



MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 5, 2021 PARKS COMMISSION MEETING
CITY OF DAYTON, MINNESOTA

I. CALL TO ORDER at 6:30 PM

Present: David Fashant, Jack Prom, David Kline, and Dave Pikal

Absent: Doug Baines

City Council Members Present: Travis Henderson

Also in attendance: City Administrator, Tina Goodroad; Public Works Superintendent, Marty Farrell;

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Fashant motioned to approve, seconded by Prom. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Park Commission Minutes from September 7, 2021

Prom motioned, seconded by Pikal, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

V. OPEN FORUM

No one present for open forum.

VI. COUNCIL UPDATE

Henderson provided an update to the Commission regarding Council business. He stated the Council approved the Water Trail Study.

VII. REGULAR MEETING

C. Re-cap of Hayden Hills and Donahue Dells Open House

Goodroad explained there was a great turnout for the open houses. Paul Kangas came forward and displayed a rendering of Donahue Dells. He noted that they received many

comments about the holding pond and water quality which is outside the scope of this project. Mr. Kangas stated the Commission needs to decide about the play equipment to qualify for a grant and to get it delivered in a timely manner. He shared the feedback from the open house and stated IONiX and PrimeTime were favored by the residents. The Commission reached consensus to use the PrimeTime line of playground equipment for Donahue Dells.

Mr. Kangas displayed a rendering of Hayden Hills Park and shared feedback from the residents. He stated the neighborhood preferred IONiX and XScape playground equipment. The Commission reached consensus to use IONiX playground equipment. Mr. Kangas noted there were requests for pickleball and tennis. The Commission discussed pickleball and tennis courts and reached consensus to incorporate a pickleball court. The Commission discussed having an ice rink and reached consensus to not include an ice rink in the park. The Commission discussed a golf option and reached consensus to include the amenity.

Fashant motioned, seconded by Prom, to proceed with Donahue Dells and Hayden Hills Park designs as discussed by the Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

D. Next Park Commission Meeting

1. Parks meeting tentatively scheduled for December 7, 2021

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Kline declared the meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shari Kunza, Recording Secretary
TimeSaver OffSite Secretarial, Inc

ITEM:

Leathers Park Discussion

PREPARED BY:

Alec Henderson, Planner

BACKGROUND:

In September the Parks Commission discussed the Leathers Park survey results. This is a continuation of that discussion. A nearby resident attended the Parks meeting and communicated the desire to see prairie restoration at the park. This was generally supported however additional conversation was requested to make sure we include other amenities to support the park.

The survey summaries are attached. Based on responses, open space was the highest requested amenity, followed by playground, picnic tables/benches, trails or paths, followed by edible forest or community garden. Pollinator plantings/prairie and trees were generally the median response.

The survey response also indicated that high trafficked amenities were not right for the park. These include sports fields, and community garden. One point made at the meeting was, most lots nearby are large lots and any gardening is already done at individual lots. Additionally, the lack of water onsite may make some amenities much more difficult to maintain or be a high expense to install water.

Based on responses, prairie restoration and some combination of more passive park amenities may be the best fit for the area. Ideas that were talked about at the meeting include an educational prairie amenity, passive park items (possibly a picnic shelter and tables or benches). Please discuss what amenities the Park Commission may wish to see at this park and we can provide feedback to Paul Kangas (who volunteer hours for a concept).

ATTACHMENTS:

Leathers Park Survey PowerPoint

Leathers Park Survey Summary



Park Commission

December 7, 2021

Leathers Park

***DEDICATED PARK LAND CANNOT BE USED FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE OTHER THAN PARK; CANNOT BE TRADED; CANNOT BE SOLD**

Park Commission may wish use resident feedback if possible to inform park that is useable by the existing residents, but also think long term beyond existing residents

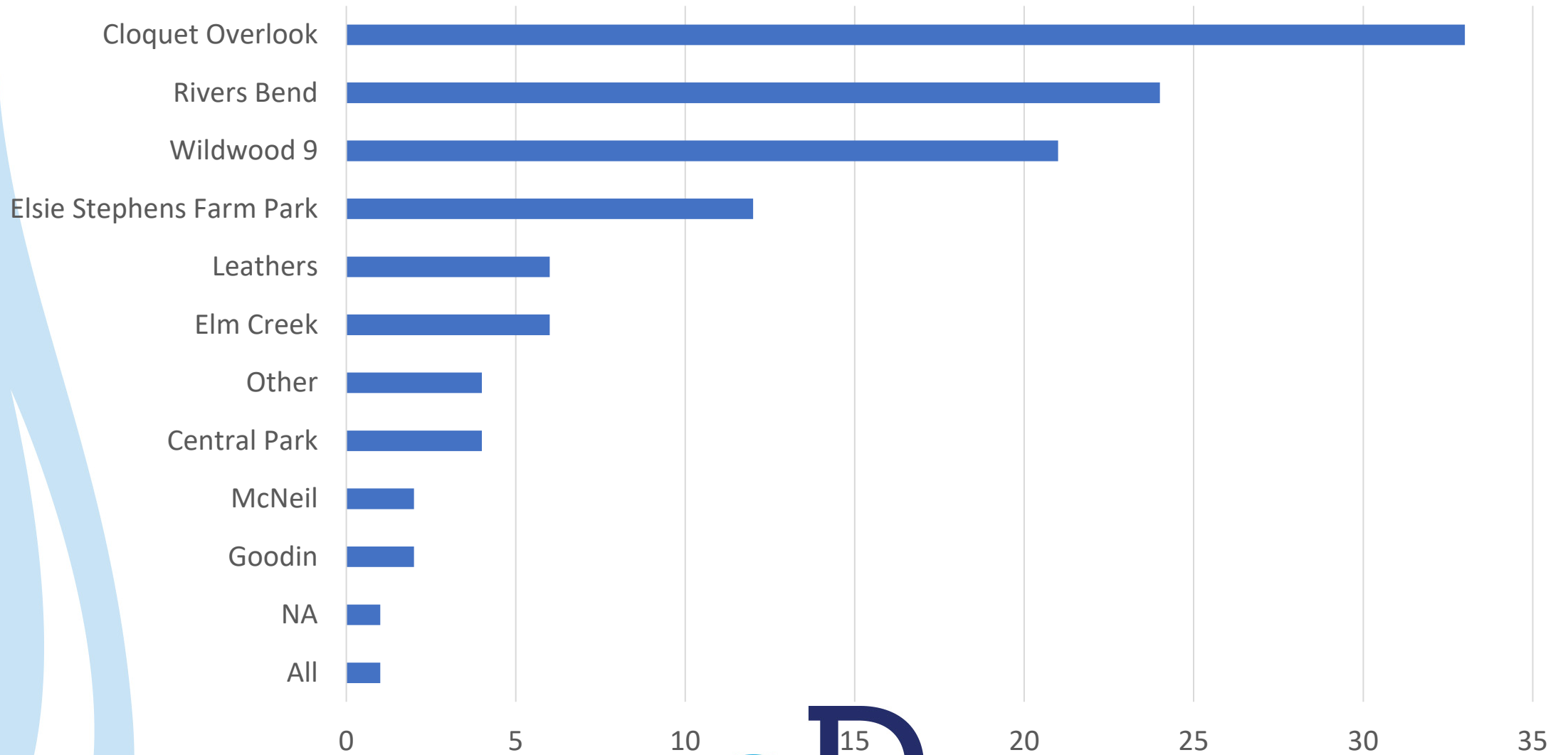


Leathers Park Survey

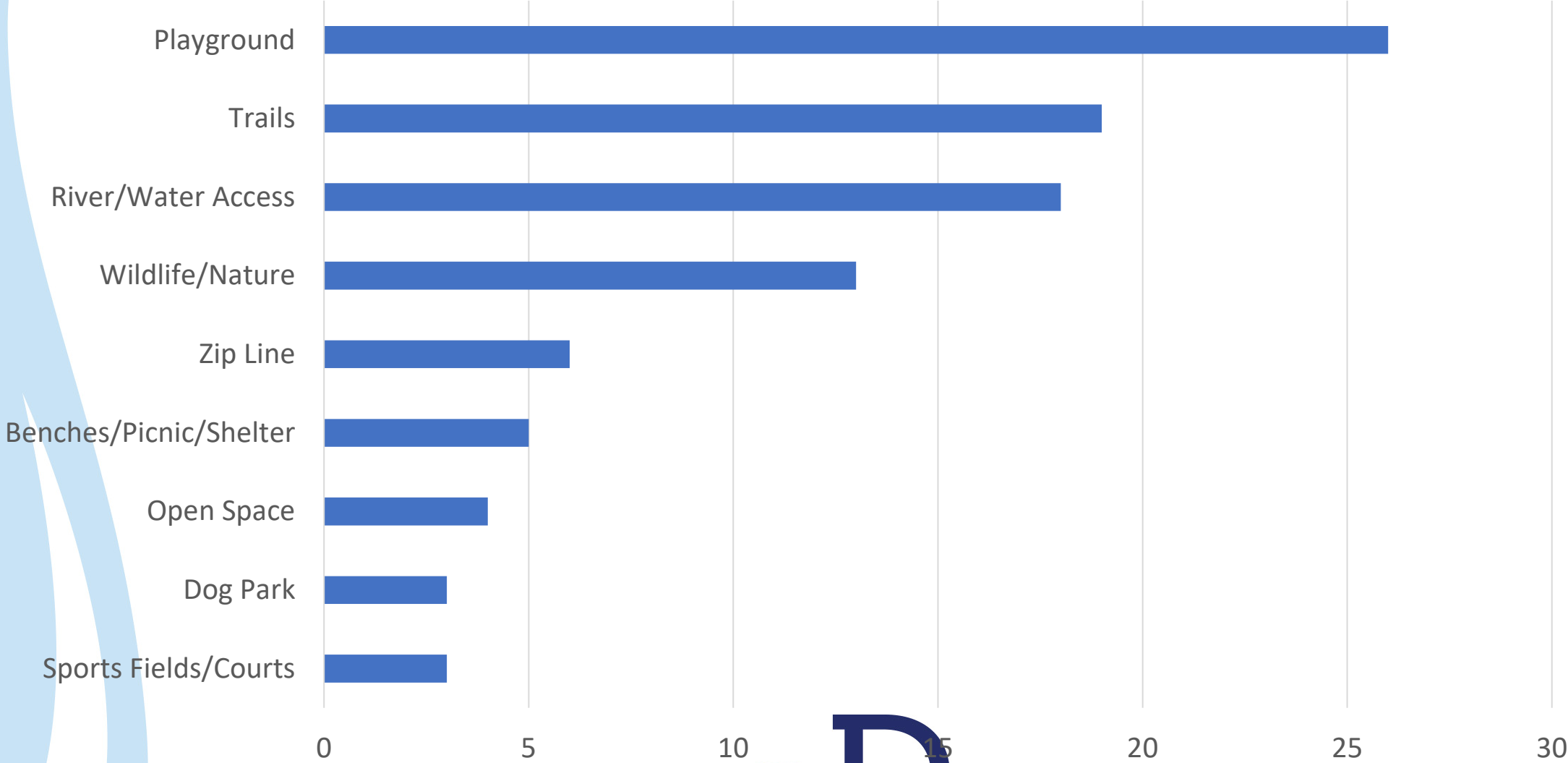
- 73 Respondents
- Most participants responded to all questions
- Most respondents do appreciate the passive open space
- Many respondents felt a playground in combination with trails would be beneficial
- At a minimum nearby residents would appreciate park that is more passive than active with picnic or shade amenities



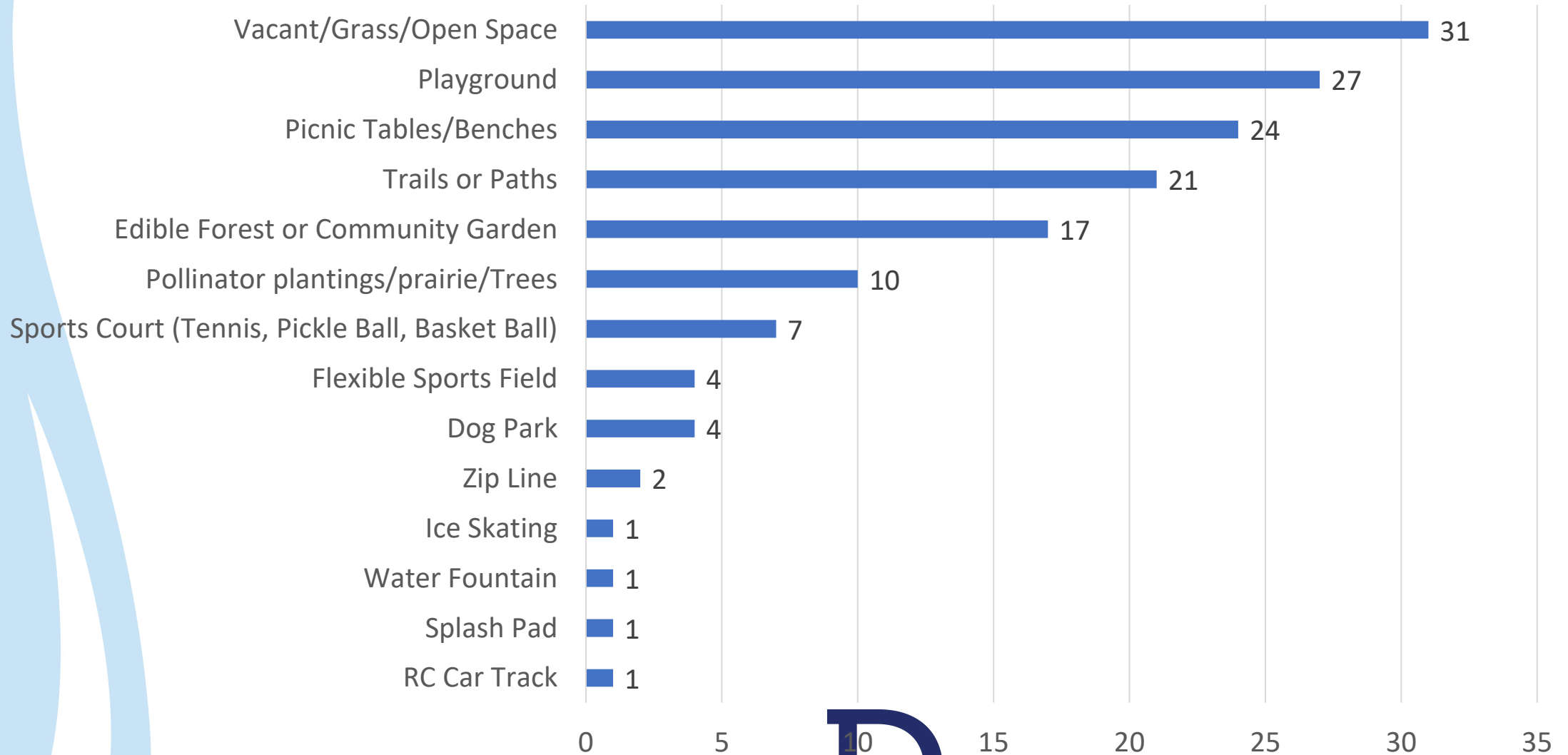
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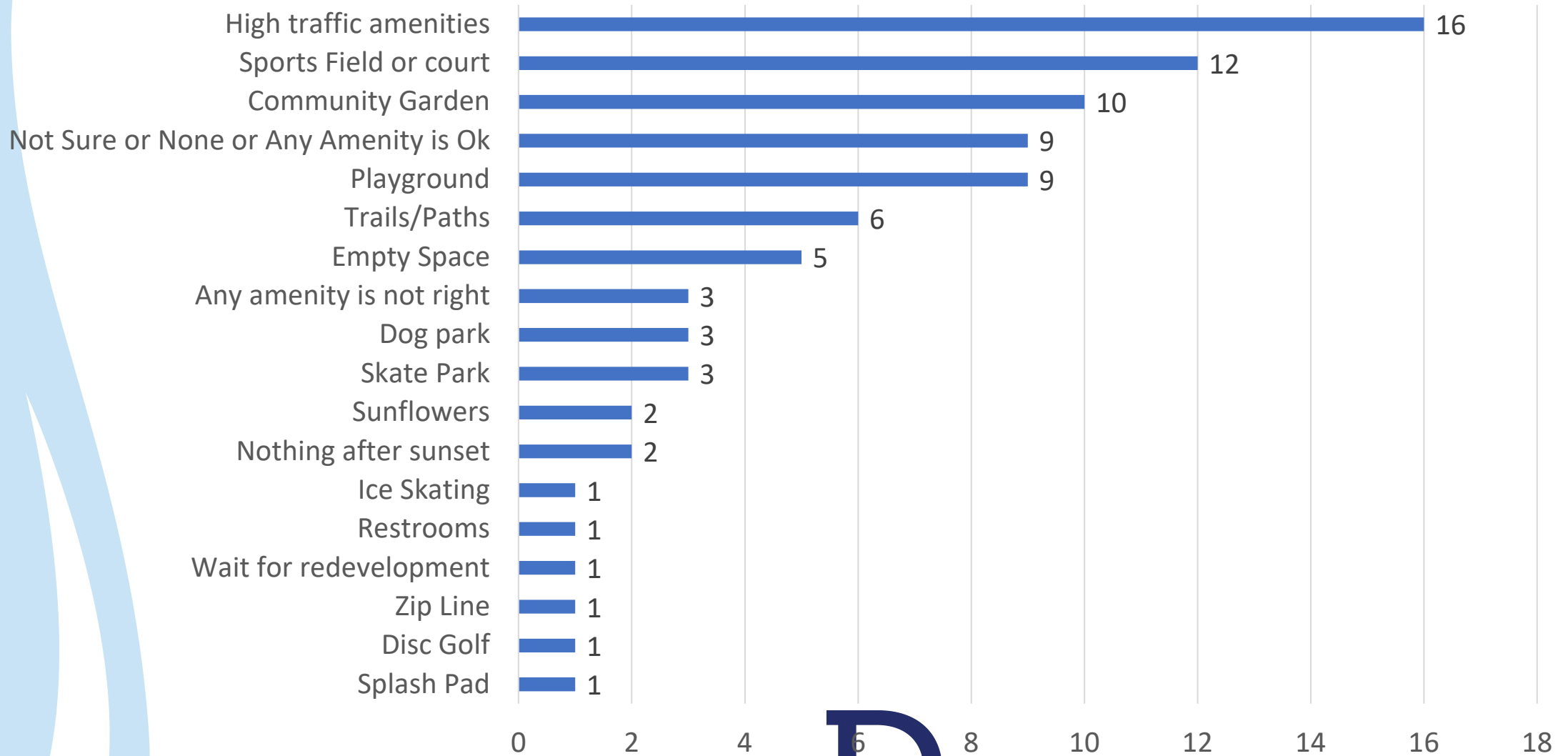
Amenities that Draw Use Generally



Amenities For Leathers



Amenities Not Right for Leathers



Leathers Park Improvements - Neighborhood Survey

73
Responses

05:10
Average time to complete

Active
Status

1. What street do you live on?

73
Responses

Latest Responses

"Hemlock Lane "

"Hemlock Ln N"

"Balsam Lane North"

2. What nearest parks do you frequently visit?

● Rivers Bend	24
● Wildwood Springs Disc Golf C...	21
● Cloquet Overlook Park	33
● Elsie Stephens Farm Park	11
● Other	19



3. What amenities draw you to the parks you visit?

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Responses

Latest Responses

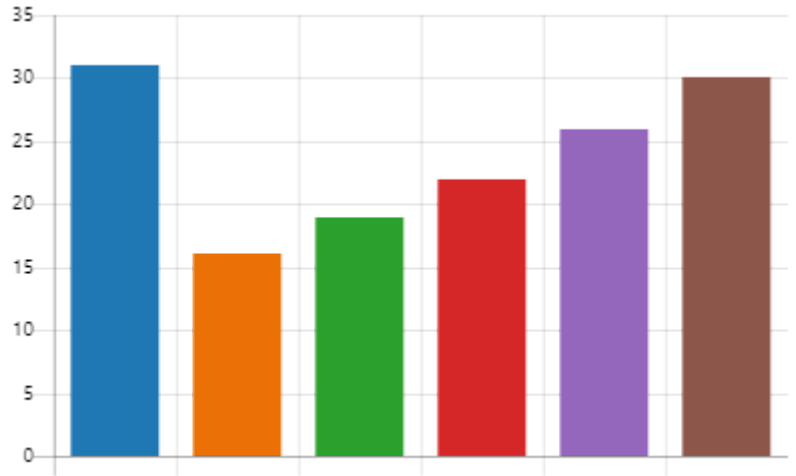
"Sports, events and Lake/River access"

"Trails, picnic shelter, playground equipment, disc golf"

"Walking"

4. What types of amenities would you use at Leathers Park?

● Vacant, or leave as is with gras...	31
● Edible Forest or Community G...	16
● Trails and paths	19
● Benches or Picnic Tables	22
● Playground	26
● Other	30



5. What types of amenities or park uses do you feel would not be appropriate for Leathers Park?

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Responses

Latest Responses

"Another high traffic amenity like a sports field. The disc golf course al...

"Unsure"

"Amenities are not warranted for a park that is non-conforming in are..."