

Bower Survey Results | Add Alternatives

Surveys were pushed through flyers at grocery stores, post office, and spread throughout the park, an ad in the ICO, and well as requests through Fix Bower Park, RCRC, and other personal networks. There were 53 responses. Everyone was asked to rank each thing from 1-5, 1 being not important and 5 being very important. It is possible that the survey responses skewed parent-heavy, but also they may have been the most motivated, so take from that what you will.

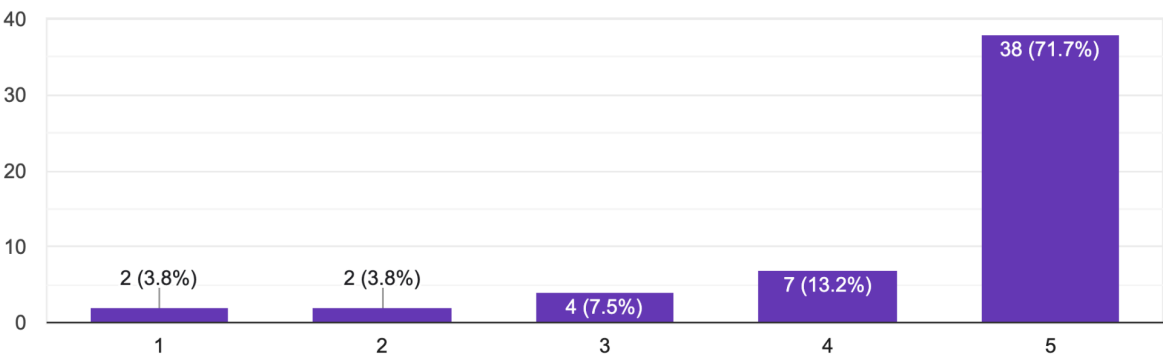
Here is the summary table:

Additional play equipment	4.45
Walking path expansion	3.49
Lighting	3.38
Amphitheater repairs or improvements	3.19
Group picnic improvements	3.04
Outdoor fitness equipment	2.68x
Walking path amenities	2.62
Dog park	2.43

Here are the question-specific charts. Below that you can find some of the text responses.

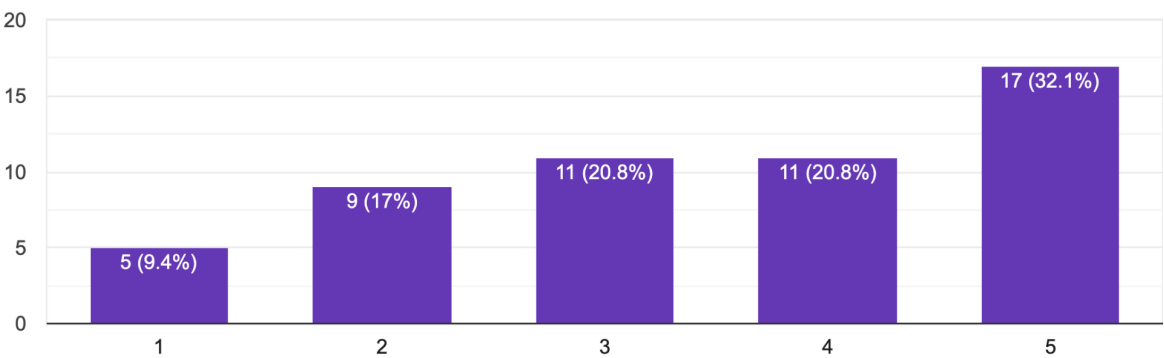
Additional play equipment

53 responses



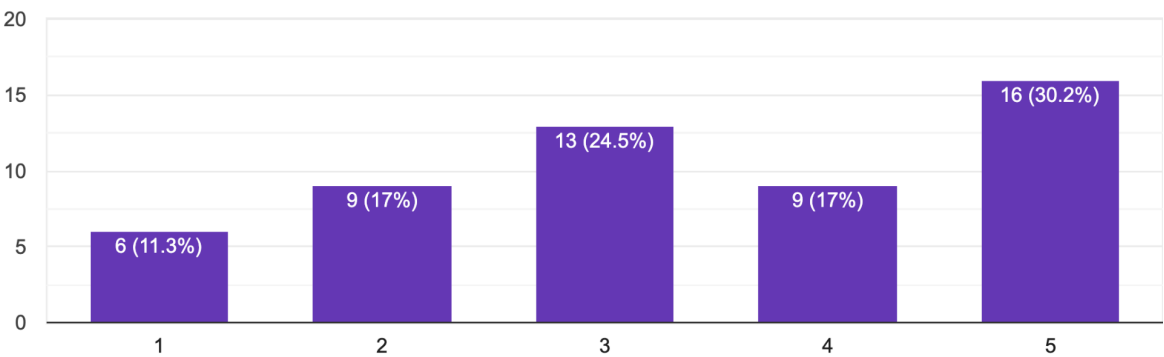
Walking path expansion

53 responses



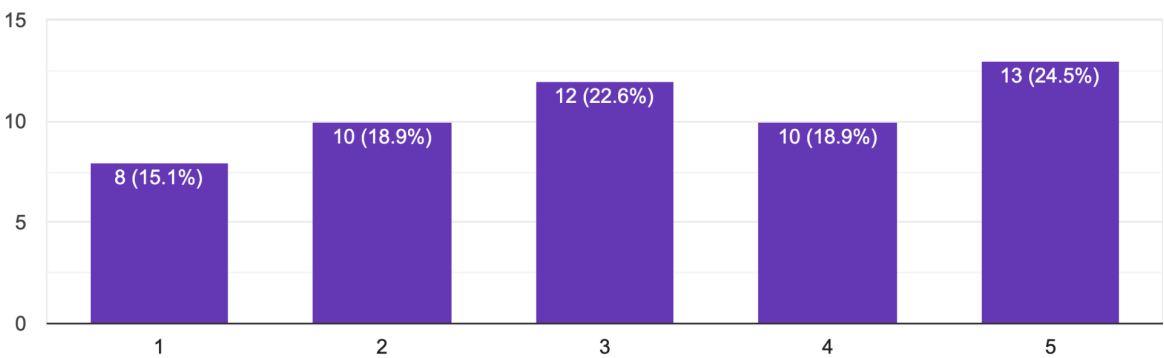
Lighting

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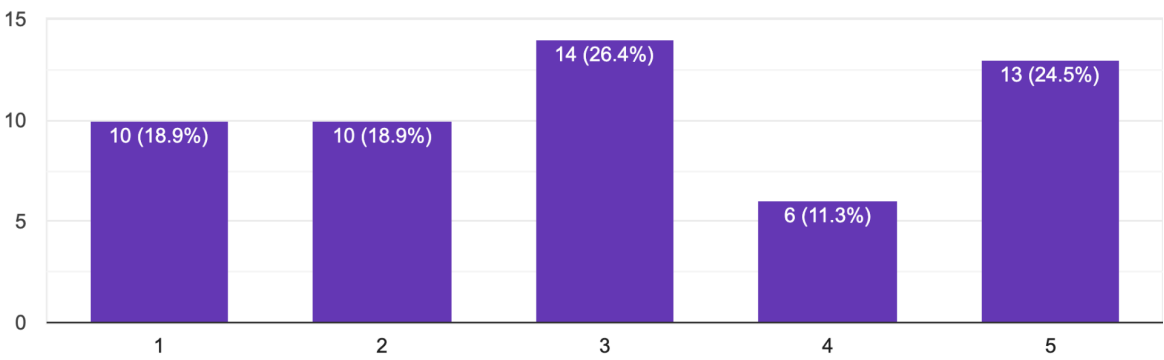
Amphitheater repairs or improvements

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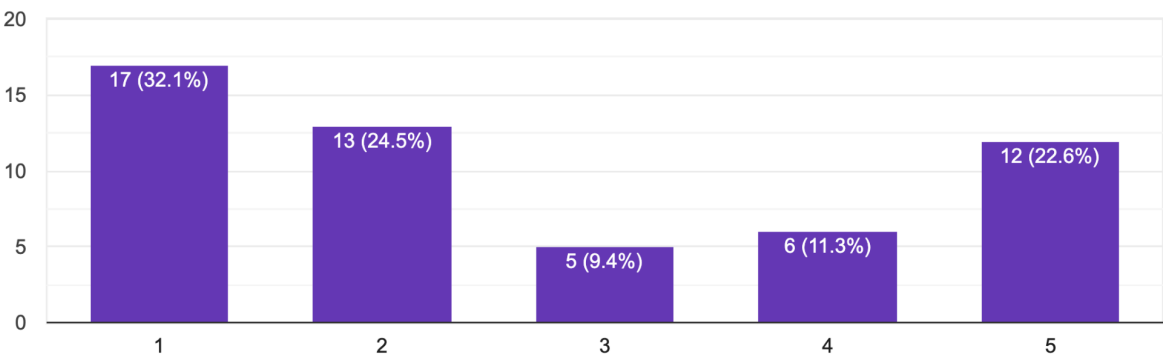
Group picnic improvements

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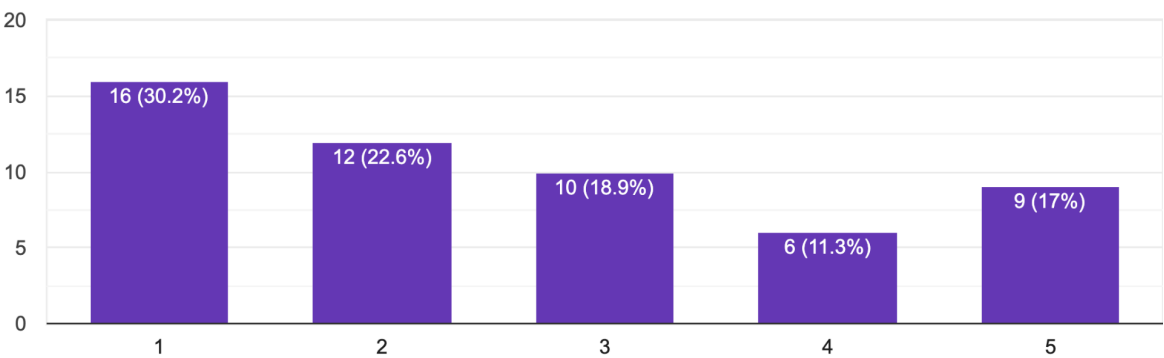
Outdoor fitness equipment

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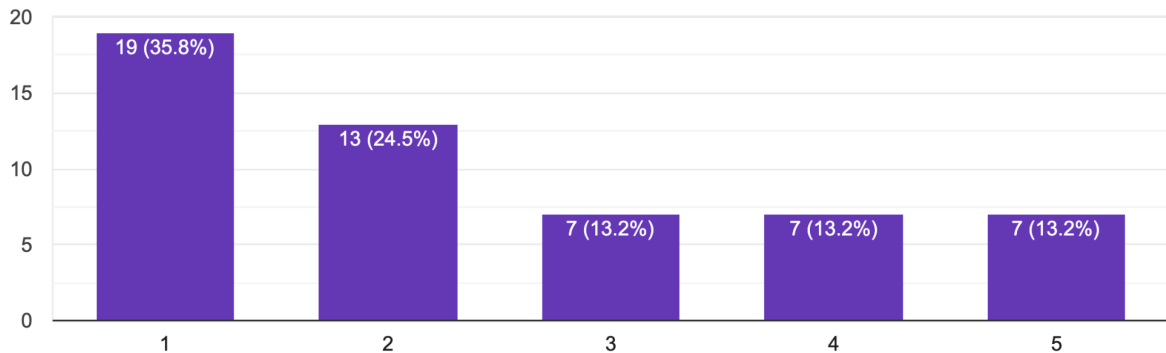
Walking path amenities

53 responses



Dog park

53 responses



Here are the useful comments that were left. I pulled out several that were talking about already included features, and others that weren't useful for other reasons.

Fences and new play structures are a must! As well as repairs to any borders of play areas and new wood chips. ASAP obviously.

If I could rank these I would say play equipment and lighting are the most important, followed by the amphitheater improvements to avoid injuries, and then the walking path.

The most important thing is new playground equipment! The kids need good, interactive equipment. It's their only playground.

The money was for Bower Park so use it for Bower Park. We don't need fancy we need safe for all ages. Playground, Basketball, Baseball, Fishing, Picnics and nice safe flat walking for elderly.

New play structures! Safe structure and play areas is number one importance!! NEW structures!!

We need new playground equipment! We also don't need more surveys, that eats into the costs of this precious grant money. More surveys and administrative costs are how you piss away money. We don't need to rehab the playground. Make it new. Do what the community asked of you the first time.

The path already goes around the pond. Fix it! Tennis or pickleball courts are needed! No ridiculous dog park as it will go to hell because the county has no staff. Make the ball park nicer and maybe add lights up there!! New bleachers. Maybe some seats around the play areas and New equipment is needed!! Not repair but new!

Water sprinkler spot for hot days, or covered BBQ an table spot

PLEASE fix the basketball court, tennis court, and outdoor amphitheater. And that big place near the little gazebo by the pond where the pathway has sunk in.

I'd be nice to have a bicycle path so people and kids can bike ride on a smooth pavement. Also the basketball court needs fixing.

New play structures!!!

My family would utilize the park a lot more with more play equipment and lighting.

The health and wellbeing of working families is what Assemblymember Jim Wood secured the \$2.2 million grant money for in the first place. New playgrounds are essential to meet the needs of working class children, teens and families who have no other safe, enjoyable public places to be outdoors within 60 mile radius.

Mendocino County has consistently heard from majority members of this community that our kids need a safe place to play. That means an expanded, modernized, NEW playground.

Please do not waste this critical grant opportunity with new picnic tables and water fountains.

Having new play equipment is so essential for safety and enjoyment for children and families.

Putting a lot of money and improvements into Bower Park is wonderful, but if it isn't totally accessible to a multi-generational population, and those with physical challenges, I don't feel that it's the best that it should, or could be. Bower Park is a real "Gem", and after the community and leaders have worked so long and so hard to obtain this incredible grant; please don't piecemeal parts of the Park.

Kids need new playgrounds. There are few local resources for kids (especially free) and they have been neglected for far too long (poor/little quality equipment that wasn't maintained). Our tax dollars should benefit our local area and this has been neglected for far too long.