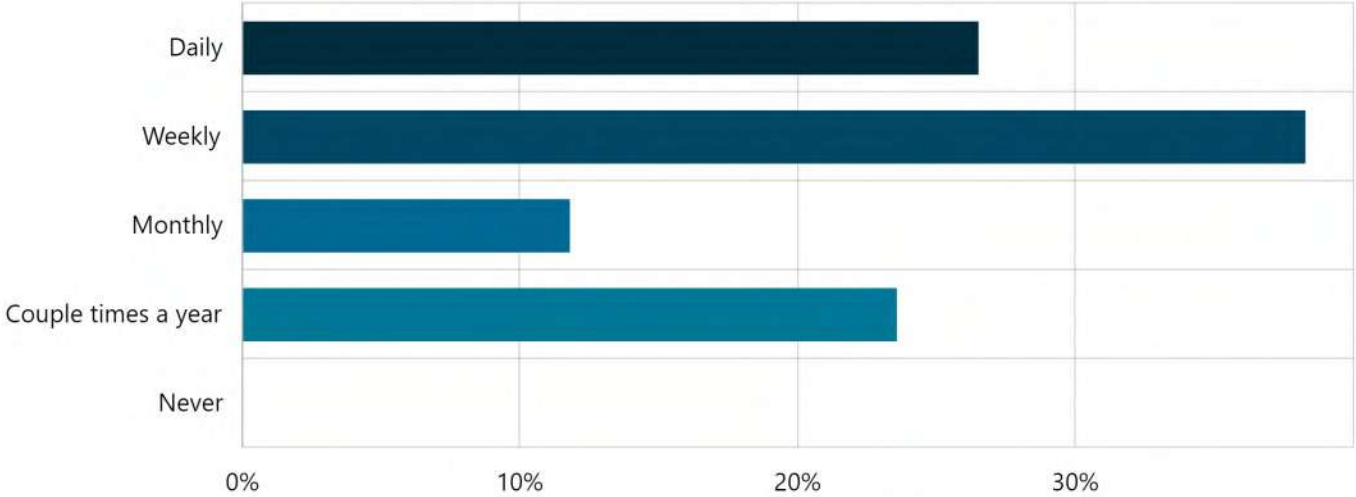
Tag	Percent	Count
Dog Park (Anti)	48%	12
Dog Park (Pro)	20%	5
Public Safety Concerns	8%	2
Lighting	8%	2
Field	4%	1
Unicorn	4%	1
Court	4%	1
Playground	4%	1
Access Issues	4%	1
Seating	4%	1
Pickleball	4%	1

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11. How often do you visit Ormsby Park?

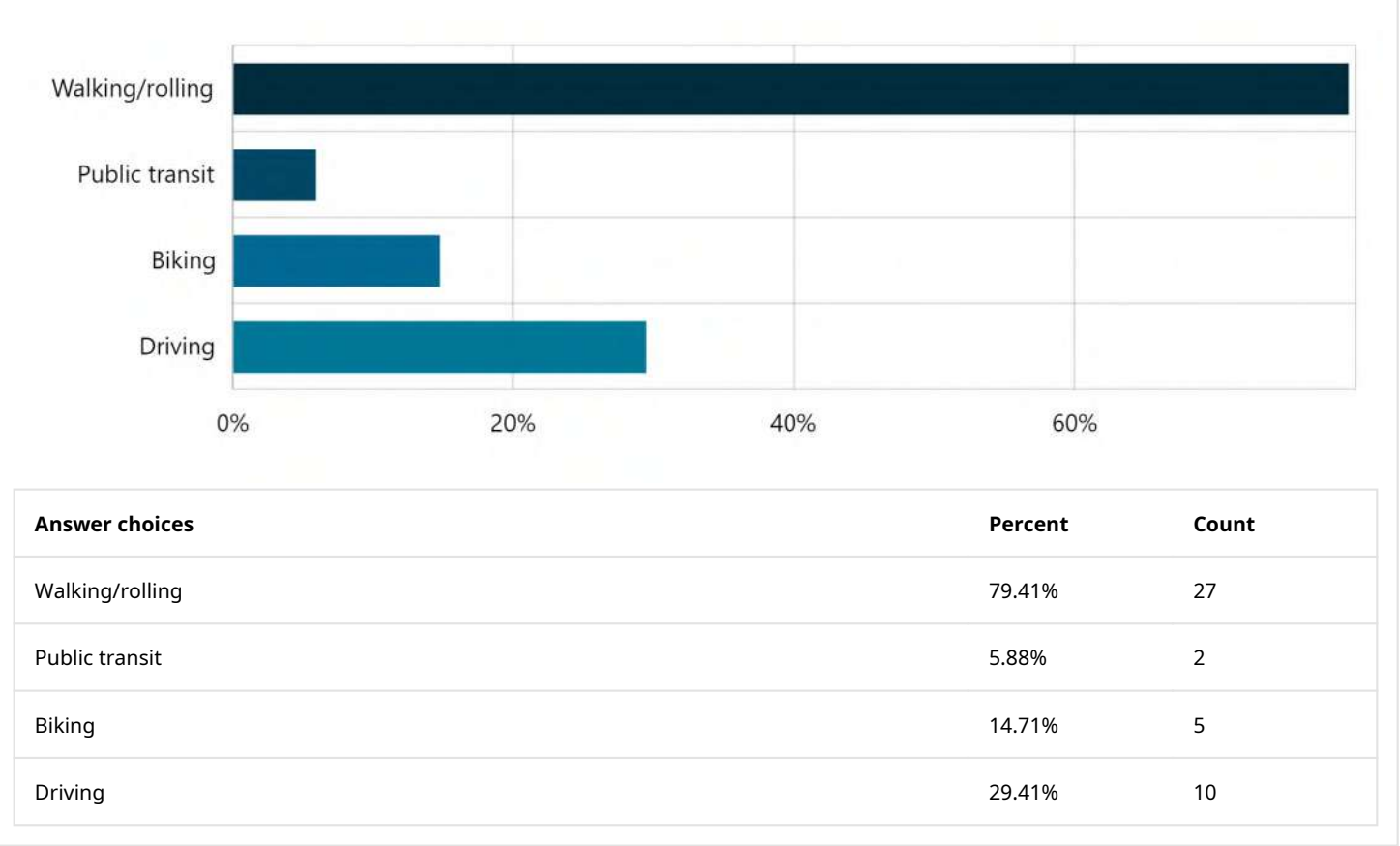
Multi Choice | Skipped: 30 | Answered: 34 (53.1%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Daily	26.47%	9
Weekly	38.24%	13
Monthly	11.76%	4
Couple times a year	23.53%	8
Never	0%	0
Total	100.00%	34

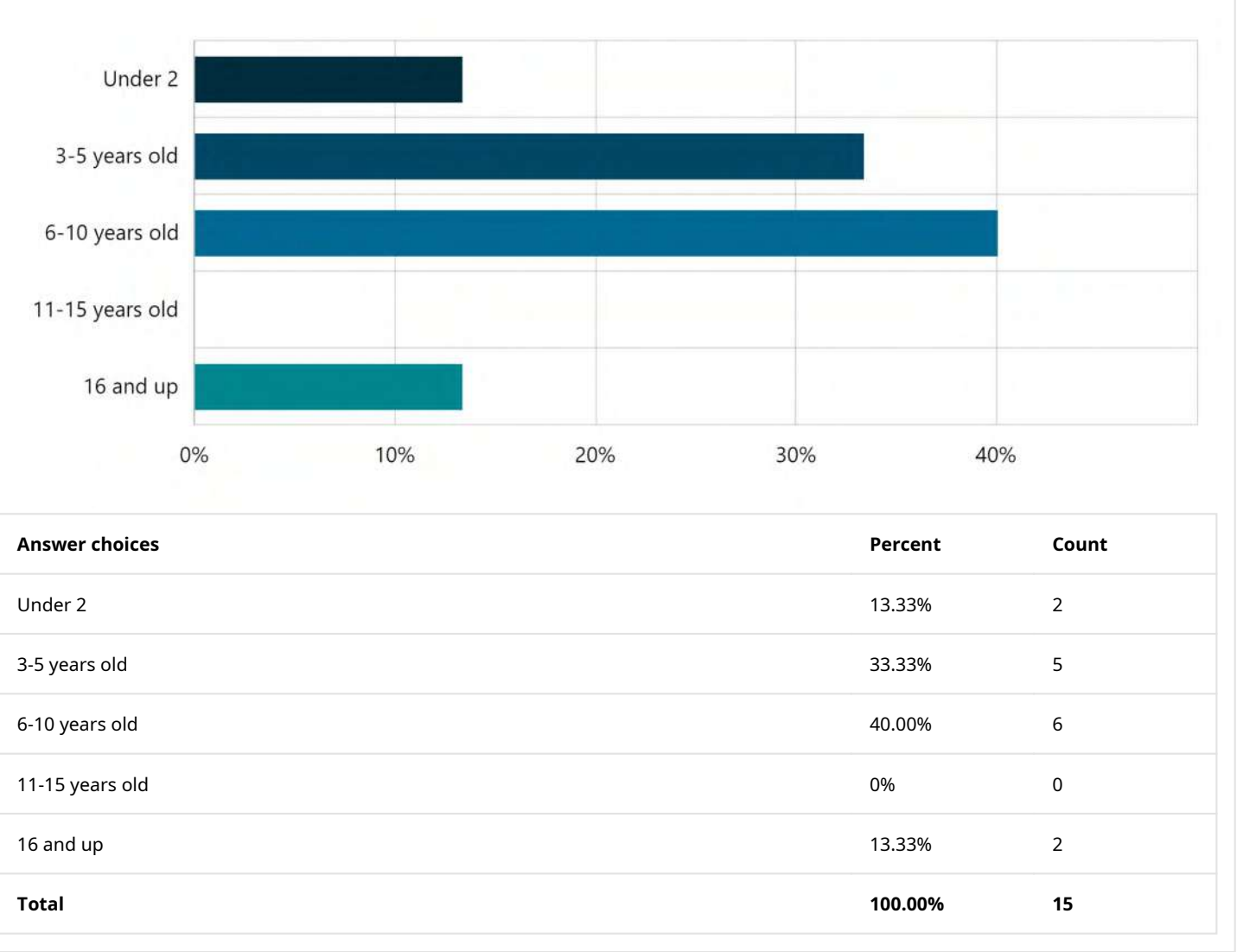
12. How do you get to Ormsby?

Multi Choice | Skipped: 30 | Answered: 34 (53.1%)



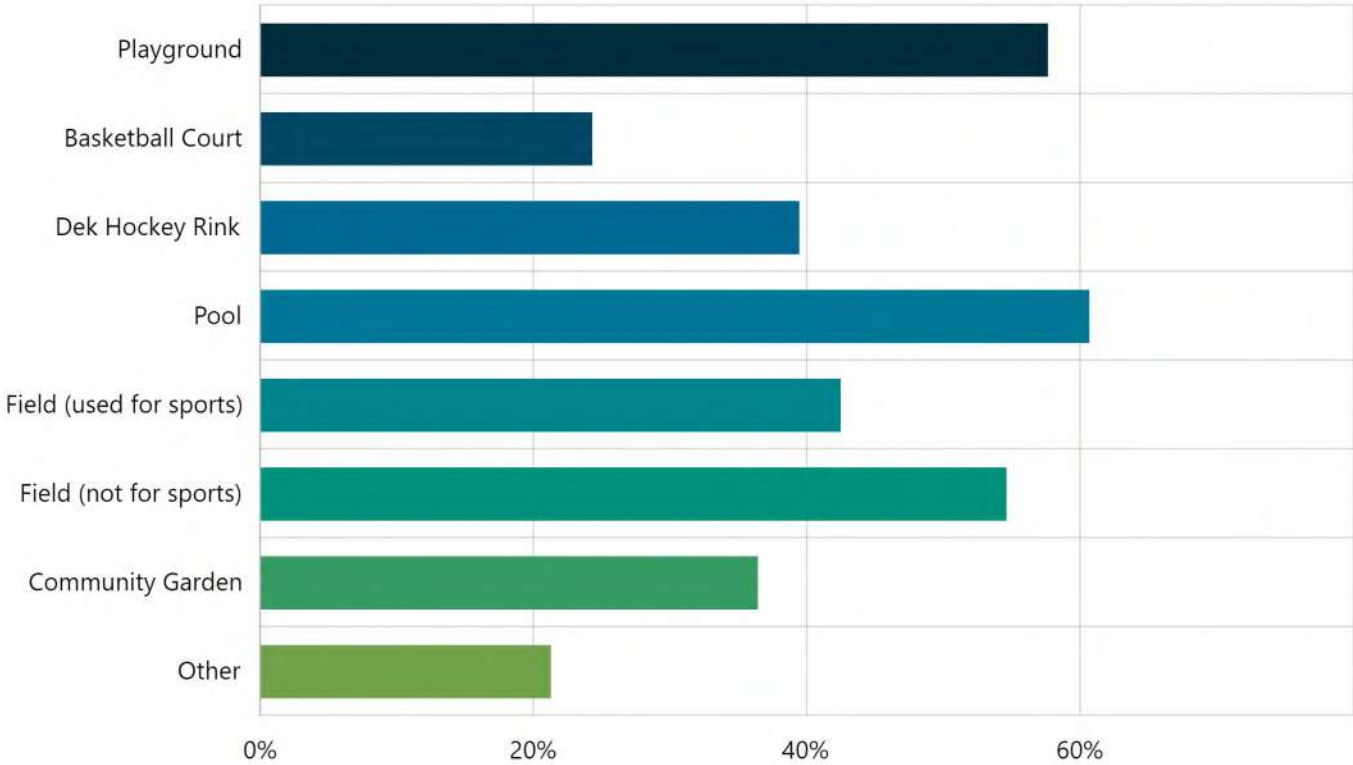
13. If you take children to the park, what is their age range?

Multi Choice | Skipped: 49 | Answered: 15 (23.4%)



14. What amenities/facilities do you use at Ormsby Park?

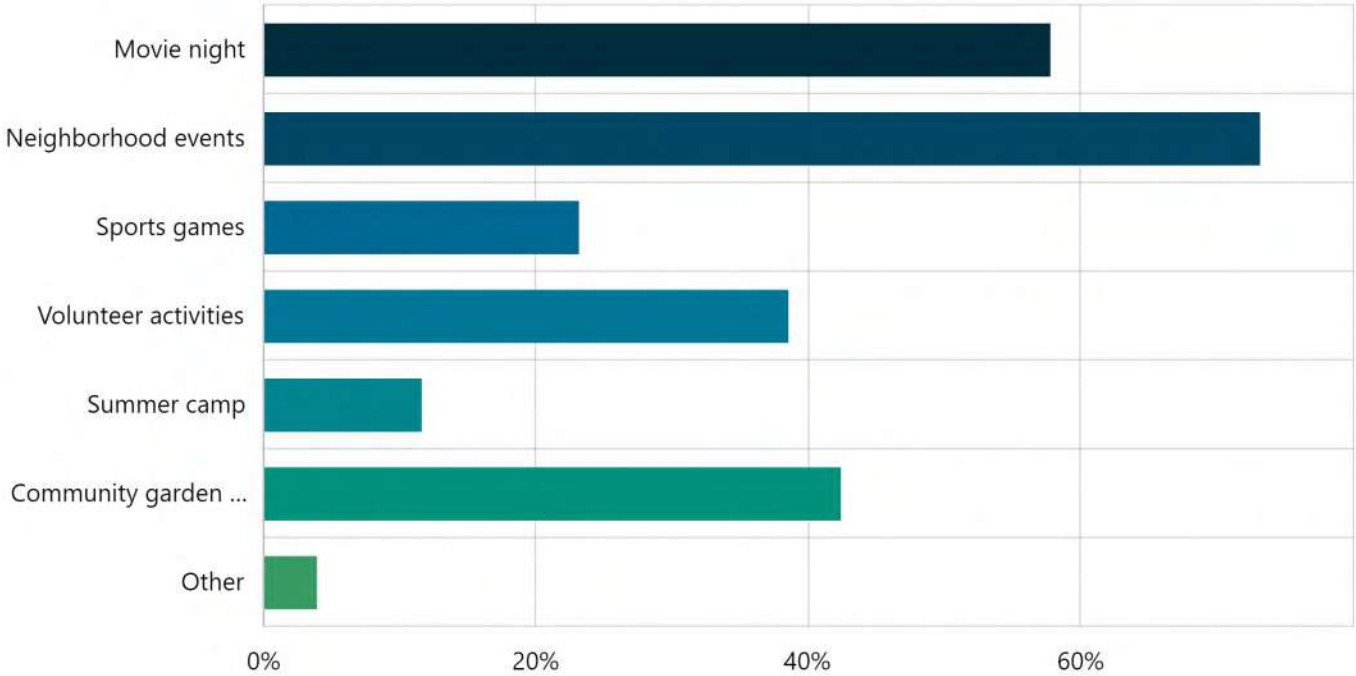
Multi Choice | Skipped: 31 | Answered: 33 (51.6%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Playground	57.58%	19
Basketball Court	24.24%	8
Dek Hockey Rink	39.39%	13
Pool	60.61%	20
Field (used for sports)	42.42%	14
Field (not for sports)	54.55%	18
Community Garden	36.36%	12
Other	21.21%	7

15. What events do you attend at Ormsby Park?

Multi Choice | Skipped: 38 | Answered: 26 (40.6%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Movie night	57.69%	15
Neighborhood events	73.08%	19
Sports games	23.08%	6
Volunteer activities	38.46%	10
Summer camp	11.54%	3
Community garden events	42.31%	11
Other	3.85%	1

16. Which facilities need the most improvement at Ormsby Park?

Long Text | Skipped: 41 | Answered: 23 (35.9%)

Sentiment

No sentiment data

Tags



Tag	Percent	Count
Playground	26%	6
Locker/Changing Rooms	22%	5
Dek Hockey Rink	17%	4
Pool	17%	4
Seating	9%	2
General Maintenance	9%	2
Unicorn	9%	2
Pool Screening/Shading	9%	2
Sight Lines	4%	1
Basketball Court	4%	1
Field	4%	1
Access Issues	4%	1
Lighting	4%	1
Dog Park (Pro)	4%	1

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1. Updated bathrooms / changing rooms, consider putting them at grade not in basement. 2. More seating around playground area and in other areas of park. Create places to sit. 3. More privacy for the pool from bridge traffic. Evergreen trees that were added were a good start. More are needed. 4. Playing field would be better utilized as a green area with trees around it for open play (NO DOGS). 5. A new

drinking fountain.

Contribution 1 of 1 | December 4, 2023

17. What facilities would you like to see at Ormsby Park that are not there now?

Long Text | Skipped: 38 | Answered: 26 (40.6%)

Sentiment

No sentiment data

Tags



Tag	Percent	Count
Pickleball	15%	4
Water Fountain	12%	3
Unicorn	12%	3
Dog Park (Pro)	12%	3
Seating	8%	2
Parking	8%	2
Pavillion/Shelter	8%	2
Field	8%	2
Dek Hockey Rink	8%	2
Bathrooms	4%	1
General Maintenance	4%	1
Pool	4%	1
Lighting	4%	1
Green Space	4%	1
Programming	4%	1
Locker/Changing Rooms	4%	1
Playground	4%	1

Tennis Court	4%	1
Pool Seating	4%	1
Soccer Goals	4%	1
Sand Volleyball	4%	1
Basketball Court	4%	1
Concession Stand	4%	1
Restrooms	4%	1

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1. An "open green" area for play. The ball field is too restricted and underutilized. Large lawn surrounded by trees for play is very desirable by families and neighbors. 2. Better basketball court lighting, more space around it for seating. It's very active and it would be nice to sit and watch sometimes without being on the court. 3. Deck hockey court is underutilized I also wish it could move. It divides the park up visually and makes it unnecessarily hard to watch kids play in multiple areas of the park. 4. Rental able park pavilions for events. maybe one or two in the playing field area. 5. It would be nice to have a place for people to park if arranging a meet up or event. With permit parking it's hard to arrange with limited parking. The City could get ownership/ use of the parking lot back from long term lease to apartment building. 6. permanent or rental lounge furniture in the pool area. Adirondack chairs, maybe some umbrellas. Something other than just two benches and grass to sit on.

Contribution 2 of 2 | December 4, 2023

Ormsby is a well-balanced and harmonious park as it is. It is a great mix of proximate uses, mixing young adults playing basketball, families with young children at the park and pool, and neighbors of all ages on walks or enjoying the picnic tables. I would be very careful not to mess with this balance much.

Contribution 1 of 2 | December 1, 2023

18. Are there facilities that do not seem to be used at Ormsby Park?

Long Text | Skipped: 49 | Answered: 15 (23.4%)

Sentiment

No sentiment data

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Tag	Percent	Count
Dek Hockey Rink	20%	3
Field	7%	1
Baseball Field	7%	1

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19. Do you have any general comments or concerns?

Long Text | Skipped: 44 | Answered: 20 (31.3%)

Sentiment

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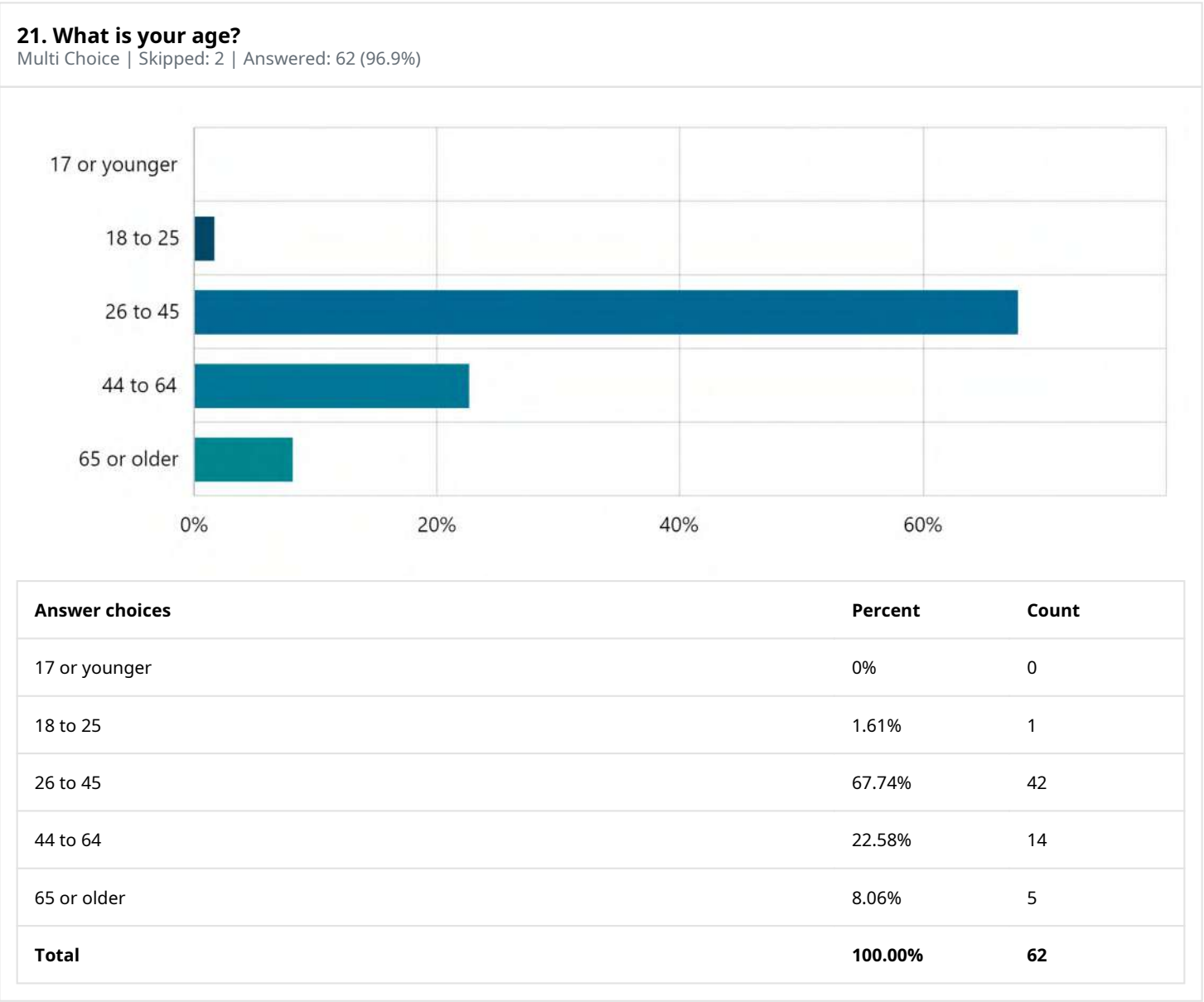
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Tag	Percent	Count
General Maintenance	15%	3
Dog Park (Anti)	15%	3
Access Issues	15%	3
Pavillion/Shelter	5%	1
Pickleball	5%	1
Playground	5%	1
Parking	5%	1
Public Safety Concerns	5%	1
Unicorn	5%	1
Dog Park (Pro)	5%	1
Sight Lines	5%	1

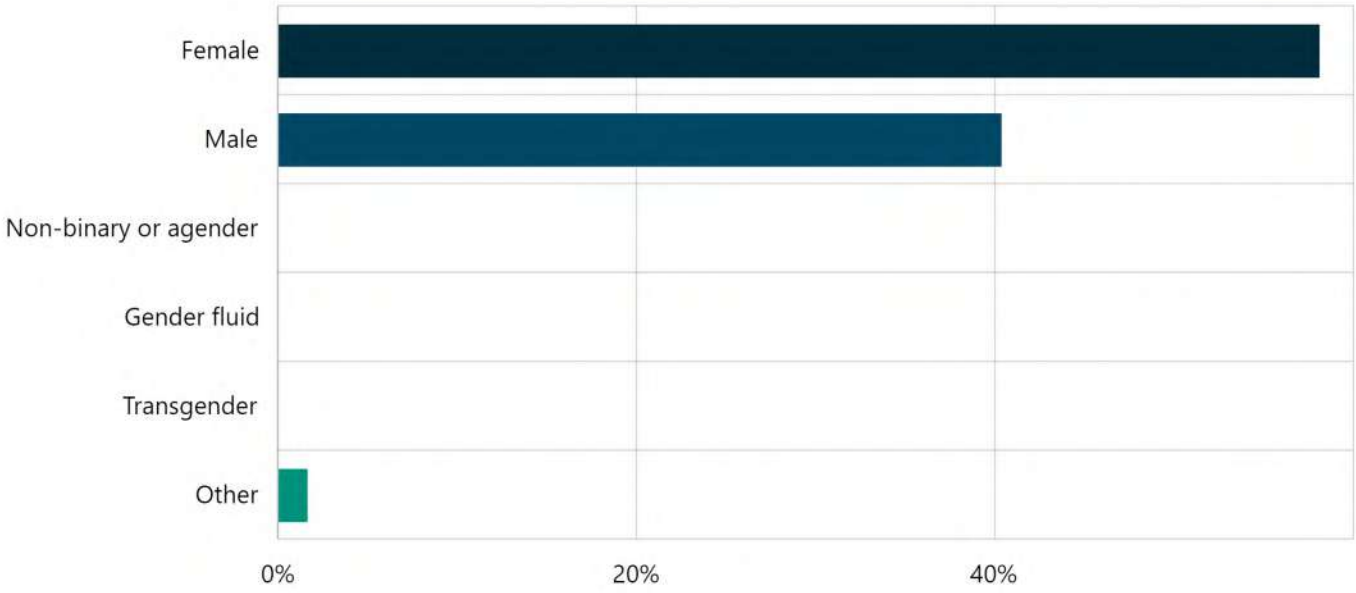
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22. Which of the following best describes how you identify?

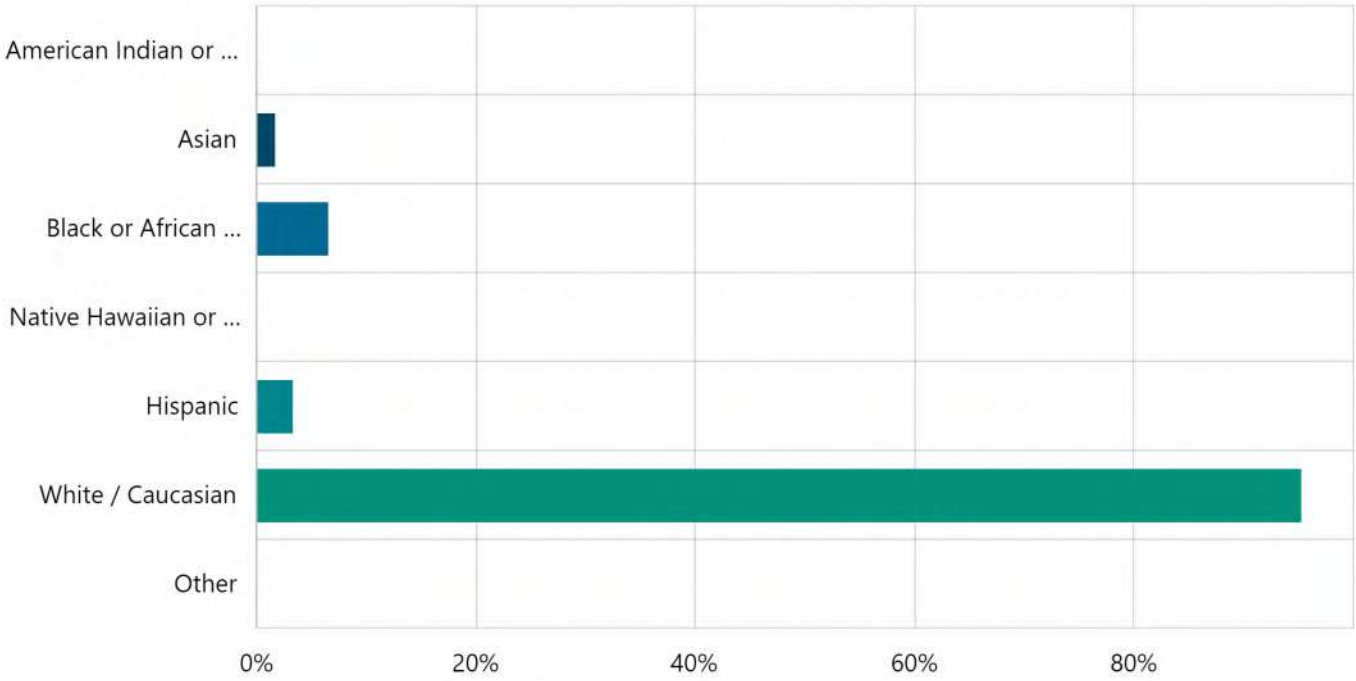
Multi Choice | Skipped: 2 | Answered: 62 (96.9%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Female	58.06%	36
Male	40.32%	25
Non-binary or agender	0%	0
Gender fluid	0%	0
Transgender	0%	0
Other	1.61%	1
Total	100.00%	62

23. Which race or ethnicity best describes you?

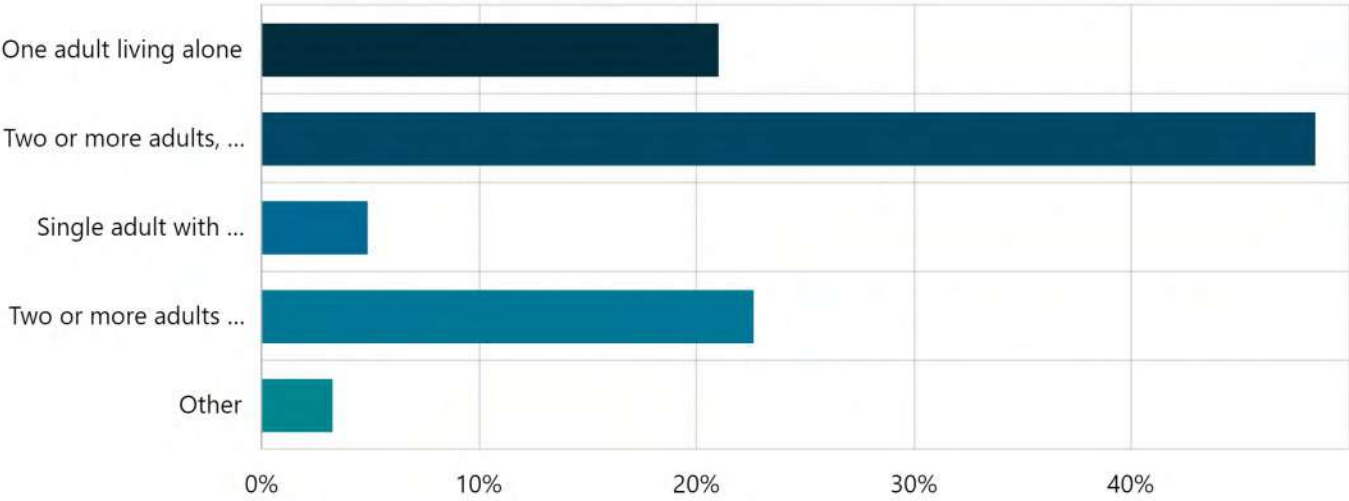
Multi Choice | Skipped: 2 | Answered: 62 (96.9%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
American Indian or Alaska Native	0%	0
Asian	1.61%	1
Black or African American	6.45%	4
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	0%	0
Hispanic	3.23%	2
White / Caucasian	95.16%	59
Other	0%	0

24. Which of the following best describes your household?

Multi Choice | Skipped: 2 | Answered: 62 (96.9%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
One adult living alone	20.97%	13
Two or more adults, no children under 18	48.39%	30
Single adult with one or more children under 18	4.84%	3
Two or more adults with one or more children under 18	22.58%	14
Other	3.23%	2
Total	100.00%	62

25. Do you have a disability or other chronic condition?

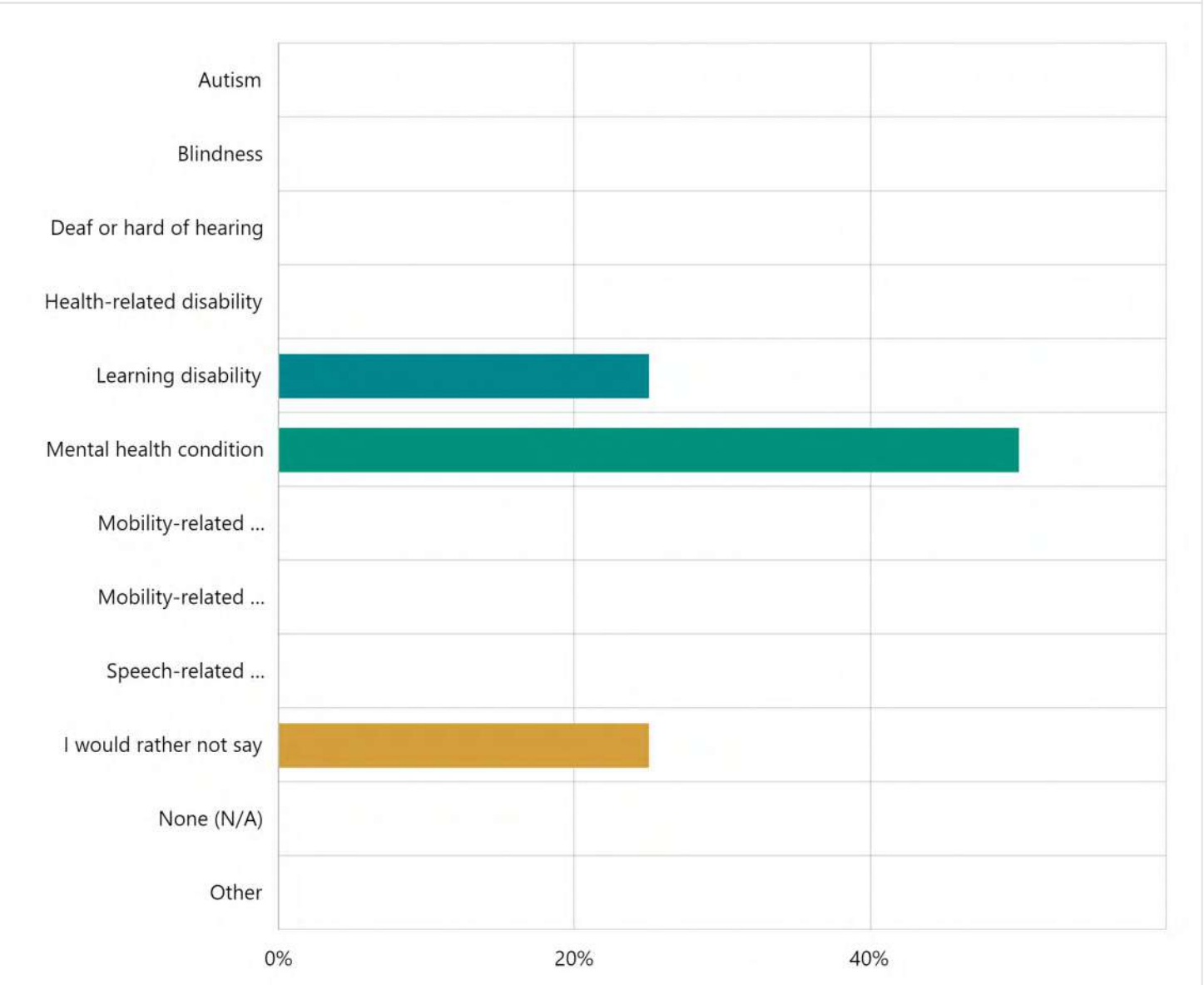
Multi Choice | Skipped: 2 | Answered: 62 (96.9%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Yes	6.45%	4
No	90.32%	56
Not sure / prefer not to answer	3.23%	2
Total	100.00%	62

26. How would you describe your disability or chronic condition?

Multi Choice | Skipped: 60 | Answered: 4 (6.3%)

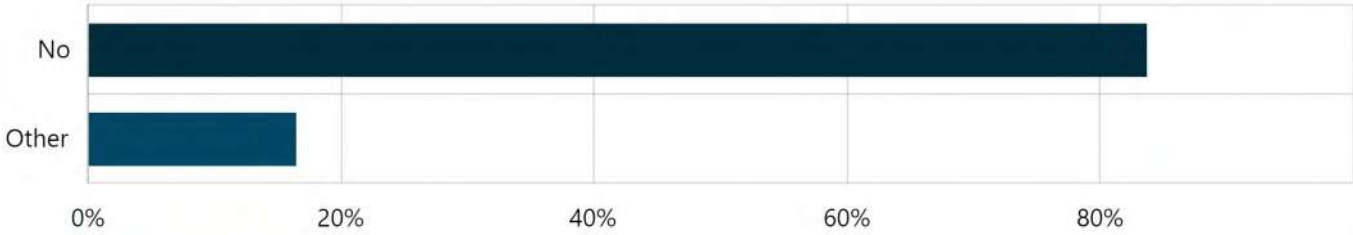


Answer choices	Percent	Count
Autism	0%	0
Blindness	0%	0
Deaf or hard of hearing	0%	0
Health-related disability	0%	0
Learning disability	25.00%	1
Mental health condition	50.00%	2
Mobility-related disability (I always or sometimes use a wheelchair)	0%	0
Mobility-related disability (I do not use a wheelchair)	0%	0

Speech-related disability	0%	0
I would rather not say	25.00%	1
None (N/A)	0%	0
Other	0%	0
Total	100.00%	4

27. Does anyone in your household speak a language other than English?

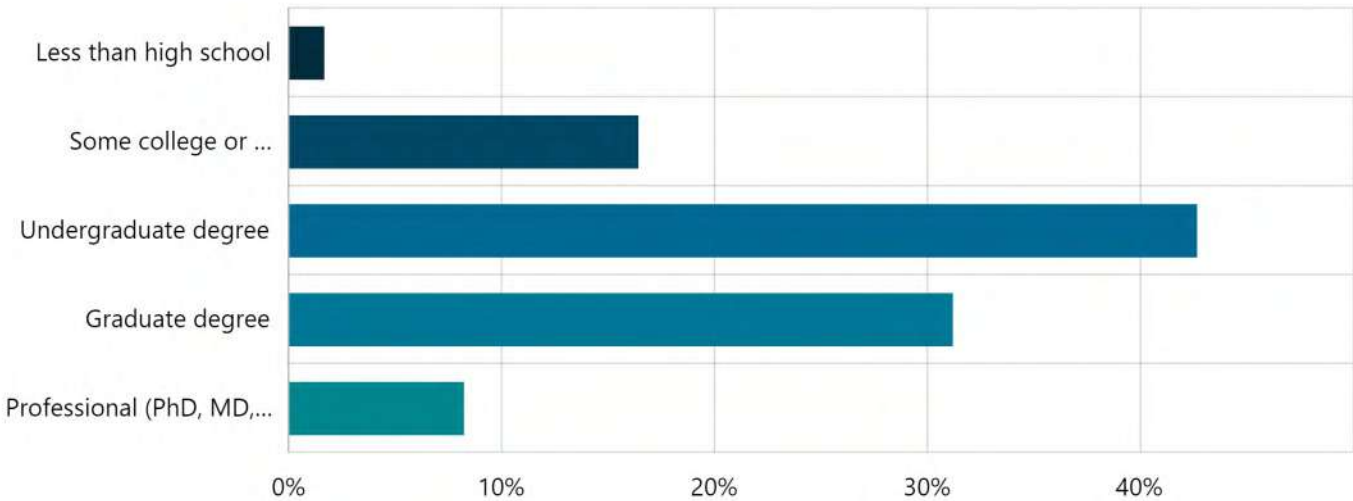
Multi Choice | Skipped: 3 | Answered: 61 (95.3%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
No	83.61%	51
Other	16.39%	10
Total	100.00%	61

28. What is the highest level of education you have received?

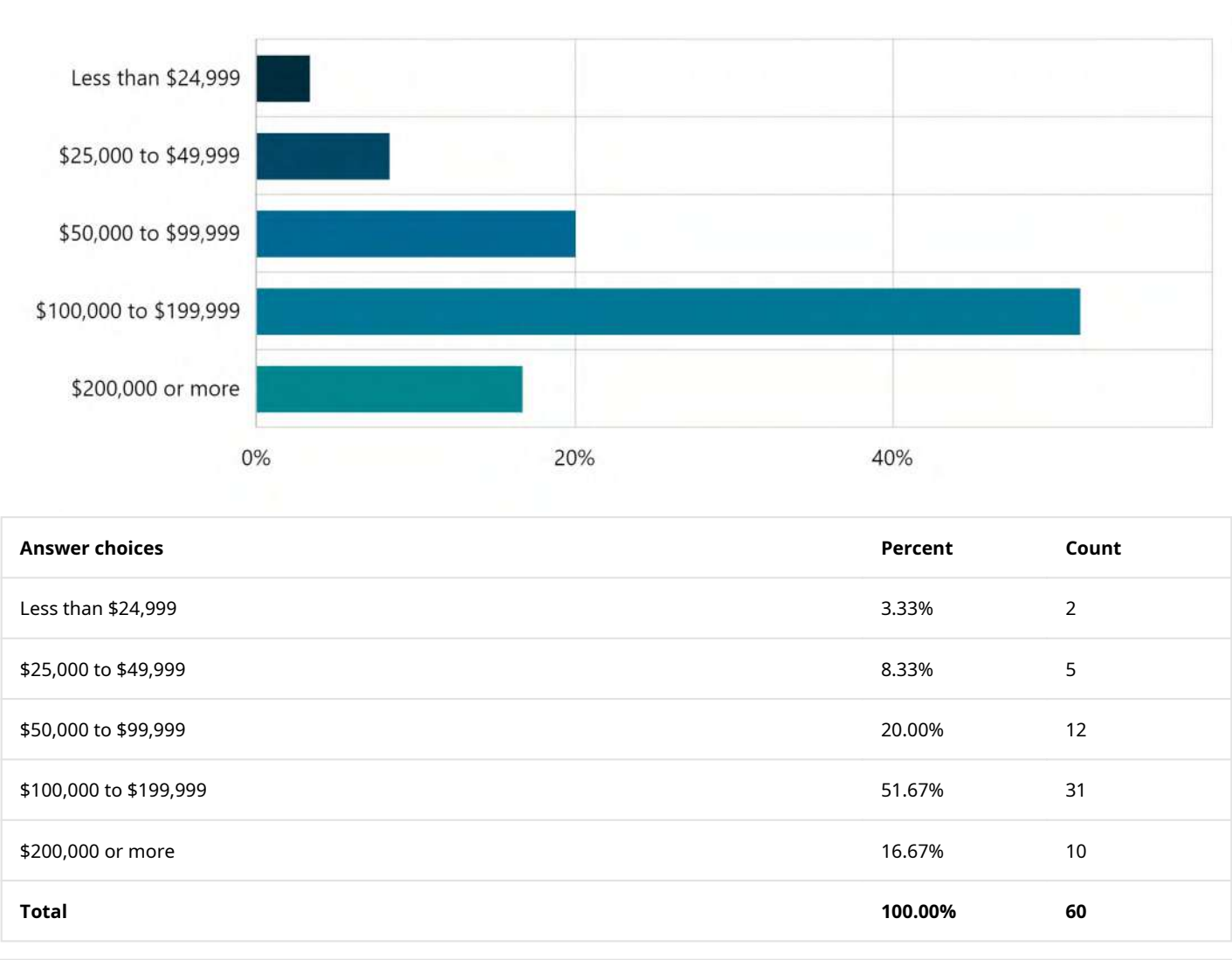
Multi Choice | Skipped: 3 | Answered: 61 (95.3%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Less than high school	1.64%	1
Some college or associate's degree	16.39%	10
Undergraduate degree	42.62%	26
Graduate degree	31.15%	19
Professional (PhD, MD, JD, etc.)	8.20%	5
Total	100.00%	61

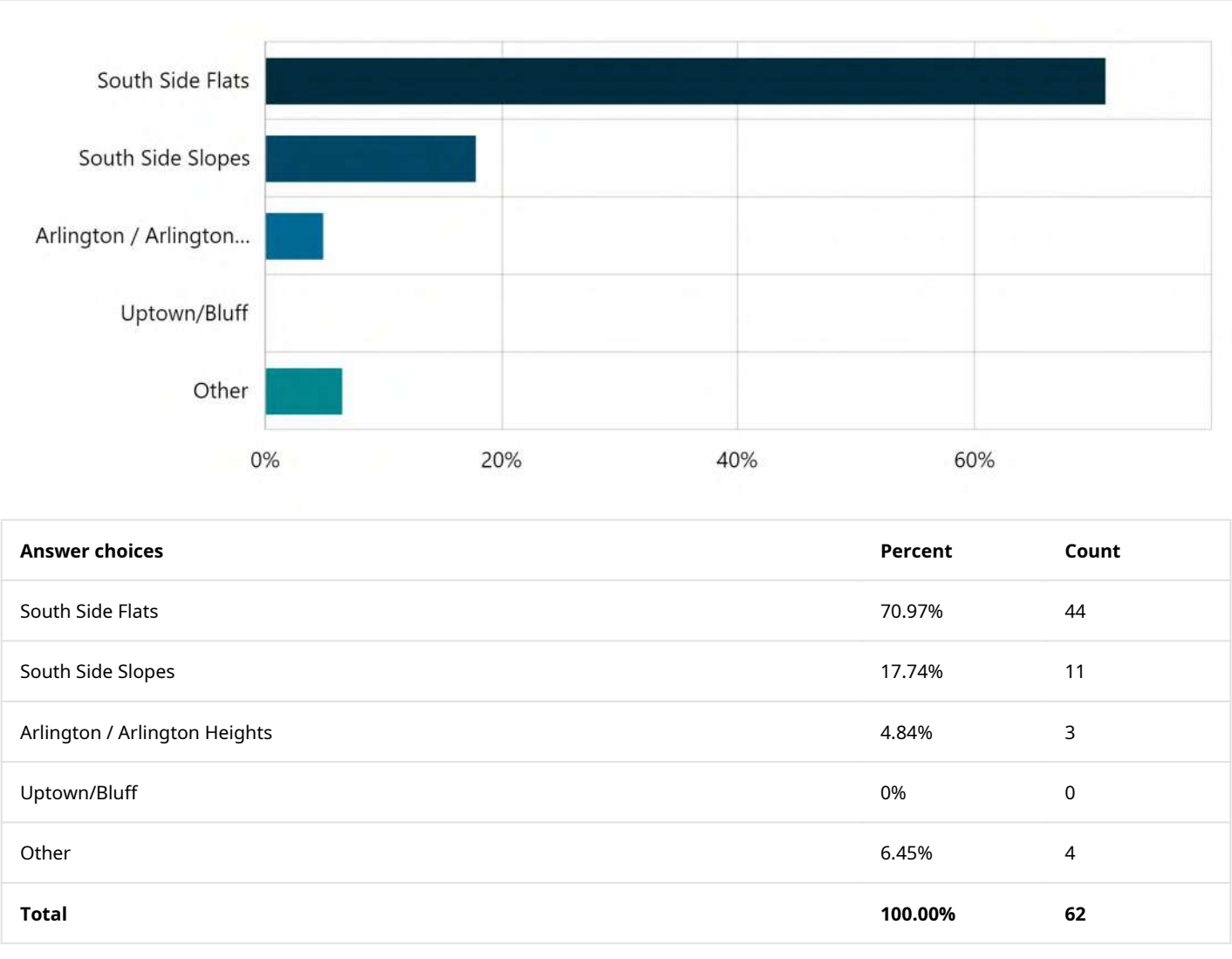
29. What is your household's annual income?

Multi Choice | Skipped: 4 | Answered: 60 (93.8%)



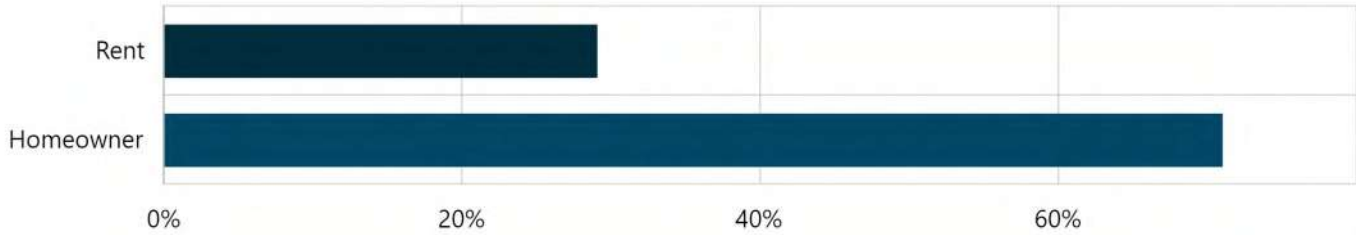
30. What neighborhood do you live in?

Multi Choice | Skipped: 2 | Answered: 62 (96.9%)



31. Do you rent or own your home?

Multi Choice | Skipped: 2 | Answered: 62 (96.9%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Rent	29.03%	18
Homeowner	70.97%	44
Total	100.00%	62

Use Survey Round 1 - Full Text Responses

****Select responses were not published due to hateful, pejorative, and/or vulgar language assigned to groups of people.**

7. What facilities would you like to see at Armstrong Park that are not there now?

- Pickleball would be a great addition especially on the unused Court if a couple could be installed
- Smaller play structures, even just one playhouse or toddler sized table would be great!
- park within fenced area where dogs ARE allowed
- Dog Park - this park needs a dedicated off leash area. This is the most common use of this park.
- The field is often taken over by dogs, so I would like to see some separation of usage there.
- Soft lighting around the perimeter would make it feel safer. The traffic surrounding the park is dangerous. I feel like something to be done to an Aid with crossing the street. Possibly lighting or markings on the road.
- a section for dogs aka, an off leash area, and maybe a water fountain for the pets
- Expanded spray park, greater variety of water features!
 - More climbing structures
 - More swings for older kids (at least 4-6 “regular” kid swings, 1-2 baby swings, and 1 “accessible” swing)
 - Working and open/usable restrooms available from dawn to dusk (newer keypad doors can be set to only open during specific time ranges.)
 - Small covered pavilion
- Pickleball courts
- A real and well-maintained tennis court.
- Replace the ""tennis court"" with a pickleball court. The ""tennis court"" is not regulation size but will fit a pickleball court. Replace the horse Shoe pit with a bocce court
- I would like to see some attention to a "futsal" field especially given that one of our neighbors has been an international player and coach for the game.
- A dog park!
- An official dog park or dog friendly area, would love to see more amenities for neighbors to use to sit and gather like they have implemented in Southside works (dog park, tables, grassy area, food/beer vendors)
- It would be nice if we could bring our dog with us without penalty. It is sad that there hasn’t been a net on the court next to the basketball court since I moved to the South Side.
- A designated dog park would be highly valued! As well as pickleball courts in place of the tennis court.
- LIGHTS on the courts after hours. During the summer, the splash pool stays on all night long so maybe we could have some lights that can be turned on with a timer so people could play basketball at night
- Dog park
- Dog park
- Unicorn park
- Dog park
- Actual tennis courts. Soccer kick wall. Soccer goals. Sand volleyball
- An actual tennis court or pickle ball court. A fenced in area for dogs since people use it for that anyways. I feel that you could take a portion of left field with minimal impact since right field is already so short.
- Bathrooms! Ok, I know there are bathrooms at Armstrong Park, but they're often locked.
- Dogs allowed. Maybe a small dog area.

- It would be great to see the field turned into a soccer field.
- Make the park dog friendly again!
- An accessible bathroom
- Make it a designated dog park or at least have an area for dogs. Consider adding another court area for Pickleball.
- Pickle ball, another basketball court , running track

8. Which facilities need the most improvement at Armstrong Park?

- In the summer, the waterpark must have an automatic turn on and off instead of letting the water run continuously for months
- One of the baby swings is bent up
- bathrooms and updated courts and physical park. Also it would be awesome if the horseshoe set up was more upkept because that would be nice to use!!!
- Field is in disrepair. Make it a dog park and let the community use it.
- Regular hours at the bathroom and more visibility that the bathrooms exist and are available.
- Overall, the community keeps Armstrong park incredibly clean. It makes me proud of my neighbors and public works. The trash is always emptied. There is very little to no litter. The area is very effective at self policing.
- Fences. Gates. Infield. outfield/field
- Restrooms!!!
- Pickleball courts
- The park is uninviting given the high fencing. Better thought should be given to pedestrian access. Also the "tennis court" is underused because it does not have a clear purpose.
- The Basketball court and bathrooms and playground
- The spray mechanism must be fixed. The corner court at Sarah and 12th should be a proper court for something - futsal or other game. Right now, I never see it in use.
- The field. No longer used for sports and the dirt gets very muddy in the rain. More lighting is also needed due to the increased crime at 12th Street.
- Courts need re-paved and painted and the neighboring plaza would be a great place to spruce up and encourage more use/neighbor activities
- The tennis court, baseball diamond
- The baseball field could use some improvements with better sand and storm water drainage
- The courts need to be more flat and smooth. One hoop is much higher than the other
- It needs general upkeep. The courts repaved and repainted, the field re-seeded, fence needs to be repaired in quite a few spots.
- Bathrooms
- Bathrooms, spray park
- Basketball court
- Bathroom. Tennis courts, baseball field is ruined and dug up by dogs and covers with dog waste
- The “tennis court” if that’s what we’re calling it.
- Water fountain and bathrooms.
- The field needs improved.
- New playground and bathrooms
- Upgrade the play area for the children.
- Court surfaces. Less dogs entering field

9. Are there facilities that do not seem to be used at Armstrong Park?

- I have never seen the horseshoe pit used one time. It would also be nice to be able to use the facilities during certain hours if it were manned.
- Pickleball would be a great amenity to add to the park especially on the unused court area
- horseshoe toss and the baseball diamond
- The dog park that still needs built.
- I don't see anyone use the horseshoe pit, and they seem like space that could be reimaged. I also don't see anyone using the tennis courts.
- I have not seen the baseball diamond used since before Covid. However, I do see members of the community often playing pick up sports. Possibly a different style of recreation could help return Armstrong field to a hybrid space.
- horseshoe pits. rarely tennis court
- The tennis courts that don't have a net.
- The "tennis court" is not well used. The spray park is somewhat dangerous because the area can become quite slick, especially given its proximity to the tree. The horseshoe pit is awesome, but I don't see it frequently in use--in part because it is behind an unfriendly and underused public restroom.
- The activities center is abandoned
- The horse shoe area by the alley is empty. The corner court is empty.
- The baseball diamond has not been used in years. No one uses the dirt portion of the field. The spray park gets very little use except for exceptionally hot days in the summer.
- Bleachers/baseball diamond at the park is rarely used. Playground is nice to have but seems to be rarely used.
- I have never seen the baseball field being used. If that whole area could become an open green space with part of it as a dog park I think it would be used all the time. I love seeing people lounging around reading and hanging out. It reminds me of my days when I lived in NYC in Central Park. I also feel like people would use the court if there was a net for pickle ball or handball.
- The tennis court (although this is partially due to the lack of a net)
- No. I always see people in the park
- Tennis court
- Yes. The ball park is obsolete
- Unicorn themed park
- Bathroom, horseshoe
- Horse shoe pits.
- The horseshoes court (??? by the bathrooms) seems like an actual hazzard. Maybe bocci would be preferable? Or maybe the area could be reworked into space for little kids? People have talked about making the tennis court a pickle ball court, and I think that's a good idea.
- Playground
- No
- The field is rarely used for sports but always has dogs. I drive by it twice a day and always see dogs, but supposedly they aren't allowed. People with dogs use it daily all year making them the largest user group.
- Shoe horn court

Do you have any general comments or concerns?

- There are a lot of people that violate the no dogs in the park policy
- Consistent dogs in the field area when the sign says no dogs. I do appreciate the almost all around fencing for less vigilance needed. A gate could be a bit nicer but lower priority than everything else mentioned.
- Yes, can you put in a dog park for off-leash dogs in Armstrong Park? We would like to see a dog park here since it is close enough to walk to and most Southside residents do not have a yard for their dogs.
- I have beautiful summer day, it's not uncommon to witness a handful of people sunbathing, somebody working out, A 2v2 soccer scrimmage and dogs playing. I sincerely hope the space can continue to have this hybrid community feel and also embrace the improvements the future holds.
- Please put in pickleball courts
- This park is vital to the neighborhood! Please, please address the intersection of Sarah and 12th. The giant unused amount of car space, narrow sidewalks, and high speed cars eastbound on Sarah and Northbound on 12th make this incredibly uninviting. Reimagining the park must also reimagine its access points. There is such a nice bench there and with a better intersection the park would improve tremendously...not to mention a tennis court that got as much use as the basketball court. The expected improvements to Esser Plaza will help the other gateway to the park a great deal. Larger sidewalks on the overly wide surrounding streets (though 12th is OK) could also contribute. The community largely uses the field for dogs. As someone with kids who don't want to interact with strange dogs, I don't love that, especially since there are signs prohibiting dogs everywhere. Taking a small portion of the field and dedicating it to animals, with the appropriate infrastructure, may be a sound compromise.
- I would love to see more attractive fencing around the playground area. I would love to see the dogs GONE from the grassy area. The basketball court gets much play - perhaps that could be improved a bit.
- Armstrong Park is already used as a dog park by the entire neighborhood. We would love if a portion of it were officially designated at one and proper fencing and grass were planted to accommodate this.
- I really feel strongly that there should be some use of this space for dogs! The neighborhood is clearly voting for this as I think the most consistent users of this space are dog owners and basketball players. I also would love to see how we can implement better lighting or security in this area due to the frequency of violent incidents that have happened by this park.
- The park has the makings of something great. The kids love the playground and splash area. Perhaps if the court isn't going to be fixed up the fence could be taken down and the playground expanded.
- Soooooo many people bringing their dogs in there. This needs to be stopped or just make a small area of the grass into a dog park. The major issue here is when people bring their dogs, unleashed, into the grass area and then leave them there while they go into the playground or play basketball.
- I would recommend some lighting at night especially near the park area for safety concerns as there are sometimes shady people hanging out there.
- Let's get these kids a unicorn themed park

- Off leash dogs are ruining the field and make it impossible to use without stepping in dog waste. We have two dog parks in the southside, but arrogant dog owners refuse to utilize the facilities the city has invested in for them.
- Yes, dogs are my general concern. I want dog owners to have a place to take their pets, so we either need to figure out how to make it work at Armstrong Park or find another place for them. Frankly, I don't see the demand for outdoor spaces for dogs decreasing anytime soon, so it would be good if someone could scientifically tell us if it is better to have a playground or a dog park there, if that's even a choice. I want whatever is going to do the most to help make the South Side a thriving, healthy community, and I say that as someone that has a child and does NOT own a dog.
- No dog park.
- I'd like to see the field better maintained and used for sporting events.
- Do not make this a dog park. Enforce existing leash laws
- Make the park dog friendly again!
- I am concerned with the amount of people that use Armstrong Field as a dog park. It is NOT a dog park as there are MANY signs posted. Where are we supposed to take our kids to play if you take this away from us??? And no- not all dog owners clean up after their pets. I see dog poop in the field EVERYTIME we are there. Is it the norm for the city of Pittsburgh to take public land away from children and give it to animals???
- I've noticed somebody posting fliers around trying to convince people to agree to a dog park claiming the field is "never used" I can't remember a time I haven't seen it being used by people on a nice day. Not to mention the fence is directly connected to the playground, meaning people's children can stick their hands through. My child has been attacked by dogs before and I do not believe parks for them should be connected. They are more at risk of being attacked or traumatized from witnessing a dog fight, something that happens very frequently at dog parks. Most veterinarians agree they aren't a good idea and I urge the city to consider the same. In addition to the risk of attacks on dogs and people nearby, the feces smells and contributes to spreading dog illnesses since you can't prove dogs are vaccinated or healthy
- I am on the mailing list so I got this survey but I wonder if the residents who use this daily are aware of it.
- Dogs in park. Lack of planting in parks

16. Which facilities need the most improvement at Ormsby Park?

- Can you put a dog park here? If not at Armstrong, this would be good too.
- Playground
- This is a very popular playground, and I would like to see it be a signature park on the South Side.
- The playground equipment is outdated and could use a major overhaul.
- Deck hockey rink
- 1. Updated bathrooms / changing rooms, consider putting them at grade not in basement. 2. More seating around playground area and in other areas of park. Create places to sit. 3. More privacy for the pool from bridge traffic. Evergreen trees that were added were a good start. More are needed. 4. Playing field would be better utilized as a green area with trees around it for open play (NO DOGS). 5. A new drinking fountain.

- The transition space between the sports field and the basketball/hockey areas could be better maintained. It is often covered in broken glass.
- I think structures that draw people into the park are important. I know a crew of people on the SouthSide who use the park and want to create a unicorn theme, which i think is a great idea as it would make the park a destination!
- The lampposts and other lights around the park; crosswalks and street parking as well as the intersection in general; better fencing around the pool - especially on the Birmingham Bridge side.
- Pool
- Pool area
- In other city parks there are themed which create a sense of place and a draw- such as dinosaur park and observatory hill starry playground. This neighborhood could use a similar draw- and taking among my neighbors we think a unicorn themed park would be a great asset. Think of bright colors and unicorn slides or spring ponies to “ride” and murals/ unicorn art.
- Hockey rink
- Water fountain doesn't work; playground equipment could use a good cleaning; trash and litter are a continuous problem
- Pool bathrooms
- Pool locker rooms; they're uncomfortably dark. Also, the park needs to be kept cleaner; lots of the park's patrons litter :(
- The field needs the most improvement along with the fence along the field.
- The dek hockey and basketball court
- The rec center is atrocious. There is no where to cleanly change a child’s diaper. The park equipment has not been updated in at least 20 years. It is covered in graffiti.
- Playground, pool
- I would love to see more of the machines have the weights on them already and just move the pins to make the adjustments. Being a female and not with great arm strength, moving the loose weights around on the machines is very difficult.
- The pool bathrooms could use some improvement.
- Better seating areas, Dek hockey in a bad position that cause areas where kids can hide behind

17. What facilities would you like to see at Ormsby Park that are not there now?

- How about an off-leash area for my dogs?
- I would like to see a picnic shelter that could be rented for parties.
- update the dek hockey rink
- 1. An ""open green"" area for play. The ball field is too restricted and underutilized. Large lawn surrounded by trees for play is very desirable by families and neighbors. 2. Better basketball court lighting, more space around it for seating. It's very active and it would be nice to sit and watch sometimes without being on the court. 3. Deck hockey court is underutilized I also wish it could move. It divides the park up visually and makes it unnecessarily hard to watch kids play in multiple areas of the park. 4. Rental able park pavilions for events. maybe one or two in the playing field area. 5. It would be nice to have a place for people to park if arranging a meet up or event. With permit parking it's hard to arrange with limited parking. The City could get ownership/ use of the parking lot back from long term lease to apartment building. 6. permanent or rental lounge furniture in the pool area. Adirondack chairs, maybe some

- Pickleball Court
- Ormsby is a well-balanced and harmonious park as it is. It is a great mix of proximate uses, mixing young adults playing basketball, families with young children at the park and pool, and neighbors of all ages on walks or enjoying the picnic tables. I would be very careful not to mess with this balance much.
- Unicorn themed play structures, sweating and sculptures
- A dog park!
- Public restrooms!
- Water fountain/ water bottle filler; bike repair tools
- A better locker area for pool guests. That ladies room should be condemned. Sorry not sorry
- More programming for kids and adults
- It should have unicorns!
- Unicorn art
- Dog park
- More shade and seating around pool; working water fountain
- Another basketball court, sand volleyball, soccer goals.
- It would be nice if they had a snack/ice cream stand in the summer when the pool is open. Maybe a stand nonprofits could operate as a fundraiser? Something simple like that.
- It would be great to see the field turned into a turf field.
- Parking
- More benches
- Upgraded playground equipment
- It would be beautiful to landscape the decommissioned field and put benches and create a walking path on the interior perimeter. It would be fun to be able to alternate the hockey court with pickleball net and equipment
- Pickleball or tennis court.
- Water fountains outside Ormsby or in the Rec center. Water supply for the community garden. Football goals in baseball field

18. Are there facilities that do not seem to be used at Ormsby Park?

- The whole thing.
- Everything seems to be well-used at Ormsby.
- 1. Deck Hockey court. 2. Ball Field as a baseball field.
- Ormsby is a well-used park.
- N/a
- No, all aspects of the park are used frequently
- I don’t go there enough to comment
- Dek hockey
- No
- No
- Field
- No
- No
- The hockey rink does not seem to be used much.
- Everything used ...Very busy park.

19. Do you have any general comments or concerns?

- Is the dog park going to be here, or at Armstrong Park?
- My main concern is the visibility at the park. The hockey deck blocks visibility to the fields, and when you are there with children it is hard to keep track of them.
- 1. Upgraded intersection at Sydney Street. Added curb bump outs, more pedestrian protection from oncoming traffic. 2. Connection down to river and bike trail would be nice!
- This park is a jewel. The best way to improve it is to develop housing to the North of the park on both sides of the bridge to further enhance the park as a pedestrian shortcut and create users of the park on all sides. The northern boundary can look a bit uninviting at times. However, the bicycle ramp allowing access under the bridge and the pedestrian islands on Carson street nearby have enhanced our ability to use the park tremendously. What a difference it makes to have safe pedestrian and biking access to the park on multiple sides! Please apply those lessons to Armstrong Park!
- No
- We really love the new dog park at Southside Works and would love to see more like it in the neighborhood.
- The three-way stop sign intersection is so dangerous. Drivers "roll stop" all the time or blaze right through the intersection without stopping. People drive so fast on 22nd and Sidney, too. I cannot tell you the amount of times I have either witnessed someone almost get hit by or car, or experienced it myself. Last year, I used to see a cop car parked at the intersection for months and that helped controll the traffic/speeding, but there hasn't been a cop there in a while. Also, there are always cars parked over or close to the crosswalks which make it harder for drivers and pedestrians to see around the corners. While I don't think a traffic light would help there at all, multiple speed bumps along the roads would.
- I think it's a sweet park. I hope the pool never closes. I have seen so many kids having so much fun.
- Keep working on making the parks great for everyone
- More unicorns
- Great little park, just needs some TLC and upkeep
- Dogs are starting to become an issue. Not as bad as Armstrong, but the field has a lot of dog waste
- A lot of the park's patrons litter, which is a real bummer. Lately, the park has seemed cleaner. Maybe the city has stepped up its cleaning efforts, or maybe less people are using it in the fall, or maybe I just hit it on a good day?
- Seeing the field repaired and better maintained would be better.
- The field IS NOT A DOG PARK. We use the field for t-ball, soccer, etc. where will we do this if you take the land away from our kids?
- I've noticed somebody posting fliers around trying to convince people to agree to a dog park claiming the field is "never used" I can't remember a time I haven't seen it being used by people on a nice day. Not to mention the fence iw directly connected to the playground, meaning peoples children can stick their hands through. My child has been attacked by dogs before and I do not believe parks for them should be connected. They are more at risk of being attacked or traumatized from witnessing a dog fight, something that happens very frequently at dog parks. Most veterinarians agree they aren't a good idea and I urge the city to consider the same. In

addition to the risk of attacks on dogs and people nearby, the feces smells and contributes to spreading dog illnesses since you can't prove dogs are vaccinated or healthy

- I would like to see the paint and playground equipment freshened up.
- It'd be nice to have at least 1 tennis court and at least 1 pickleball court in one of the public parks in the southside.
- Apartments down the street don't seem to have any outdoor space to hang out so they come to ormsby. If they had more of a sheltered area to have picnics and gatherings .

20. What are the factors keeping you from using the parks?

- No tennis areas, if there was a tennis court at one of these I would definitely use it... I go to nearby communities to use their tennis courts in Southside does not have any.
- Currently, Ormsby is set up as a playground. There are not locations for an adult to go and enjoy the outdoors (for those not in organized sports) without feeling like they are sitting in a playground. This could be improved with hedges, benches, walking paths, art installations and education on the plants of the area. I live nearer to Ormsby currently. Armstrong has a slightly better set-up than ormsby. When I lived nearer to Armstrong a few years ago, I stopped and hung out quite often. Oh both parks could use more trees and gardens. Also, plant hedges between the swimming pool and the Birmingham bridge.
- The parks aren't particularly interesting. If they had something special about them, like a unicorn theme for instance, I would go out of my way to visit. As an artist I would even be willing to volunteer time to help design and/or bring a unicorn themed park to life. This could be through sculpture, murals, paint color choices on installations, plants and flowers, etc.
- I wished there were tennis courts
- Distance (26th street end of SS). Not really all that familiar.
- The dogs. I would love to go in the field area to go workout or just hang out. But feel uncomfortable with the dogs off leave and all the poop that not getting picked up.
- None should be a dog park. Would use if my dog was allowed.
- nothing external....not something I make time to do

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Contribution Summary

1. What are your thoughts about the concept plan for Armstrong?

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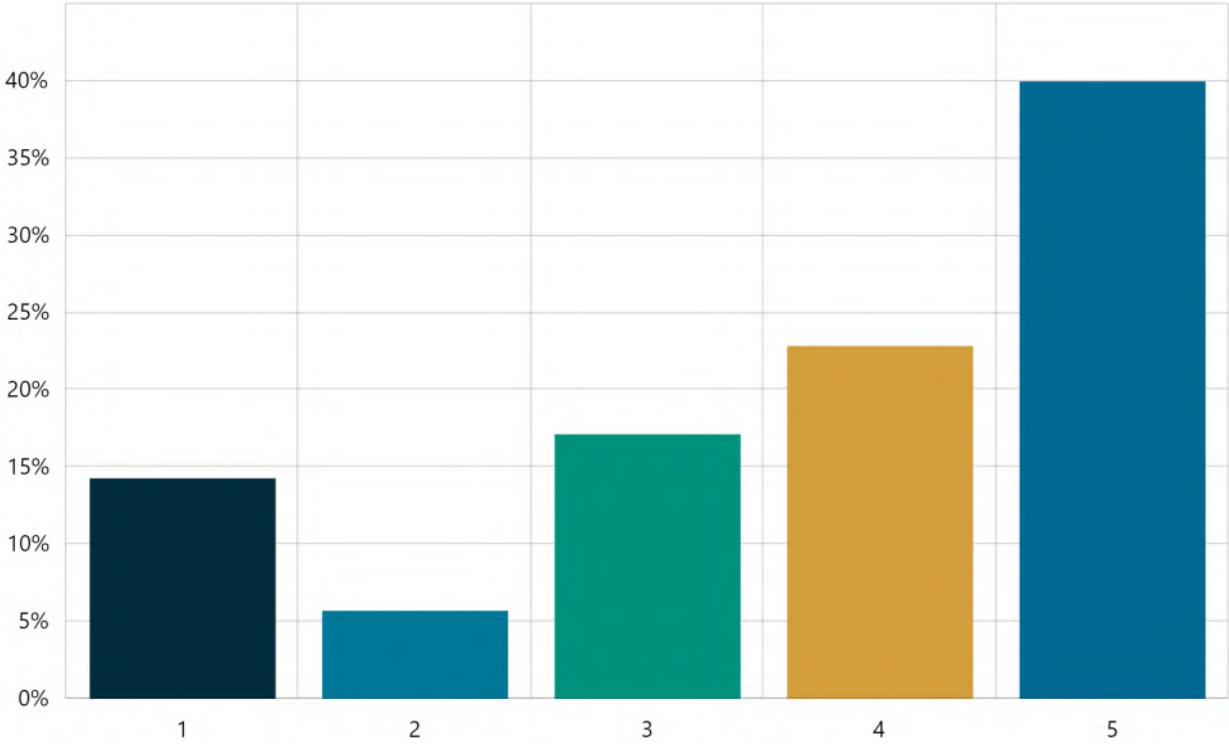
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2. How would you rank the concept plan in terms of meeting the needs of park users?

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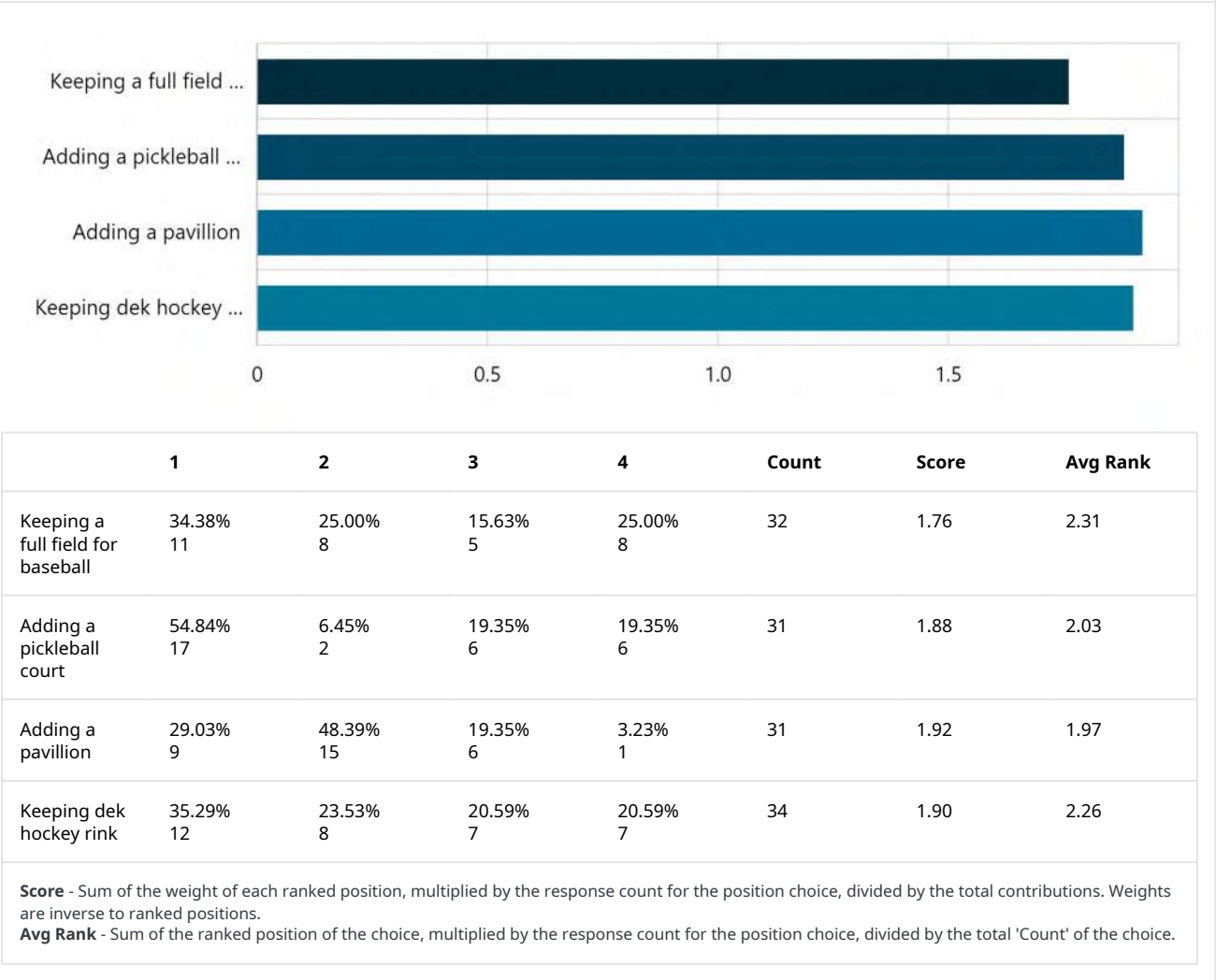


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3. What are your thoughts about the concept plans for Ormsby? Do you have a preference between the two options, or things you like in each? Long Text Skipped: 27 Answered: 38 (58.5%)
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4. Which park amenities are most important, given the limited amount of space?

Ranking | Skipped: 16 | Answered: 49 (75.4%)



Concept Plans Survey Round 2 - Full Text Responses

****Select responses were not published due to hateful, pejorative, and/or vulgar language assigned to groups of people.**

1. What are your thoughts about the concept plan for Armstrong?

- Crazy! The Ideas, are greatly respected! Let's Be: Honest Cost! Actual, bottom dollar! City of Pittsburg can't name it nor confirm I've removed knives! Empty, alcoholic containers, broken glass From paved courts! Get blown into field, from city workers Why! Honestly! YET! If people, would use it as a backfield!! The building! Property! On other side of Sarah St! Will Have Major! Insurance Claims! Hence!
- The existing field is primarily used as a dog park now. The proposed ball field or open lawn area should be reconsidered to have designated space for a dog park. Otherwise I think the addition of a pickleball court to the space will fit the needs.
- Like the rain garden
- I really appreciate the plan to improve the park, i think the neighborhood will benefit. I think the plan needs to include some area where dogs are permitted. many residents have pets, and we have a great opportunity to accommodate them in this area of South Side. I also think the giant fences should be torn down, they are quite an eye sore. Glad that we are taking action to improve our home :)
- Really love the investment in Armstrong Park. Parks are a huge incentive to get folks and young families to move to the neighborhood. I live on Uxor Way and use the park whenever we have some nice days here in Pittsburgh's. I think it'd be an excellent idea to designate a section of the park as a “dog park” with its own fenced in area. Not entirely sure if we need a kickball field, think we'd be better off incorporating a larger open lawn.
- 1. I very much support the open lawn, hope that there’s a bit more seating than currently shown. 2. The intersection of 13th and Sarah need more traffic calming - the park would be much more inviting from the south entrance were that open lawn pathway to be artistically continued visually with a nice mural. I also think the 12th st calming should be a mural. 3. The fencing along Roland on the 12th st side should be bollards instead, particularly given the angled strategy of the South Side Community Council’s existing plan which ought to be integrated with the rest of Armstrong 4. The water fountains are often off. I’d like to see them on throughout, if possible including through winter 5. I don’t see traffic calming on the north east side on Roland as a priority. I think that money can be better spent on calming on Sarah. 6. Fencing material is often quite ugly. I’d prefer to see something perhaps a bit more inviting than chain link, specifically on the side with the playground, hiding the chain link on the open lawn and 13th street sides with trees as best possible.
- I feel that this plan is actually taking a step in the wrong direction. It is not taking into account the residents who use this space 90% of the time (dog owners and basketball players). I would much prefer the total park space be re-evaluated entirely to permit enough room to create a dedicated dog park as well as to expand the basketball courts. Additional space for seating/lounging/picnicking would be a nice to have, but I think can be incorporated with improvements to Esser Plaza. I personally feel the playground space is the least used of all (mainly used by houseless people to sleep), so I would support that with that going away if needed rather than using more resources to expand/build upon it.

5. Any final thoughts on either of the park plans? Long Text Skipped: 36 Answered: 29 (44.6%)
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- I think this is a terrific plan!!! I've lived in this part of the neighborhood for over 20 years, and I love Armstrong park. I appreciate that you're maintaining the existing recreation courts. They get used frequently throughout the year by residents and people from other neighborhoods. The 'Open Lawn' is a great addition. I love this park, but it lacks a "formal entrance". So much so, I think many people don't enter the park since most of it is surrounded by a chain-link fence. I do hope that the existing old growth trees are being preserved. They are some of the largest trees in the neighborhood, and are irreplaceable. As much as I love the large old growth trees, the existing street trees along 13th Street are not ideal for sidewalk traffic and/or have poor canopies. There are no overhead power lines along that side of 13th Street, so taller street trees can be accommodated.
- I don't like it. I really want a dog park here for the neighborhood. The current park is used as a dog park daily. Literally no one uses the existing baseball field. It just becomes a mud pit that no one can use. There are not enough kids in Southside to justify a second playground in the neighborhood at this location. Removing the fencing creates a safety hazard for kids and my dog with all of the traffic on Sarah Street. I will have no use for this park after the changes are made. We have a daily dog meetup with neighbors and we will no longer be able to do so after this.
- Adding trees for shade and a toddler area would be amazing. Great planning.
- Na
- Good.
- I really like the idea of keeping the park maintained throughout the year. Concepts are great until they become abused.
- I think we should have more pickleball courts and less deck hockey
- At Armstrong park, there needs to be a designated dog park. Right now it is more dog park than people park. Even though it is posted "no dogs allowed", on a nice weekend or afternoon, there are more dogs & owners than young families at play. Last fall I watched a parents & 2 children trying to enjoy the park, but the dogs tried to take away the toys. The family left. The ball field will become a new dog park.
- Please please make the courts all pickball! South side lacks this and one court is not enough!
- Keep the fenced in field over an open lawn that won't be safe for kids. Really excited for the new toddler playground and updated bathrooms.
- Absolutely yes! Pickleball courts are needed in South Side. The sport is exploding and is great for bringing people together.
- Love that you're planning on resurfacing the court and making the fenced in field smaller. The bathrooms are also awesome. Only thing I would add that it seems people want, is a dog park. People constantly bring their dog in that field
- South side and the city: including the whole market house has so many basketball courts! Let's completely remove to make way for two additional pickleball courts the South Side has zero racketball courts and with the growing popularity of the sport this is the perfect time to allow south side to have three courts instead of one that may also be occupied.
- I love everything except the pickleball court. They are loud, and residences nearby are going to hear that ball hitting g constantly. I've been near pickleball courts, often, over the years, and they are LOUD. The rain garden, play areas and community use spaces are generous and well thought out
- Would prefer designated dog park - policies won't support a smaller area with that sanctioned use - can a larger portion be allocated for this purpose?

- Very disappointed to not see a section of the "open lawn" next to the ball field designated as a dog park area. This is an absolute need in the area and most of the people who currently use the ball field are for dog meet ups and a place to throw ball and play. Please remedy this.
- Looks great, lots of people let their dogs [expletive] everywhere here so will anyone actually enforce the rules here or no?
- This all sounds awesome!!
- Needs a dog park
- Love it!
- Currently the most used amenity in the park is the Ball Field ("Dog Park"). I don't have a dog, but it's CLEAR to me the COMMUNITY NEEDS this area for a DOG PARK (WHICH IS ITS CURRENT USE 365 DAYS A YEAR) not a Ball Field that is almost never used as a Ball Field??? On rare occasions there will be a few people practicing (Frisby, Football, Catching Baseball, Soccer). If for some reason the area does not meet the code for Dog Parks – get a variance. With Ormsby Field and Quarry Field – South Side is well represented for Ball Fields. Maybe shrink the Ball Field (Dog Park) Area toward Roland Way and Increase the Open Lawn Area. The Basketball Court is the second most used amenity. The previous resurfacing left much to be desired. Install a more robust resurfacing and relocate the Backboard/Hoop Supports to the Fences and cantilever the Backboards/Hoops. Remove the Building (repurpose the Armstrong Stone, maybe for the new Park Sign) and install a Tall Covered Pavilion with the roof sloped toward Sarah Street and supporting Solar Pannels. Can't imagine anyone planning an event in Armstrong Park where they are going to tell the invitees that of all the parks in Pittsburgh, they chose the one with very difficult parking to pay for??? Provide Water Fountains near the Covered Structure and near the Pickleball/Basketball Courts. Make the Sidewalks along 13th Street at least 15'-0" wide for the Community Events that are held there. Install Bike Racks on 12th & 13th streets. Have Data on the Current Usage of the Existing Individual Amenities at each park. Have a Representative of the Citiparks Department at the meeting.
- I think that having an open lawn concept will really make this feel like a community space.
- I love these ideas! I live right by Armstrong Park, and I know there are a lot of dog-walkers who frequent the park — are there any plans that would focus on their experiences specifically? Perhaps some small ramps the dogs could play on? Will there still be spots where owners can get rid of dog waste? It is a difficult situation, because many dog owners let their dogs run loose in the field when they shouldn't, yet I've never heard of any problems stemming from that. Something definitely needs to happen with the tennis court — it is more an eyesore than a useful part of the park right now. Like I said, I live right by the park, and I would be excited by a pickleball court there. I don't believe the noise from pickleball-playing would be annoying or even that noticeable, any more than normal traffic or basketball-playing at the park is.
- Where's the dog park? All I ever see at this field is dogs off-leash. Why not give the people what they want? Make this an off-leash dog park that is walkable for Southside residents.
- Add a pet exercise area! There are no free spaces nearby for our pets. The biggest current utilizer of this park are dog owners.
- I am APPALLED that you wish to cut the field in half. A lawn and seating area? Do adults not have a nice place in the works across the street at Esser's Plaza? So let's cut the huge field in half where people already use it as a dog park so now the small area can be used as a dog park because it's NEVER enforced. Kids will have even less space to play.

3. What are your thoughts about the concept plans for Ormsby? Do you have a preference between the two options, or things you like in each?

- I would like to see the dek hockey rink kept as there aren't other local dek hockey rinks for the kids to utilize.
- I think the first option allows for more programming within the space.
- I prefer option two for the larger community garden. Most important to me is keeping the dek hockey rink as we've lost other local hockey rinks in other park updates.
- Option 2 seems to have more trees and shaded areas; would be a great space for picnics and other activities. The raised walk at 22nd and Sydney is great update.
- 1. I was frustrated to see the design not go all the way to E Carson next to the library given its city owned land - that should be transferred to the parks department. I realize that can be somewhat burdensome, but it'd be a massive improvement to see it better integrated 2. Option 1 seems much better over all, my only complaints is that I prefer the bike path onto the bridge shown on 2 because it strikes me as being more intuitive. Obviously longer term, the bridge itself is scary to ride on, but that's definitely the better treatment option. That said, there should still be lots of trees as in option 1 separating the path and athletics fields from the cars. 3. The basketball court in this map is shifted by only a couple feet - don't do that. It's a waste of money, keep that for better use, specifically; 4. Love the raised walkway, again, like in Armstrong, I want to see it with a mural on it 5. The bathrooms are gross, particularly the men's. I realize there's a water issue with the pool, but try and figure some sort of solution there.
- I truly don't understand why we need a place for hockey?? I would rather this space and resources be used to create general open space, more basketball courts, or my personal priority would be to improve and expand upon the pool. It could also perhaps be a great opportunity to re-locate the splash park at Armstrong over to Ormsby and connect it with the pool to make this more family friendly!
- I dislike the Ormsby plan. We should expand the playground area here so that we can have a dog park at Armstrong Park where the current playground is. There are WAY more dogs than kids in Southside. Then you have a park for families at Ormsby and a park for young professionals and residents without kids at Armstrong Park.
- So many great suggestions are incorporated in these plans. Besides resurfacing/repainting, being able to rent a pavilion, updated bathrooms, and more shade are such key elements to improving the usability. For that reason, I prefer option one, which will make it a greener space. Calming down traffic is a must for me to feel more confident taking my daughter to play.
- We just want to make sure that Dekhockey remains on the plans. There are multiple pickleball choices in South Side, especially if the Armstrong choice stays intact. There is only one Dekhockey rink the South Side.
- I would love to see a new hockey surface. There's currently a group of us who meet weekly to play hockey. The current condition is less than desirable but we manage. A new rink would expand our reach and provide the opportunity to engage the community with events / tournaments. Excited to see the refresh come to life!
- I am a fan of the relocation of the deck hockey, allowing for a more welcoming play area for the park. If option 1 is selected the play area should take over more space, better utilizing pool entrance area. In either case, with the deck hockey being moved towards the bridge, a fence similar to that of a batters cage should be used to keeps fly balls in the deck area off of the bridge. Best case the deck is placed as option1. Community garden in place of the pickle ball court. Allow for seating by the basket ball court. While expanding the play area.

- I prefer the pickleball court.
- I really like the idea of keeping the park maintained throughout the year. Concepts are great until they become abused.
- My preference is option 1.
- I prefer option 1
- I see that there are plans for better access to a bike ramp over the Birmingham Bridge, what about safe & clear pedestrian access to cross the bridge?
- I like ormsby to remain same layout
- Look into Wightman Park for inspiration in Squirrel Hill. Allows for a variety of abilities and ages to enjoy
- I do not like the open lawn that is not fenced in, I'd much rather keep the baseball field. I think instead of a rentable pavilion it should just be some kind of shaded picnic area. The walkways at the swimming pool are already small, if the umbrellas are going up near there I see it being a traffic and safety issue. I am super excited for the updated play area, new hockey deck, and raised crosswalk. I lean towards option 2.
- Funny. Going to move the dek hockey rink. Seems like your going to follow the plan of The Fort in Arlington. The hockey rink will magically disappear!!!
- Please choose Option 2!! Keeping the Ball Field allows for more team sports including use by the PSL. Also, the Ball field could still be used as the lawn described in Option 1. Are pickleball courts really necessary here? But I do like them at Armstrong.
- I like the one that plans for a pickleball court. I think South Side could easily justify multiple pickleball courts.
- Keep with option 2
- No rentable pavilion there is no parking basketball court was just updated. Remove desk hockey rink just update playground equipment playground is big enough have peoples actually open the rec center open the garden it already ha
- A BIG no to option 1 and the pickleball court. They are loud, and the homeowners will have to listen to that constantly. Why can't we have a green space with trees, a pavilion for community gatherings, etc.
- Option 1: pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports, Court uses little room, it can be played by a wide range of ages and abilities.
- I think they sound great, however I don't think there is enough room in that area for a rented pavilion. Maybe instead you could make the rec hall rentable. A FENCE around the playground is something absolutely needed. With there already being a pickleball court in the Southside works, and one being put in at Armstrong, I don't think that's necessary. It doesn't seem like there would be enough room for the basket ball court, and the deck hockey, and pickleball. I know it mentions moving deck hockey, and if that happens that area should just be expanded playground turf. We need the currently fenced in grass area to stay the same, just updated a bit.
- I feel like more general-purpose space is good.
- Option one is best, needs a dog park though
- Option 1
- I prefer option 1. I like the pickleball court and increased tree coverage. It'd be nice to have at least 1 tennis court in South Side. Not sure how much use the dek hockey gets, but if we can replace that with a tennis court, I'd prefer that. Nice design.
- Option 1
- I prefer Option 2.

- The existing layout of Ormsby isn't terrible and doesn't appear to need too much of a change to be useful. Option 2 seems to be the best of both worlds with updated amenities inside and outside plus the really cool additions like the community garden. Ormsby is an important space with a lot of community, kudos to the city for reinvesting in a useful space.
- I like things presented in each concept plan. Having a dedicated lawn space could be something the library used as part of its events programming.
- I like option 1. Again, will the park be dog friendly also?
- I am so disappointed in both of these renderings. Have you actually shrunk the play area for children??? The first photo shows trees and benches between the playground and the basketball courts. Right now that is swings. So you've either made the play area smaller or moved CHILDREN closer to an already problematic/ busy street. And is there no fenced in field for the children?? I am honestly baffled. The second photo at least has a field but a SIGNIFICANTLY smaller one. Why?? Seriously why take away grass for kids to run in? Do we really need so many pickle ball courts? Is this redesign even about making this a nicer park for kids?? Are there even swings?? Half the time that's the only reason my kids want to go there. Seriously- you had so much space and could have made this a great park for children and parents.

5. Any final thoughts on either of the park plans?

- Please keep the dek hockey rink. This is important for our community as there are few if any local rinks left
- dog park
- I am disappointed to see that the plans for Armstrong Park don't consider the very strongly and widely expressed need for a dog park in this area. It feels that these plans reflect the opinions of the loud minority rather than those who actually live around and utilize the space. Factually, the field is just not being utilized or reserved for sports and the playground is rarely used at all, so it seems counterintuitive to cater to those needs. I have seen this for the past six years that we have owned our home on this block. Moving forward with plans like this will further complicate my family's ability to live in South Side comfortably. I would encourage key stakeholders to spend a considerable amount of time observing who actually uses the park. I also would encourage the community council/city to try to acquire space back throughout the neighborhood where additional general use green space could be created instead of reducing usability of what is already there (the old UPMC location on Jane st would have been a great opportunity). This would be of better use to the community rather than allowing more high rise building developments that are out pricing us out of our own neighborhood.
- These plans seem to serve minority demographics— the able-bodied elderly and kids. These groups are a gross minority of Southside's resident population, and these new amenities will not attract families or the elderly to this neighborhood to live. I'm sure these will look very nice, but we will have zero use for them after the changes are made. Failure to serve the community's residents are what motivate us, young, dual-income homeowners in Southside Flats, to move out of the City and take our tax contributions to public programs elsewhere.
- Every time a space like this becomes refreshed, it helps being more positive change to our neighborhood. Thanks for all of the thought and care you're bringing to our parks.
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- Please make sure that Dekhockey does not get scrapped from these plans like they did when they redid the Fort in Arlington.

- In the case of either plan, there should be an easy vehicle access, with necessary barriers, to the hockey deck as many visitors bring nets, and equipment. Also with the moving of the deck a fence that blocks the bridge with an angled top would be ideal to keep any stray hockey shots from entering the bridge's traffic.
- We use the Dekhockey rink and would like it to stay in any option moving forward.
- The sooner the better!
- I love the plans but am hoping some kind of noise barrier is under consideration for the pickleball courts. I have no doubt that they will be in constant use. Residents living by them will probably find that noise disturbing.
- No
- Please again allow armstrong to be the pickleball park
- Better playground equipment for ages 1 and older
- Option2
- I don't think we need a baseball field especially when we have one in Armstrong park and this park is so close to major traffic
- Make Armstrong the pickleball park and keep Ormsby the basketball park
- The baseball field is never used. That's so much open space to provide other usable amenities for the community
- Add bike racks
- I love the addition of more space for our communities to gather, enjoy the outdoors, play, picnic & relax. I do not want pickleball near any of people's homes due to loud paddle/balls, people screaming.
- *update play ground *update grass field (but keep it the same size, please do not decrease the area). *FENCED in playground *update basketball court *update deck hockey *PUT THE WATER FOUNTAINS BACK *Add LARGE signs all over the park letting parents know they CAN NOT smoke there (do this at Armstrong as well).
- There are 100s of dogs in the Southside. More dogs than children. I have a 2 year old daughter and a dog.
- Pickleball
- It'd be nice to have at least 1 tennis court in South Side.
- Be nice to be able to buy food and drinks
- Ormsby is good how it is
- I really value that I was given this opportunity to provide feedback to my community and it's planning.
- The South Side parks see a lot of children — both from and outside the neighborhood — and ensuring they have a safe experience and plenty to do should remain a priority for both sites.
- My only concern is if a dog park will be added? I am a dog owner and live near Armstrong Park. I'd like to have my dog play at Armstrong Park. The other dog park, near Aldi, is too far away for me to take my dog to to play.
- As a parent I'm not sure why either of these would keep me here. You focused on pleasing everyone in the community instead of focusing on the fact that these are playgrounds. Yes, other parks in the city have rain gardens. BUT THEY ARE HUGE AND DO NOT COMPROMISE THE INTEGRITY OF WHAT THE SPACE IS FOR- CHILDREN AND FOR PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT.

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What projects would you like to prioritize at Ormsby?

Armstrong & Ormsby Park Planning

2

Contributors

2

Contributions

Key Statistics

Top-level information about the activity.

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5 points

Average Spend

5 points total budget

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5

Projects

0 sponsors

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5

Total Votes

2.5 avg. projects funded / contribution

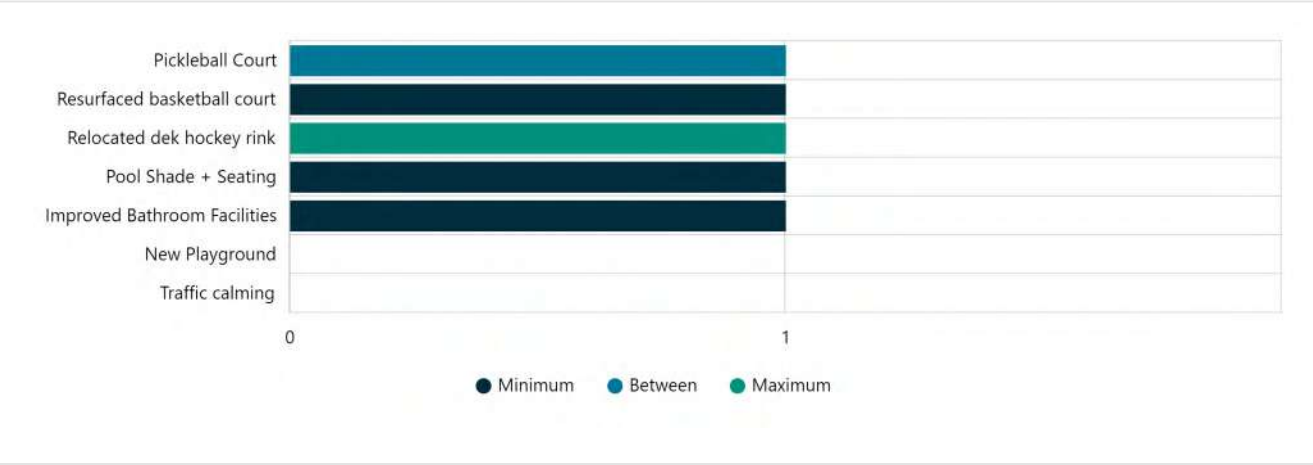
Contribution Summary

Summary of the activity including details of the included projects, voting results and more.

Project Details				
Information on the projects included for potential funding including the name, cost, voting and other details.				
Project Name	Funded (Total)	Funded (Min)	Funded (Above Min.)	Funded (Max)
Pickleball Court	1 (50%)	0 (0%)	1 (50%)	0 (0%)
Resurfaced basketball court	1 (50%)	1 (50%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Relocated dek hockey rink	1 (50%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (50%)
Pool Shade + Seating	1 (50%)	1 (50%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Improved Bathroom Facilities	1 (50%)	1 (50%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
New Playground	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Traffic calming	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)

Voting Results

Some description for Variable.



Votes by Project Tag

Comparison showing the number of times a project tag was included on a funded project. Vote totals may exceed the total number of project votes.

No Data Available

Votes by Project Sponsor

Comparison showing the number of times a project sponsor was included on a funded project. Vote totals may exceed the total number of project votes.

No Data Available

Suggested Priorities

A prioritised list of projects based on the voting results that maximises the value of the defined budget.



5 points
Total budget for allocated projects



50%
Contributions that include at least one suggested project



50%
Contributions that include at least half (50%) of all suggested projects



50%
Contributions that include all (100%) of suggested projects



50%
Contributions that supported one of these suggested projects at the maximum



50%
Contributions that supported one of these suggested projects beyond the minimum



Relocated dek hockey rink

Cost: 5 pts

1 votes (20%)

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What projects are you most excited about at Armstrong?
Armstrong & Ormsby Park Planning

3 Contributors | 3 Contributions

Key Statistics

Top-level information about the activity.



5 points
Average Spend
5 points total budget



5
Projects
0 sponsors



6
Total Votes
2 avg. projects funded / contribution

Contribution Summary

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Project Details Information on the projects included for potential funding including the name, cost, voting and other details.				
Project Name	Funded (Total)	Funded (Min)	Funded (Above Min.)	Funded (Max)
Basketball Courts	2 (66.67%)	2 (66.67%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Spray Features	1 (33.33%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (33.33%)
New Playground	1 (33.33%)	0 (0%)	1 (33.33%)	0 (0%)
Field	1 (33.33%)	0 (0%)	1 (33.33%)	0 (0%)
Traffic Calming	1 (33.33%)	0 (0%)	1 (33.33%)	0 (0%)

