

## **Appendix A**

# **Parks Commission Meeting #1**

## **July 11, 2024**

### **Summary and Questionnaire Results**

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### **Summary**

The Parks Commission Meeting was held on July 11, 2024, from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm at the Ridge Park pavilion. There were six (6) commissioners in attendance. Other attendees included city staff and consultants.

One of the agenda items was the Leon Valley Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update. The first part of this item included a presentation on the overall project description, schedule, and proposed community engagement activities. The second part was an exercise to gather responses for the current condition of the parks to understand the needs at various parks and throughout city.

This meeting was the first of four (4) meetings which is part of a five-to-six-month planning process to engage the Park Commissioners as an advisory committee for the Leon Valley Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update (Plan Update).

In addition to listening to the presentation, the Parks Commission completed a draft community questionnaire. This was an opportunity to receive feedback and recommendations on the format prior to distributing the questionnaire to the public. The results of the questionnaire are provided later in this document in section “Questionnaire and Results” and the recommendations were incorporated in the latest version of the questionnaire.

### **Questionnaire Results**

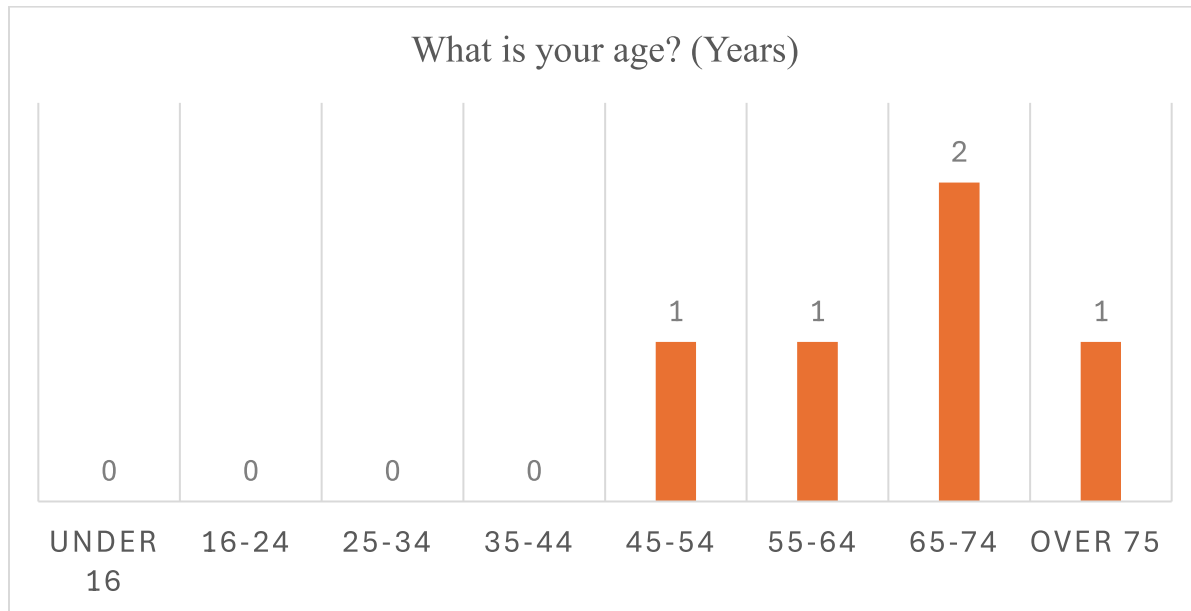
#### **Background**

These are the questionnaire responses collected from the Parks Commission at their meeting of July 11, 2024. Six (6) questionnaires were collected, and the results are summarized below. As indicated earlier, the purpose of this exercise was to receive feedback on the questionnaire and modify it prior to circulating the questionnaire in the community and posting it on the website for public input.

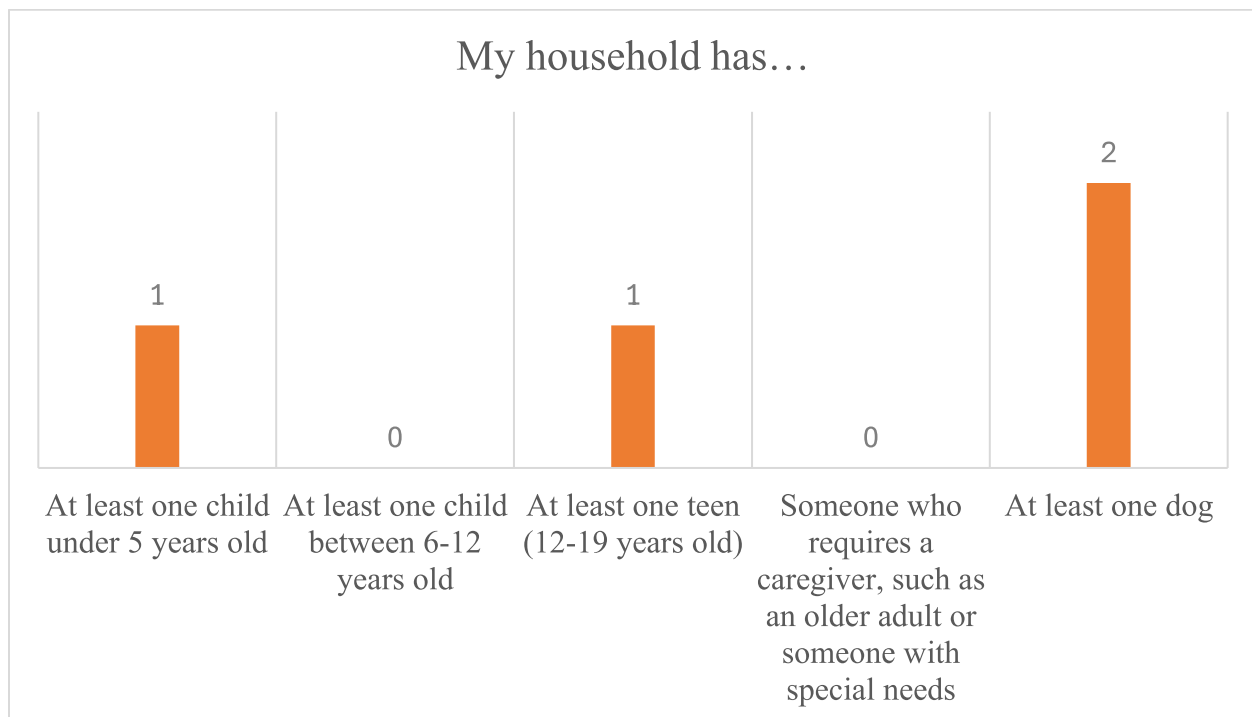
Not all questions were answered so there less than six (6) responses to some of the questions.

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### Questions and Results

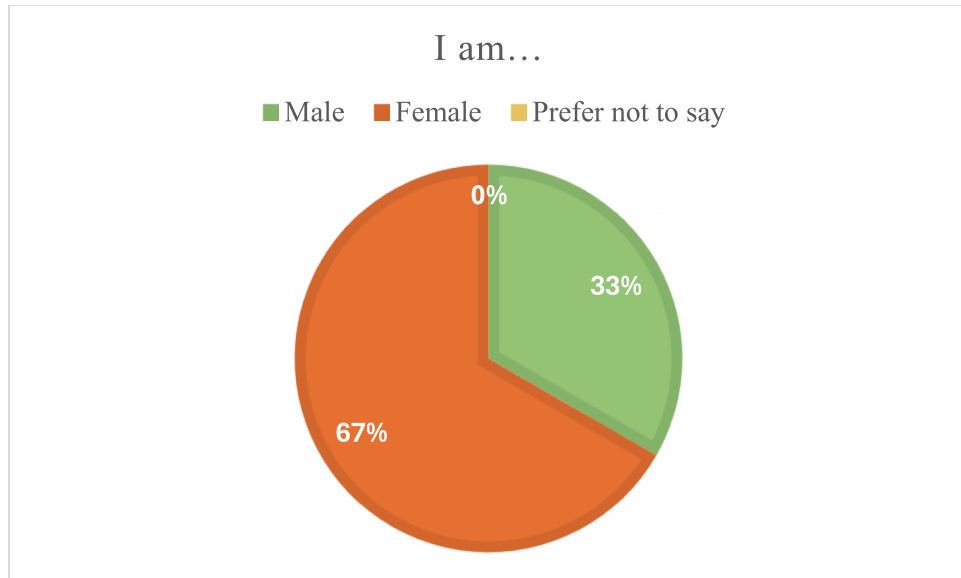


Most of the respondents were over 55 years.

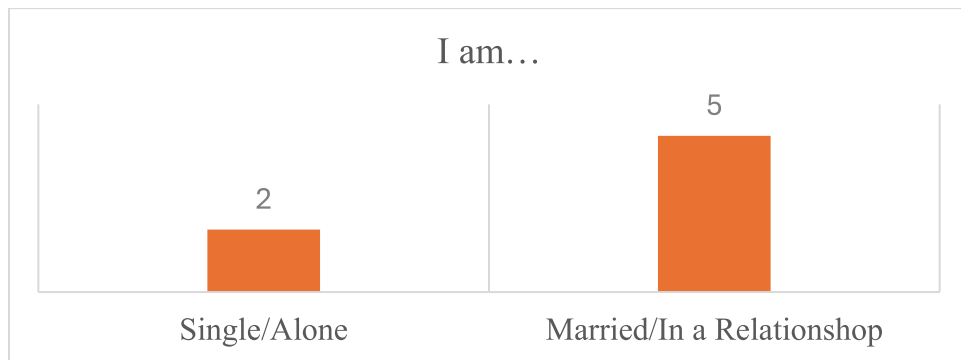


Half of the respondents had at least one dog.

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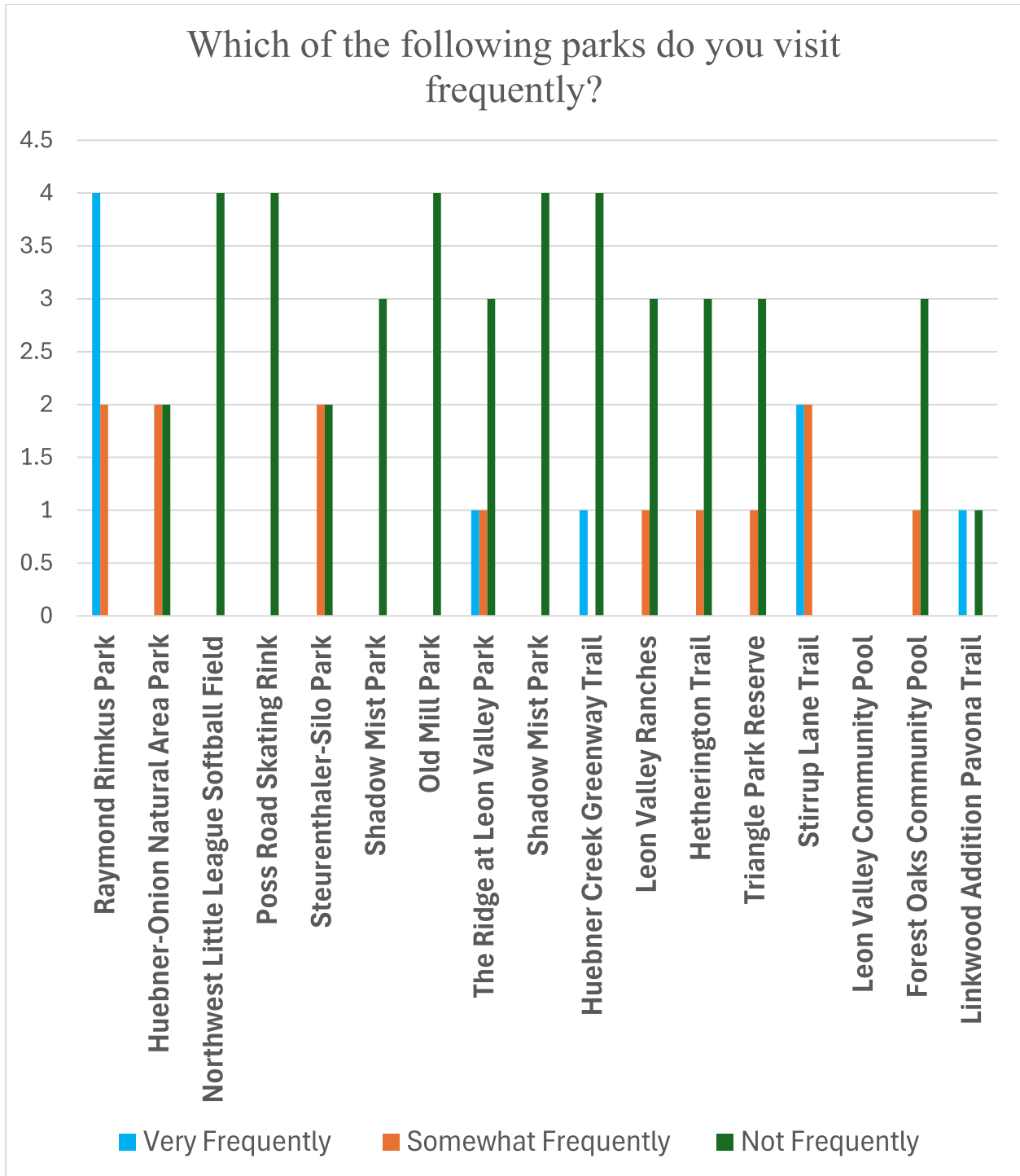


Many of the respondents identified themselves as female.



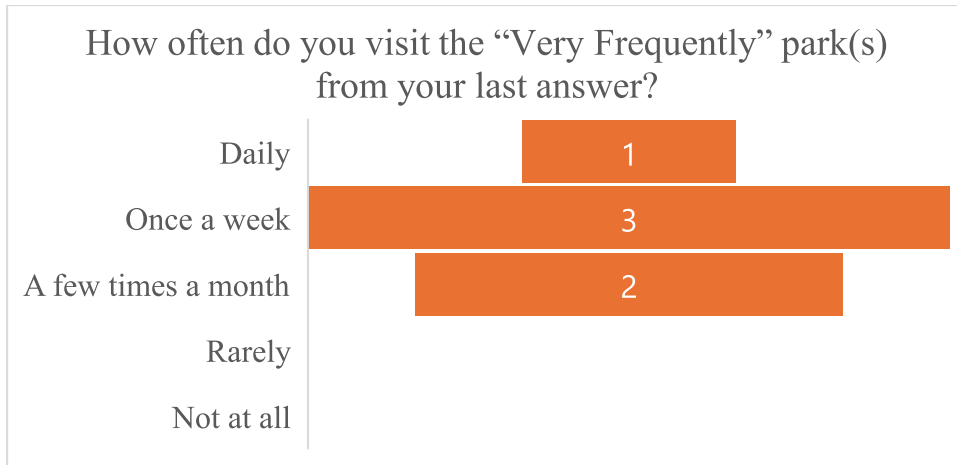
There were more households that have at least two persons.

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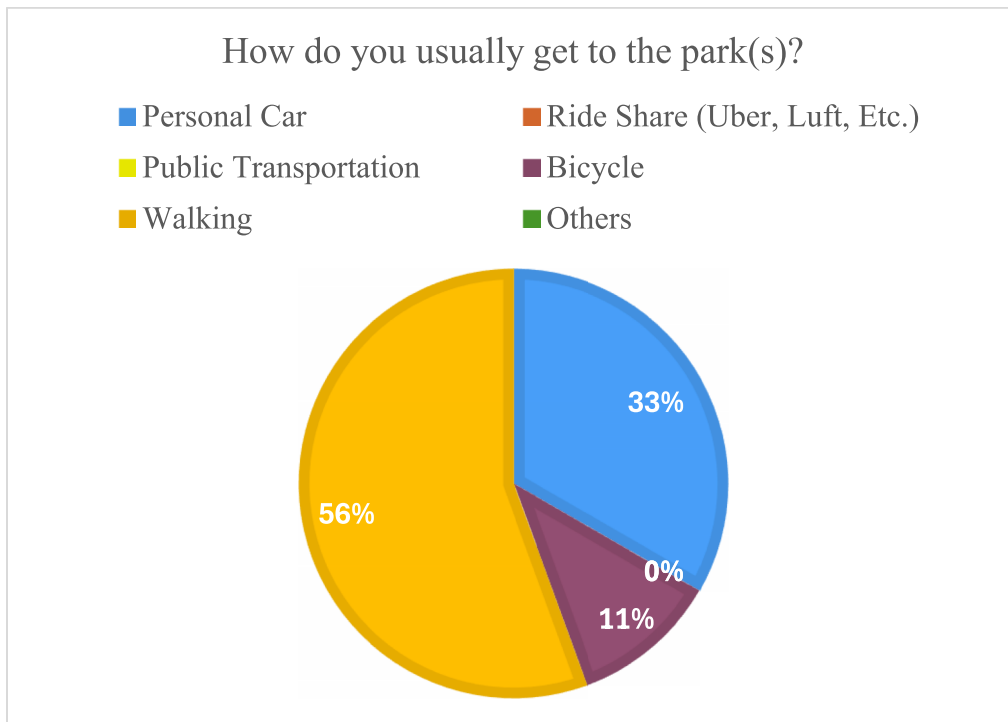


Most frequently visited parks were Raymond Rimkus Park (4) and Stirrup Lane Trail (2). The least visited were tied with four (4) responses for Northwest Little League Softball Field, Poss Road Skating Rink, Old Mill Park, Shadow Mist Park, and Huebner Creek Greenway Trail.

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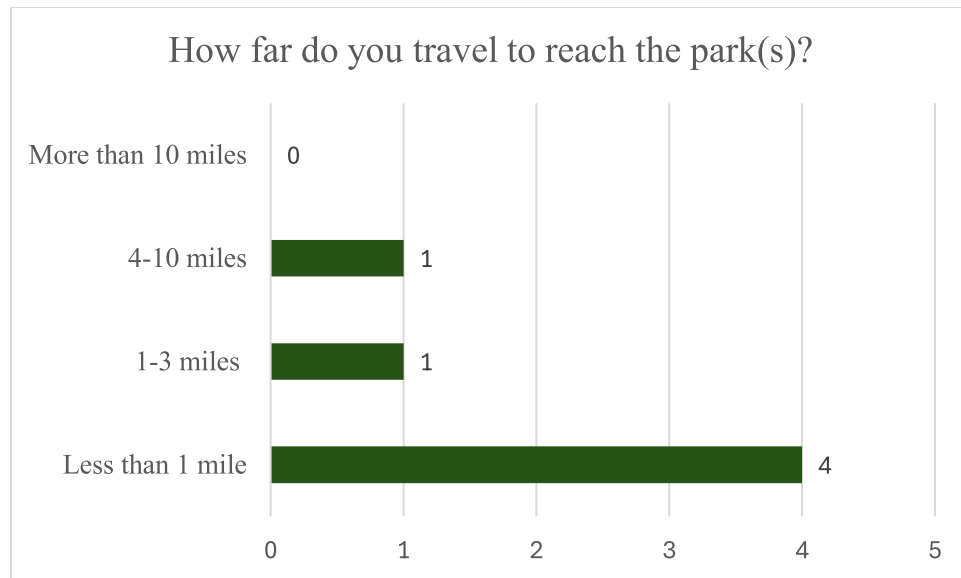


Majority of the respondents stated they visit the park once a week. Very few visit the park daily.



Majority of the respondents walked to the park. Next highest mode of transport was a personal car. None used public transportation.

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Questionnaire participants stated that they travel less than 1 mile to a park and are more likely to use a non-auto mode of transportation such as bike, walking, or wheelchair, or other exercise equipment.

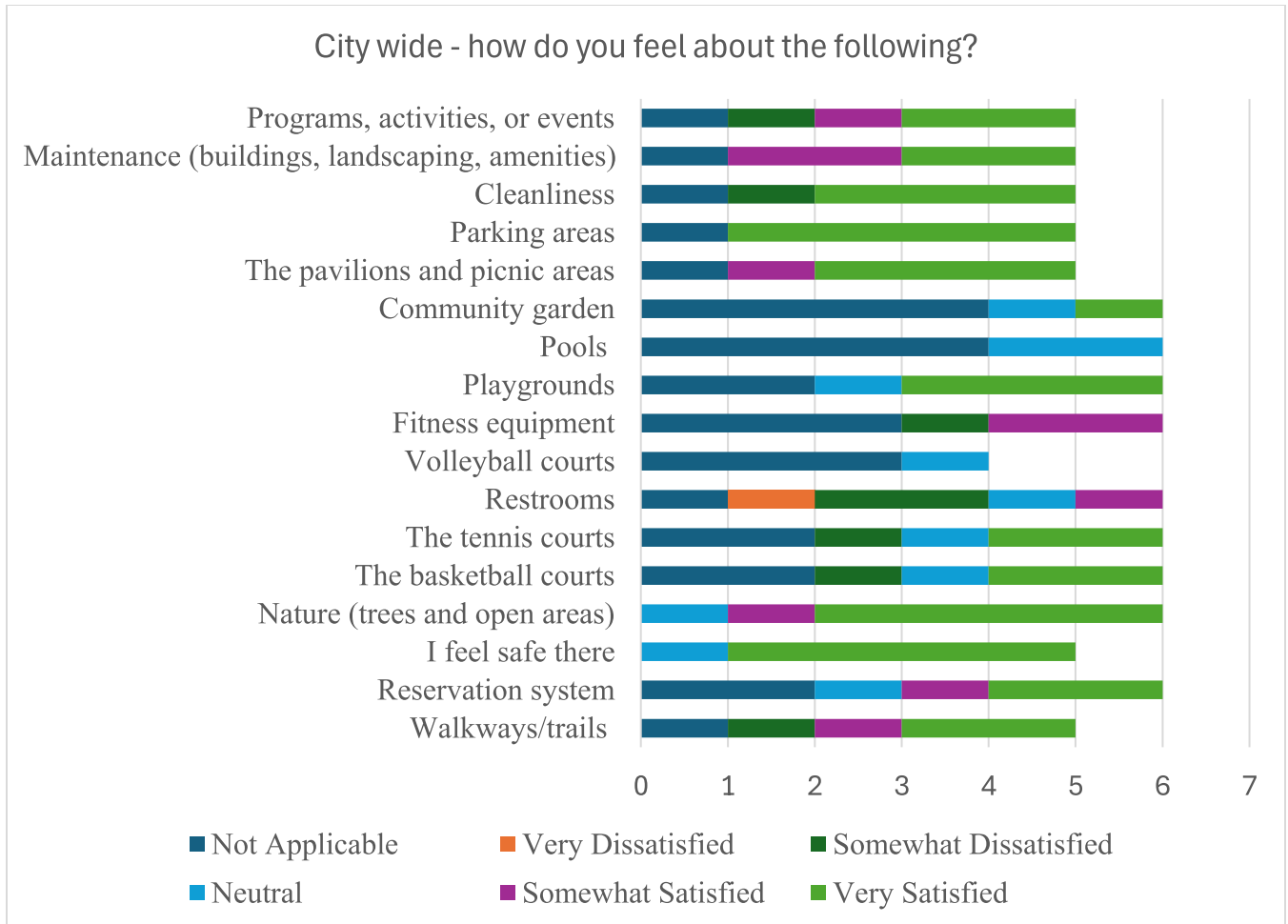
What might prevent you from using the park?

- N/A (2 responses)
- Too many people
- None
- Lack of shade structures and benches under the shade

What additional features would you like to see in the park that you use?

- Pickleball, Splashpad, Dog Park.
- More trees.
- Pickleball boundaries painted on tennis courts. The change in net height and size is not conducive for pickle ball and tennis. A common net does not meet regulations and maybe not be eligible for grant funding from tennis associations. Monterey Park has a combined pickle ball/tennis court. US Pickle Ball Assoc. funds courts with pickleball lines. Raymond Rimkus tennis courts does not have lines painted for pickle ball.
- Beautify - landscaping more trees, shrubs, no flooding damaged areas. Covered basketball courts. ADA accessibility for trails and pools. Family-friendly restrooms. Inclusive playgrounds. Engaging and attractive. Directions to parks.

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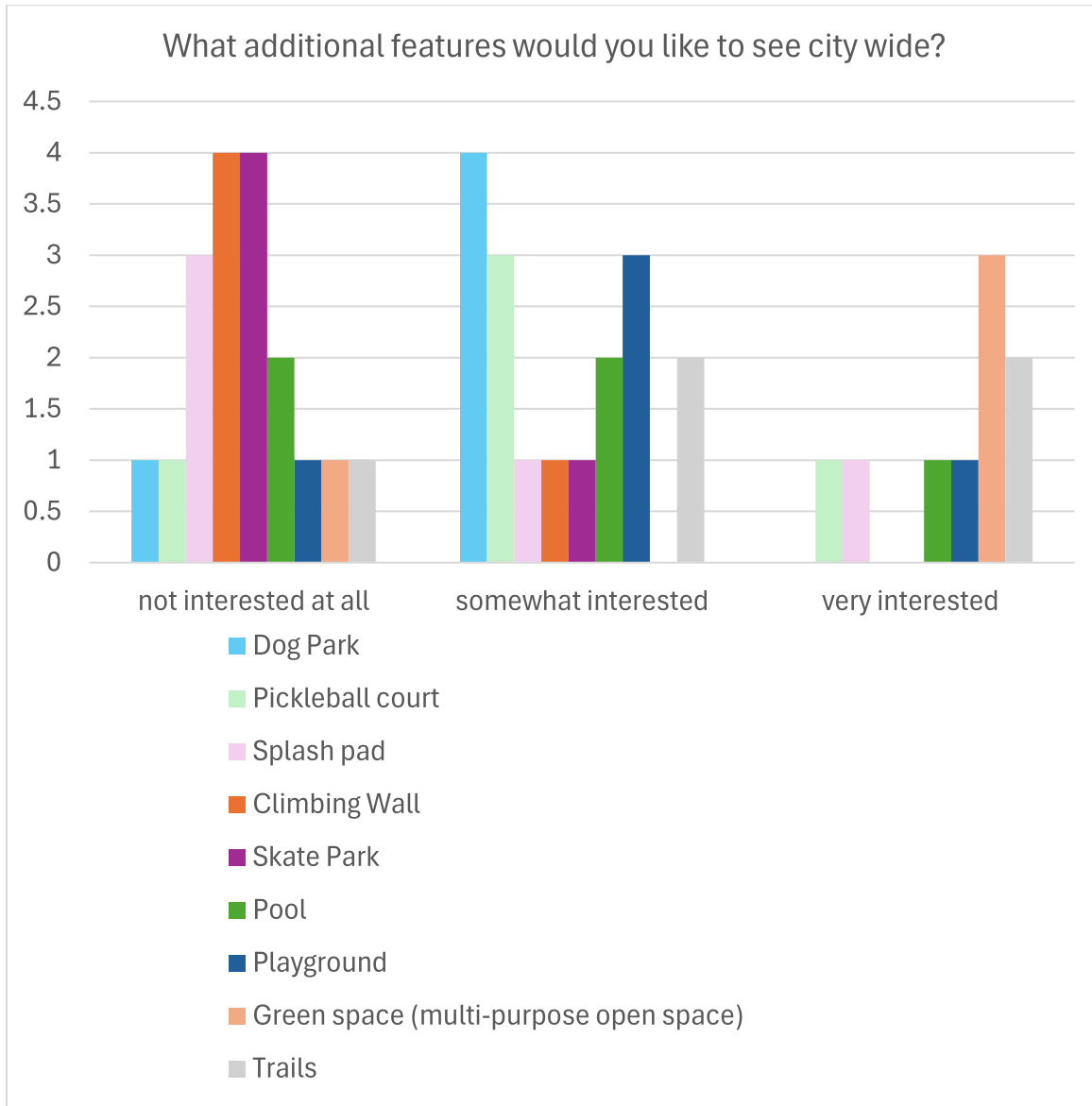


Overall, the park users were very satisfied, or the activities were not applicable. Most of the responses that were *somewhat dissatisfied* applied to the restrooms. For *somewhat satisfied* responses the most were for the fitness equipment and maintenance categories.

### What do you like about Leon Valley Parks and Recreational Facilities?

- They have a little bit for everyone.
- ADA compliant everywhere.

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The top activities respondents were not interested in at all were climbing walls and skate parks. For activities that respondents were somewhat interested in, those included a dog park and playground. Then, for the activities that respondents were very interested in, there was a large interest for green space (multi-purpose open space).



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If you came back to the city in 10 years what would like to see in terms of parks and recreation in Leon Valley?

- More trees, walks & trails in better shape.
- Main thing is that the parks be maintained.
- Free swimming pools with lessons, aqua fit classes, and lap swimming. Public art throughout the parks, pools, and city spaces, attractive pavilions, buildings, landscape, architecture in parks. Park standards, trail stewards, volunteers to help maintain. Add night lighting in Raymond Rimkus Park. More Biodiversity.
- Safe parks and a safer community.
- Safety.
- Health forward programs in the parks such as work out classes and yoga.
- Increase resident awareness of the programs and classes available.
- Improve tree maintenance.
- Add a dog park.
- Add a pickle ball court.
- Have continued green space open for multi-use activities.