

## Casey Richardson

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**From:** Yumi Ando [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 12, 2020 12:07 PM  
**To:** Los Altos Parks & Recreation Commission  
**Subject:** Fwd: opposing Bocce ball court for Grant Park

**Follow Up Flag:** FollowUp  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

I would like to express my vote NOT in favor of bocce ball course in Grant Park. I join a large group of neighbors feeling that this was not a communal decision, we were not aware of those who are spearheading this initiative, and we all feel that putting in bocce ball courts would run counter to the purpose of the park as an open, green space for families for picnicking, running around and playing sports.

We regularly use the proposed site for playing catch, frisbee and other activities. Furthermore, when the full field is being used for soccer games, this patch is the only place that remains available for neighbors to use. Filling it with bocce ball courts will take away grass and space. In addition, the courts will be significantly underutilized, based on use-case of the facilities at Cuesta Park.

Thank you for your consideration,

Yumi Ando, MD

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**From:** Chris Jordan  
**Sent:** Monday, September 21, 2020 8:35 AM  
**To:** Donna Legge  
**Subject:** FW: OPPOSE BOCCE BALL COURTS AT GRANT PARK

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**From:** Joy Noller [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 18, 2020 9:06 AM  
**To:** City Council <council@losaltosca.gov>  
**Cc:** Joy Noller [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** OPPOSE BOCCE BALL COURTS AT GRANT PARK

Hello Honorable City Council Members of Los Altos,

RE: Oppose Proposed Bocce Ball Court Project, Grant Park, Los Altos, CA 94024

I am a resident of the Los Altos Grant Park Neighborhood who strongly opposes the proposed Bocce Ball Court Project.

I do Not want the existing park landscape to be changed.

- Grant Park is **not** a community center but a small, quiet neighborhood park meant for open space.
  - Bocce ball courts fit into a larger community center, not in a small neighborhood park like Grant Park.
- **Many residents use the current L-shaped open space for open play that is proposed for bocce ball courts.**

Every day kids and adults are playing pickup tag, frisbee, soccer, football, baseball, cricket or just free play. Families use the space for picnics or just sitting and enjoying the grass, trees and open space.

Near the center of the park is a small monument memorializing the day Grant Park was opened. On the monument is a plaque that states **the purpose of the park** that reads:

*"Through the foresight and the efforts of Friends of Grant, city officials and the citizens of our community, these five acres of open space are dedicated to the people of Los Altos FOR ALL GENERATIONS on this day June 8, 1991."*

Thank you very much,  
**JOY NOLLER**

**HOLLIDALE COURT  
LOS ALTOS, CA 94024**

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**From:** Pat Marriott [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 21, 2020 12:01 PM  
**To:** Los Altos Parks & Recreation Commission  
**Subject:** bocce

Dear Commissioners:

You may have seen a letter to the editor in the Town Crier last week (below) in which King Lear says I am “motivated only by self-interest.”

I want to be very clear that I have no interest whatsoever in what happens at Grant Park. The only reason I am opposed to bocce ball courts is that wealthy residents are pushing for them when they don’t appear to have broad support from those who use the Grant Park facility. To be fair, the courts should be considered in the context of the Master Plan.

In his letter, Lear says, “I do not play bocce as a recreation and never have. I play golf. None of the board members of the offering funds play bocce and do not plan to do so. We have no personal interest in Grant Park.”

I hope this information will motivate you all to ask why \$50,000 is being offered specifically for bocce ball courts, as opposed to a donation for the good of the community without strings attached.

Thank you,

Pat Marriott

<https://www.losaltosonline.com/people/sections/letters-to-the-editor/63179-letters-to-the-editor-which-side-is-los-altos-on>

### **Bocce court offer misrepresented**

Pat Marriott’s letter to the editor misrepresented the board members of the charitable funds offering \$50,000 to provide bocce courts for south Los Altos seniors, equivalent to those being built at Hillview (“Bocce ball offer has egos attached,” Sept. 2). She and her cohorts have two very serious problems.

1. They find it easier to make stuff up than to do their homework. I do not play bocce as a recreation and never have. I play golf. None of the board members of the offering funds play bocce and do not plan to do so. We have no personal interest in Grant Park.
2. Pat Marriott and her cohorts think everyone is like them, motivated only by self-interest. They do not understand people who, unselfishly, devote time and money to improve their community, gaining no personal advantages. This is their fatal flaw in their approach to city politics.

**King Lear**  
**Los Altos**

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**From:** Casey Richardson  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 6, 2020 11:22 AM  
**To:** Donna Legge  
**Subject:** FW: bocce ball



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**From:** Greg Sharrow [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 6, 2020 10:47 AM  
**To:** Casey Richardson <[crichardson@losaltosca.gov](mailto:crichardson@losaltosca.gov)>  
**Subject:** bocce ball

There is very little usable open space left in Los Altos, and less every day. The last thing we should be doing is covering more ground with single purpose infrastructure. Let the bocce ball players bring their balls and play on the grass. When they go home, the park will still be a park, instead of another unusable piece of ground. Thank you.

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**From:** Douglas Greiman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 9, 2020 8:01 AM  
**To:** Los Altos Parks & Recreation Commission; City Council  
**Subject:** I oppose the Bocce Ball courts at Grant Park

Hi,

My name is Douglas Greiman. I'm a Los Altos resident, and I live across from Grant Park. I wholeheartedly oppose the destruction of any part of Grant Park for the purpose of creating Bocce Ball courts.

For fifteen years, I have seen kids and family use that space all the time for all kinds of activities. When people were playing basketball, other family members would sit in the grass or play frisbee. When soccer was being played on the main field, that patch of grass was where everyone else could gather. For picnics, sports, gatherings, or just to enjoy a bit of grass.

Here's the existing plaque at Grant Park:

"Grant Park:

Through the foresight and efforts of The Friends of Grant, City Officials, and the citizens of the community, these five acres of open space are dedicated to the people of Los Altos

FOR ALL GENERATIONS

on this day

June 8, 1991"

Does this carry any legal weight? Probably not. Does it carry some kind of ethical or moral weight? I hope so.

It certainly would be in character for 2020 to have one little bit more of destruction. It seems to be a theme. And for the sake of what? Someone's pride, arrogance, apathy, ignorance? I don't know what's going on the head of the donor, and I won't speculate. And I hope the city is not so completely broke that they desperately need that \$50,000 bribe.

I oppose the construction of Bocce Ball courts at Grant Park. I hope you will consider my plea.

Sincerely,

Douglas Greiman

[REDACTED] Grant Park Lane

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**From:** Dong Zheng [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 11, 2020 8:56 PM  
**To:** Donna Legge; Casey Richardson  
**Cc:** Vivian Yang  
**Subject:** Objection to Bocce Ball courts in Grant park

Dear Donna,

Since the PARC commission meeting on Grant Park Bocce Ball courts has moved to 10/14, I would like to voice my family's objection to Bocce Ball courts plan in Grant park again as a record, to make sure our objection is considered. Would you help to pass to the PARC commissioners and Los Altos City council members?

We (Vivian Yang and Dong Zheng, with our two children) live at 1306 Morton Ave, 1/2 mile from Grant park. I walk my dog to Grant park almost everyday, and we have two kids in Montclair. The kids and I used to go to the Grant park play structure almost everyday during summer time before Covid shut down the structure.

We feel strongly against the Bocce ball court in Grant park due to the following reasons

- 1) Don't know how many people playing Bocce ball. My family don't play it, and we are not aware of any acquaintances playing Bocce Ball either. There are two Bocce ball courts in Cuesta park, but they appear to be rarely used.
- 2) The L-shape piece of grass in Grant park is next to the basket ball courts. In summer time, there are families with small kids playing in that area, because it is outside the soccer field, so small kids don't collide with bigger kids. It is a nice secluded area for families who don't want to mix with bigger kids. There is no reason to convert a nice piece of family grass area to an area only beneficial to fewer people.
- 3) Grant park is a community park to the local residents, we don't want to convert it to a place holding Bocce ball tournaments and attract crowds outside Los Altos area, We prefer it as a park for the kids living near by, so that they can walk/bike to the park and play, without worrying about crowds driving to the park.

Thank you very much for your consideration!

Best regards

Dong Zheng, Vivian Yang

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**From:** Kristy Harrison [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 9, 2020 7:40 AM  
**To:** Casey Richardson; Donna Legge  
**Subject:** October 14 Meeting - Bocce Donation Comment

Dear Parks and Recreation Liaisons,

I am writing in lieu of making a public comment on the third agenda item scheduled for the October 14 meeting: the bocce court donation. Our family of five does not value the opportunity to play bocce as much as we value the opportunity to use the green open space at Grant Park.

While Grant Park looks large, much of the green space is occupied outside of school hours by local soccer teams. The remaining green space, particularly the area next to the basketball court, is a wonderful shaded place to picnic, play tag, and let our toddler practice walking. Bocce is a specialized activity, and this development appears to be pushed by an individual or small group without input from the community at large. It is my understanding that a bocce court is planned for Hillview Community Center. In a town of our size, isn't one court enough?

Please reject this donation since Los Altos has one of the smallest ratios of open space to residents in our area (per Los Altos Parks Plan page 4), and preserve the little green space that we do have.

Best regards,  
Kristy Harrison  
Grant Park Resident



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**From:** Eleanor tung [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 12, 2020 3:58 PM  
**To:** Los Altos Parks & Recreation Commission  
**Subject:** Keep Grant Park's Green Space

Dear PAR Commissioners,

I am a Los Altos resident living in the neighborhood of Grant Park. I am writing to you to ask that you ensure the donation from Los Altos Rotary Club and Los Altos Legacies is **not** used to build two Bocce Ball Courts in Grant Park:

- The bocce ball courts will remove a large swath of green space at Grant Park that is used by members of the community every day for a wide array of activities
- The vast majority of neighbors strenuously object to the construction of bocce ball courts
- Neighbors are deeply concerned about increased traffic that these regulation-sized courts would generate from outside organizations hosting bocce ball tournaments in a small park commonly used by children

The proposed large bocce ball courts will remove the grass area and limit the use of the space to one specialized sport rather than many.

Eleanor

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**From:** Donna Legge  
**Sent:** Monday, October 12, 2020 3:55 PM  
**To:** Pete Dailey  
**Subject:** FW: [External Sender]Re: Letter for Commissioner Dailey

Commissioner Dailey, the email below is addressed to you. Please confirm that I may forward it to the rest of the commission, as it is now part of the public record and will be posted with other public comments.

Sincerely, Donna

Hi Commissioner Dailey,

I am a resident living near Grant Park and we need your help. We understand that the Los Altos Rotary Club, in conjunction with Los Altos Legacies, are donating \$40,000 in funds to build two large bocce ball courts at Grant Park. While we are thrilled to hear that funds may be donated to the park, we are shocked, appalled, and dismayed that these funds would be used to install huge bocce ball courts in the green space. On October 14, please vote to decline this gracious offer. Though I know the donation was kindly intended, building bocce ball courts in the green space at Grant Park is not a good idea, now or in the future, and the residents of the Grant Park neighborhood are resoundingly against them.

The vast majority of neighbors strenuously object to the construction of bocce ball courts. Currently, bocce courts are being constructed at Hillview Park. A city the size of Los Altos does not need four bocce ball courts, but it does need park land that can be used by all its citizens. Cuesta Park in Mountain View has two courts (2.3 miles from Grant Park). Los Altos does not need four courts, especially considering our city is smaller than Mountain View.

Additionally, neighbors are deeply concerned about increased traffic that these regulation-sized courts would generate from outside organizations hosting bocce ball tournaments in a small park commonly used by children.

We believe these funds should be designated for other improvements at Grant Park. Additionally, the donation does not cover the cost of installing and maintaining these courts. The city will have to come up with more funding to complete the project.

The proposed bocce ball courts will remove a large swath of green space at Grant Park that is used by members of the community every day for a wide array of activities such as soccer games, family picnics, and senior activities hosted at the park, and more. Even more disturbing, the proposed large bocce ball courts would limit the use of the space to one specialized sport rather than many.

Please help ensure this donation is not used to destroy any of Grant Park's open, green space that the neighborhood cherishes, and instead is used to improve Grant Park's existing infrastructure.

A dedication site stands in the center of Grant Park, from the City of Los Altos that reads as follows: "Through the foresight and the efforts of Friends of Grant, city officials and the citizens of our community, these five acres of **open space are dedicated to the people of Los Altos** FOR ALL GENERATIONS on this day June 8, 1991." Many residents use the park's open space every day for many activities, as the founders intended.

The donation could be used to upgrade Grant Park's walking path (parts of which are dirt), add new benches, or renew neglected buildings. Beyond preserving the green space for our community, the donation would provide the seniors of South Los Altos with a lovely space to congregate all year long, *rain or shine*.

California is being devastated by fires that resulted from climate change. Is this really the right time for the city to pour more concrete and tear out a huge swath of grass? Let's renew and reuse existing building so everyone in our community can come together.

The residents of the neighborhood are very grateful that the city is considering improvements to Grant Park, we just want improvements that make sense. Instead of bocce ball, we are hoping we can renew and reuse the existing buildings so the Grant Park community, and especially our seniors, have a well-functioning, comfortable place to come together in camaraderie and learning in 2021 and beyond.

Sincerely,

Melissa Malley



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**From:** Frank Martin [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 13, 2020 12:03 PM  
**To:** Donna Legge; Frank Martin  
**Subject:** Bocce Ball Report  
**Attachments:** Grant Park Bocce Ball Poll Report.pdf

Donna,

It is unfortunate that you will not allow me 15 minutes to walk commissioners through this report but I am sending it anyway. Please distribute to the PARC commissioners.

My hope is that there will be enough votes to stop Bocce Ball from becoming another distraction regarding the Grant Park Master Plan. I have never seen such strong opposition in any city poll so this should be enough data to act now instead of wasting valuable time later.

Regards,  
Frank Martin

# Grant Park Bocce Ball Conclusions

**UNNECESSARY** - Bocce Ball is a niche activity that serves very the few Los Altos Seniors - already served by Hillview courts. 60.23% of poll residents believe that two Hillview courts are enough for Los Altos. Most towns do not have any courts and the few that do have one such as Blackberry Farm & Cuesta Park. Moreover, only Hillview has 28 active players that play an average of 56 times each week. And, the 2015 senior commission found that 10 nearby downs do not have any Bocce Ball courts at their senior centers or community centers.

**TOO BIG** - Bocce Ball requires dedicated space that does not fit any of our tiny parks other than Hillview where shared open space is in high demand. A primary reason that Parks and Recreation commissioners voted 7-0 against having dedicated dog parks is because they would need to take away shared open space at existing Los Altos parks.

**UNWANTED** – 78.1% of Grant Park Residents oppose Bocce Ball. What makes any one believe that a Grant Park Master Plan will find a different result?

**Recommendation** - A Grant Park Master Plan makes the most sense to determine whether residents have a different vision on the dedication plaque that calls for preserving Grant Park open space. **But, many residents do not want to have to continue to fight back against Bocce Ball – it should not be part of the equation!**

# Grant Park Bocce Ball Poll Results

This Monkey-Survey poll has 430 individual responses. Here are the key findings:

**336 (78.59%) of residents oppose dedicated space for Grant Park Bocce Ball location(s) at open shared play grass space near the basketball courts that is used by many instead of the few players.**

**329 (76.52%) want 100% of grass areas, land, and trees preserved.** Meaning other Grant Park locations are opposed by residents as well. Most say Grant Park is too tiny for Bocce Ball.

**363 (84.41%) want a GP Master Plan before considering Bocce Ball as a competing idea. But, most want Bocce Ball stopped now because this result is unlikely to change.**

**259 (60.23%) do not want Bocce Ball anyplace other than Hillview.** One set of courts is enough for Los Altos. And most other towns have no courts or just one set.

**347 (84.22%) do not play Bocce Ball.**

**330 (76.73%) use Grant Park at least once a week or more often.**

**367 (86.95%) believe that maintaining or improving the GP CC buildings and existing playground, basketball court, grass fields, and opens spaces should be the highest priority. Why can't donations be used for these needs instead?**

# Grant Park Bocce Ball Discussion

## **Introduction:**

PARC Staff reports that 28 active players used Hillview Bocce Ball courts prior to new Hillview Community Center construction. Past usage over the last few decades is about 56 times each week – a very low usage rate for our large senior population.

A 2015 Senior Commission Survey shows there are not any Bocce Ball courts at dedicated Senior Centers at Cupertino, Menlo Park, Mountain View, Santa Clara, or Sunnyvale or for community centers at Almaden, Campbell, Foster City, Los Gatos or Saratoga. The inference suggests that Bocce Ball is not popular for most seniors. It is more like a niche activity like Rugby that has avid players but few in number.

There are few if any nearby cities that have any Bocce Ball courts located at parks at all – let alone more than one. And, most of these parks are more than 3 times as large as tiny Grant Park.

Bocce Ball uses dedicated park space that does not fit other tiny Los Altos park locations other than Hillview because the available shared space is in high demand. Bocce Ball is played by the few and does not benefit the many that used shared open space.

Moreover, fenced in dog parks have been unanimously rejected by the parks and recreation in part for this reason.

## **Discussion:**

This poll was created to gather missing community resident input concerning whether or not Bocce Ball is needed, wanted, or necessary at Grant Park or anyplace other than Hillview. The poll included land use questions raised by Park and Recreation Commissioners after feedback received by resident emails and public speakers. The poll link was intentionally sent to a much wider area than the typical alert sent by the city to residents within 1,000 ft of a park like Grant Park. There are 430 poll responses.

This poll is not intended to address other competing programming ideas for Grant Park that may be evaluated during the process to create an updated Grant Park Master Plan other than to mention whether this might be a good idea or not.

The Monkey-Survey personal subscription limited the poll questions to 9 - not including personal information to record the names and addresses for residents 18 years. No attempt was made to verify the names and addresses match. But 4 records were eliminated because of duplicates or missing personal data.

# Grant Park Bocce Ball Discussion

## **Discussion continued:**

Each of these questions were tested in advance by a few residents to make sure the poll was easy to understand and not biased. One expert was consulted in advance to insure the poll met these criteria.

Afterward, two poll experts were consulted who concluded the poll addressed the stated needs and is unbiased. Moreover, Godbe Research says that a poll needs to have 400-500 responses in order to be valid for a city of the size of Los Altos. Given, that the count is 430 – this poll should be as valid as if Godbe Research has conducted it for the City and need not be repeated.

The poll was designed to take about 3 minutes to complete – the results show the average time to complete actually as 4 minutes. Each question allowed residents to offer comments as well. Most of the questions use a standard 1-5 scale.

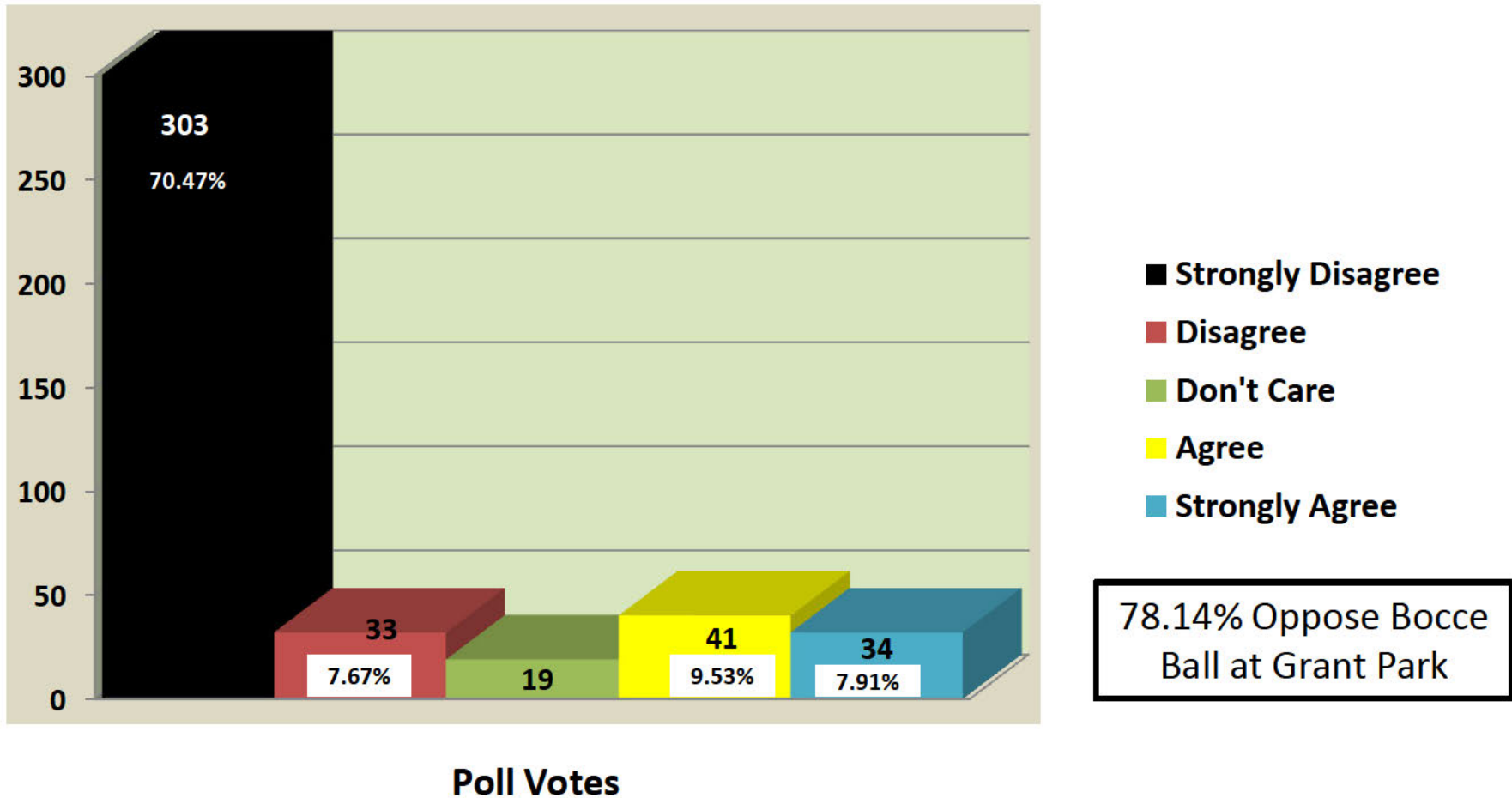
The poll was announced to residents by posting a link and explanation to a Next Door group list of 1,827 residents that have identified themselves as Grant Park neighbors and later expanded to all other Next Door neighborhood groups later.

There many captured comments that have yet to be tallied. These comments will be sorted and reported on a later time if needed.

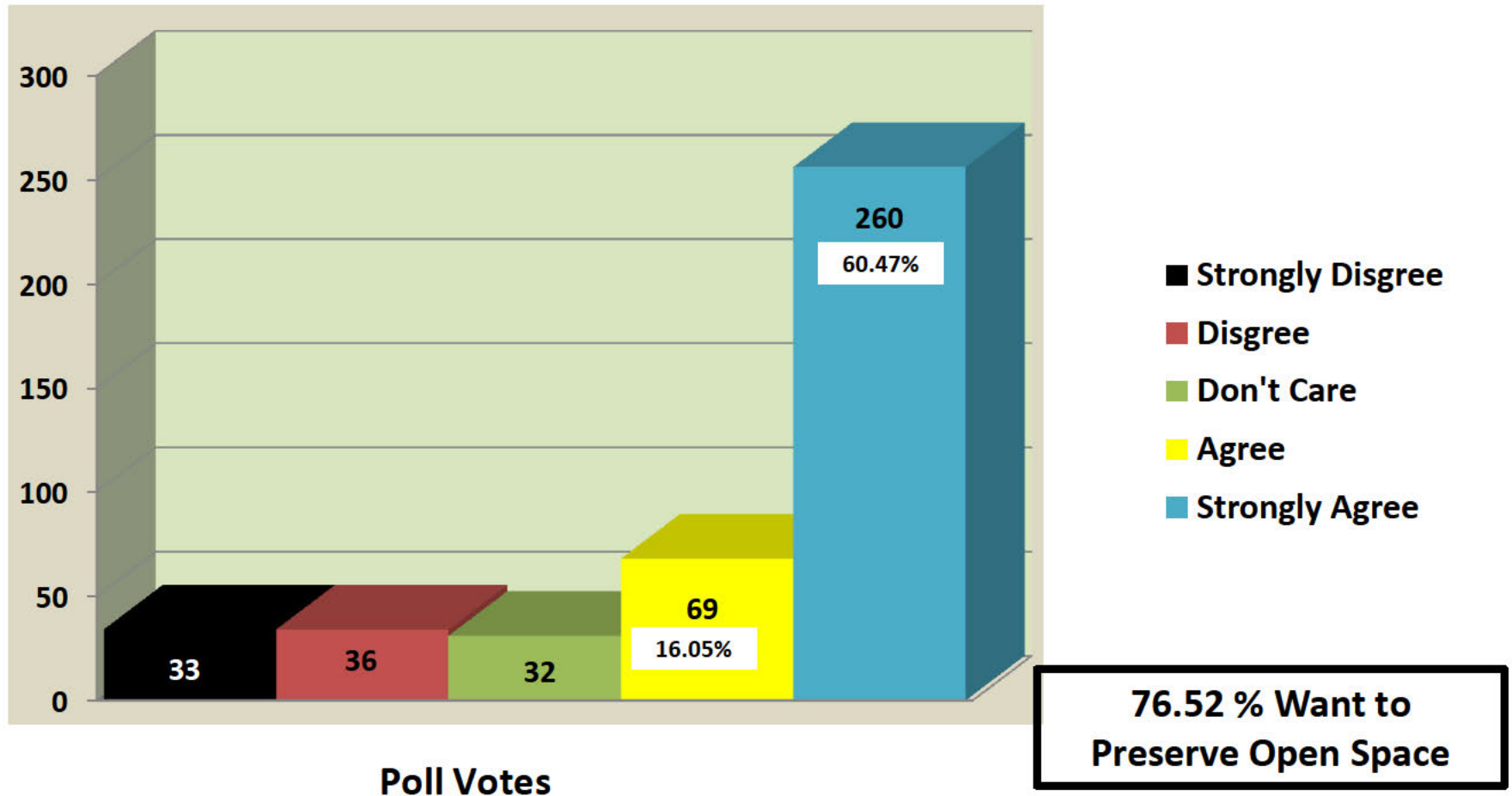
**What follows is a presentation of each of the nine poll questions as bar graphs for easy viewing.**



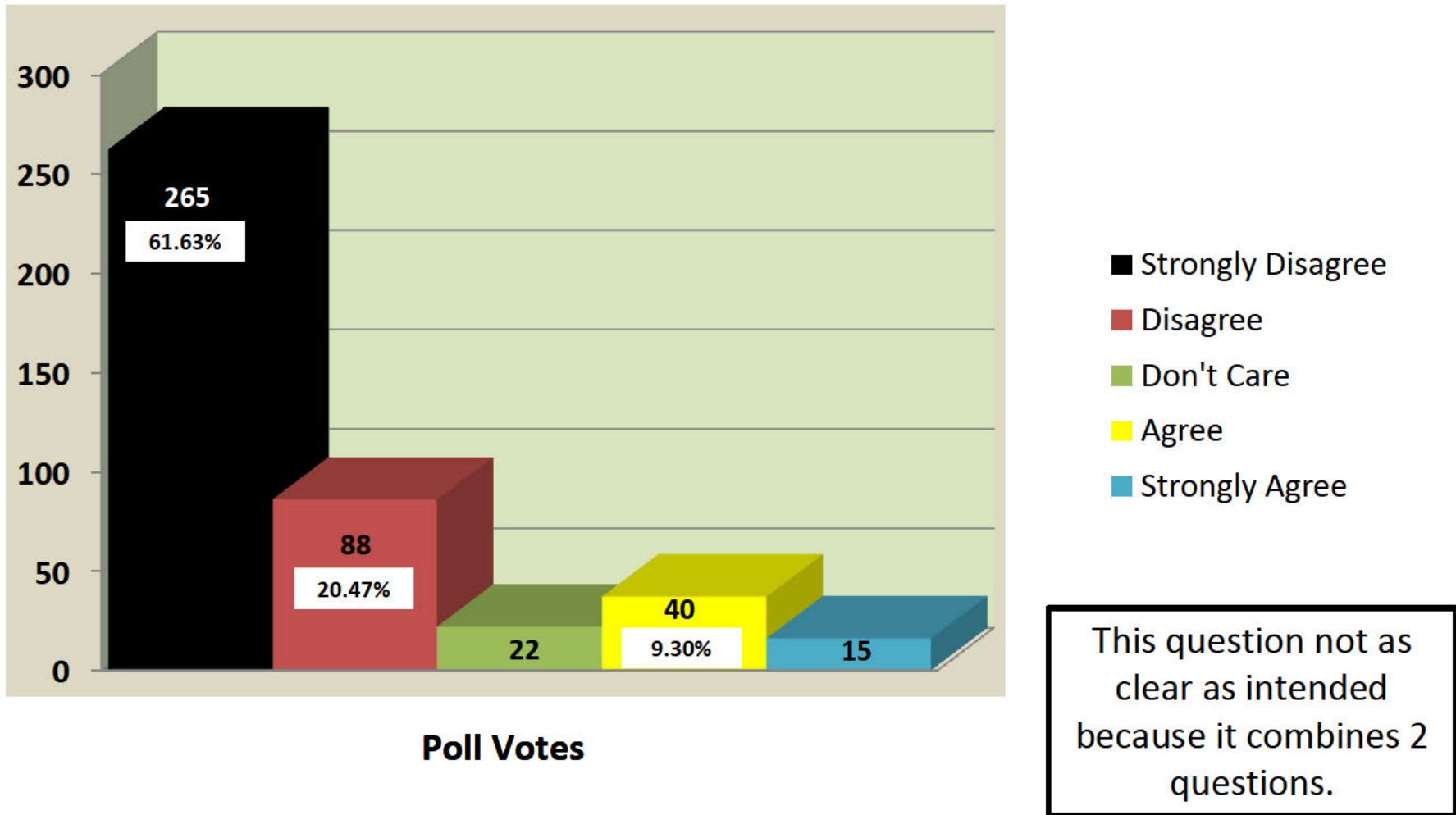
# Q2 – I want Bocce Ball Courts at Grant Park [85 ft x29 ft] or 2,465 sq ft.



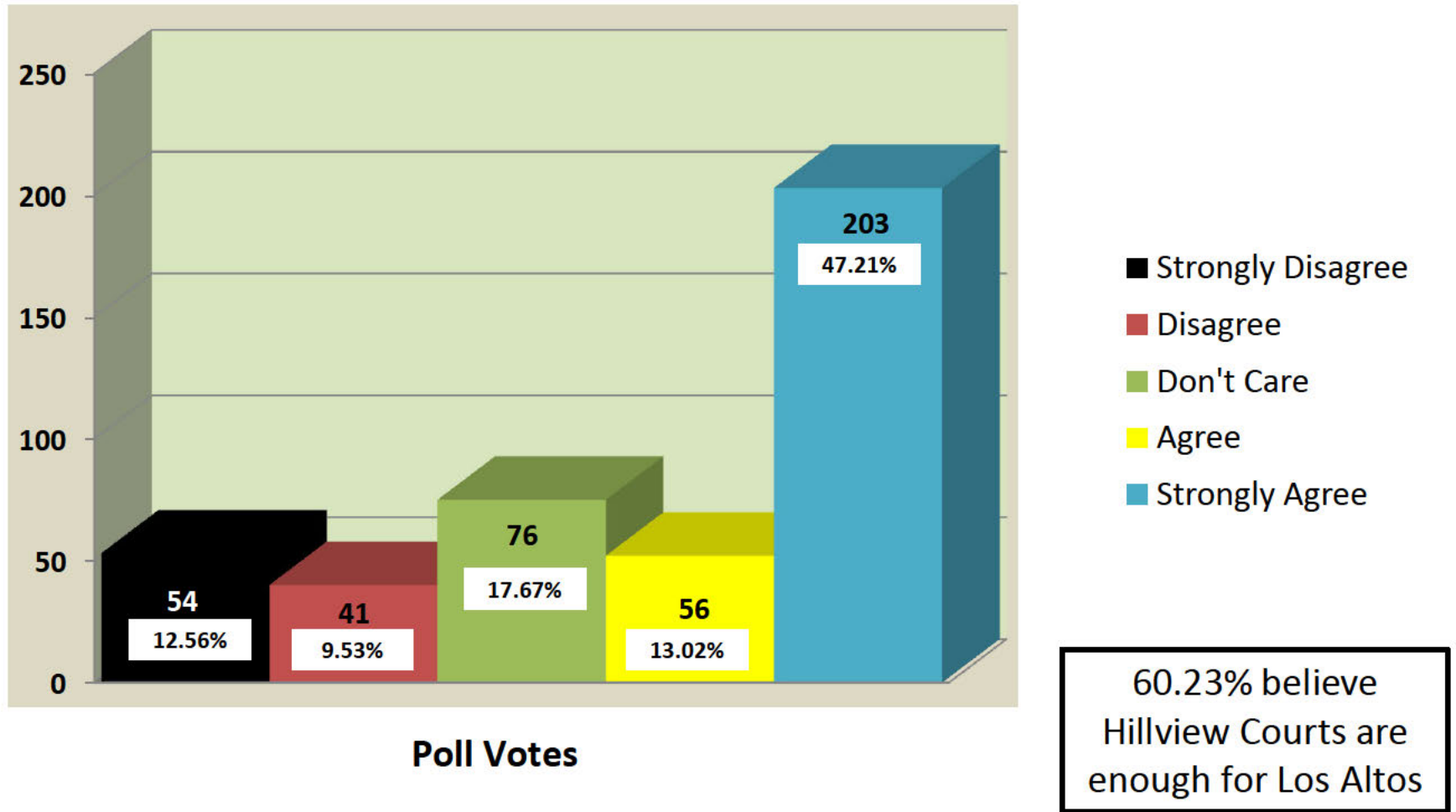
# Q3 – I want 100% of GP grass areas, land, and trees preserved as open space.



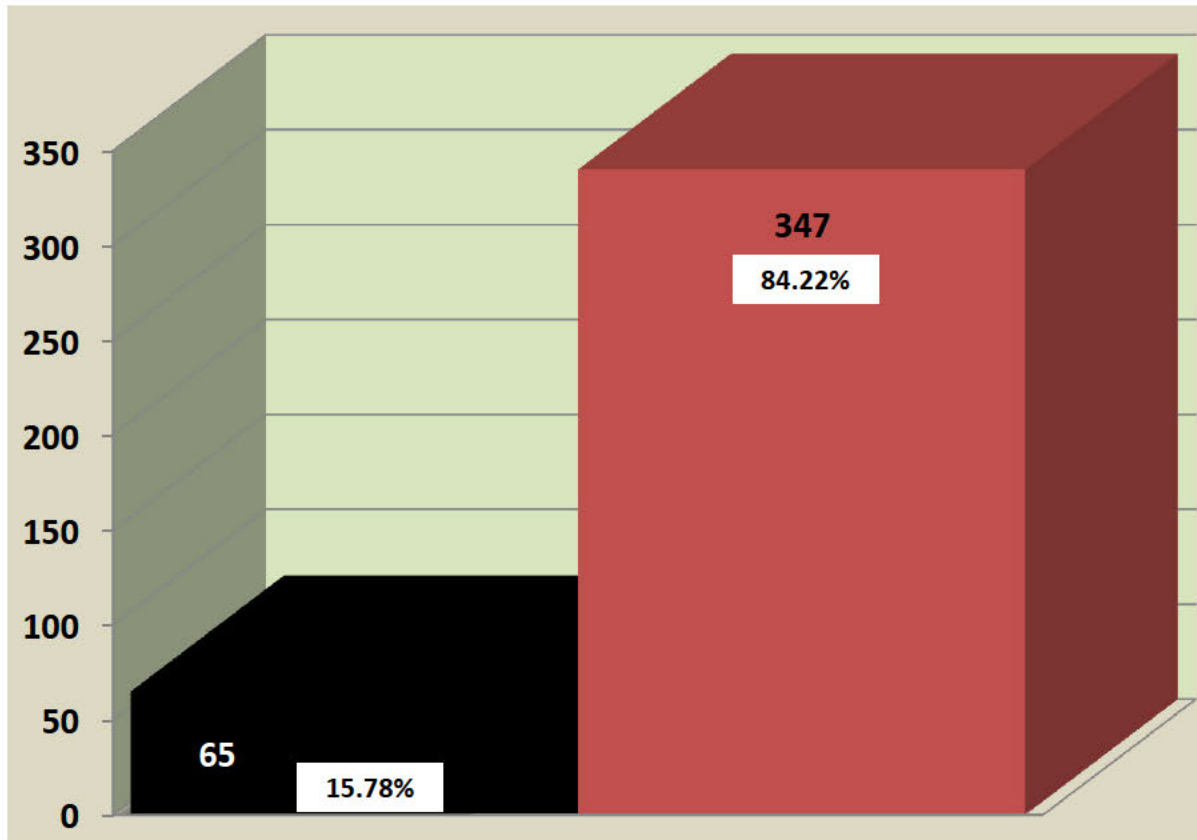
# Q4 – It is okay to remove GP trees or use bare land for other purposes.



# Q5 – I do not want Bocce Ball courts anywhere other than Hillview Community Center.



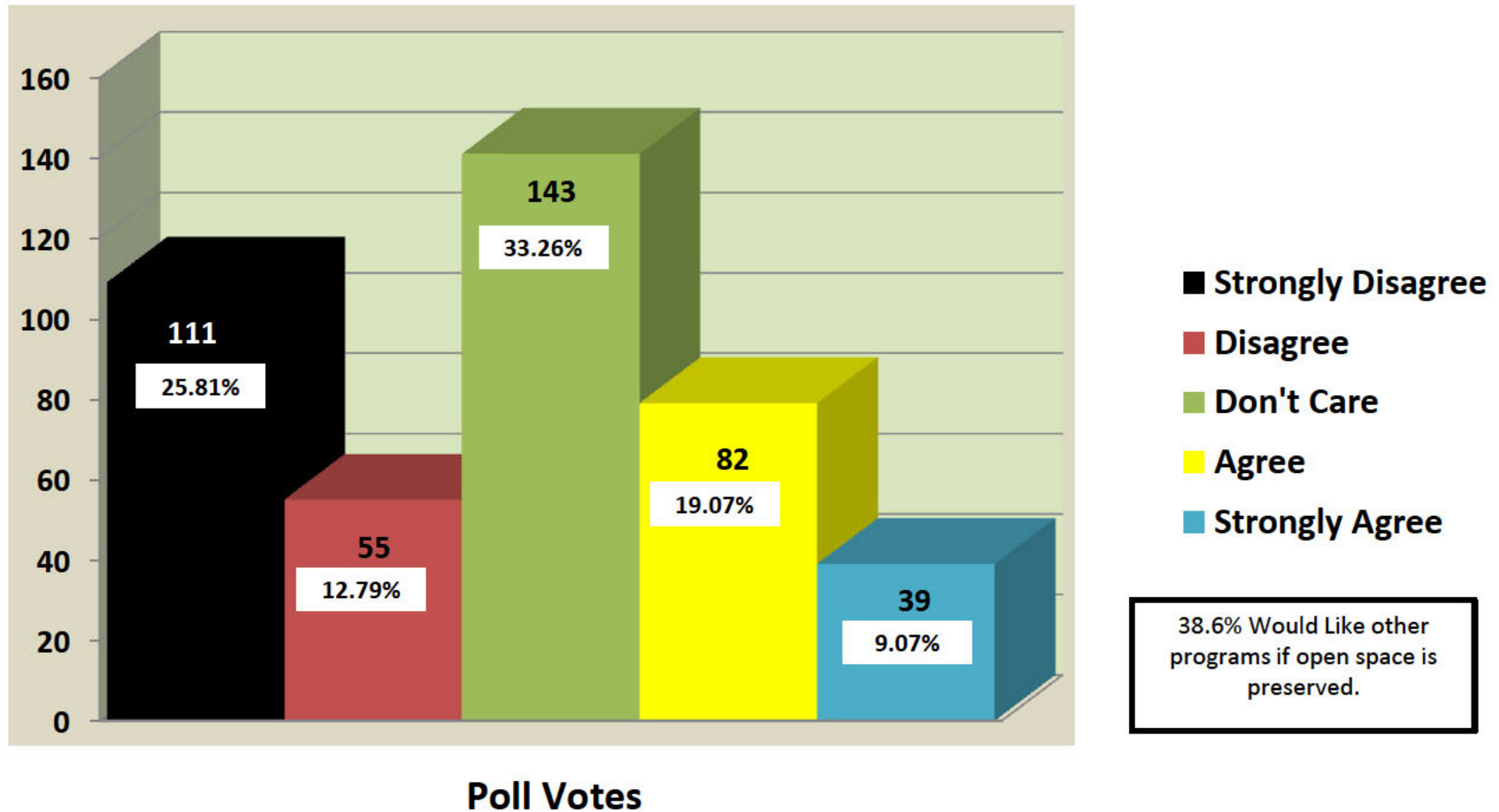
# Q6 – I currently play Bocce Ball.



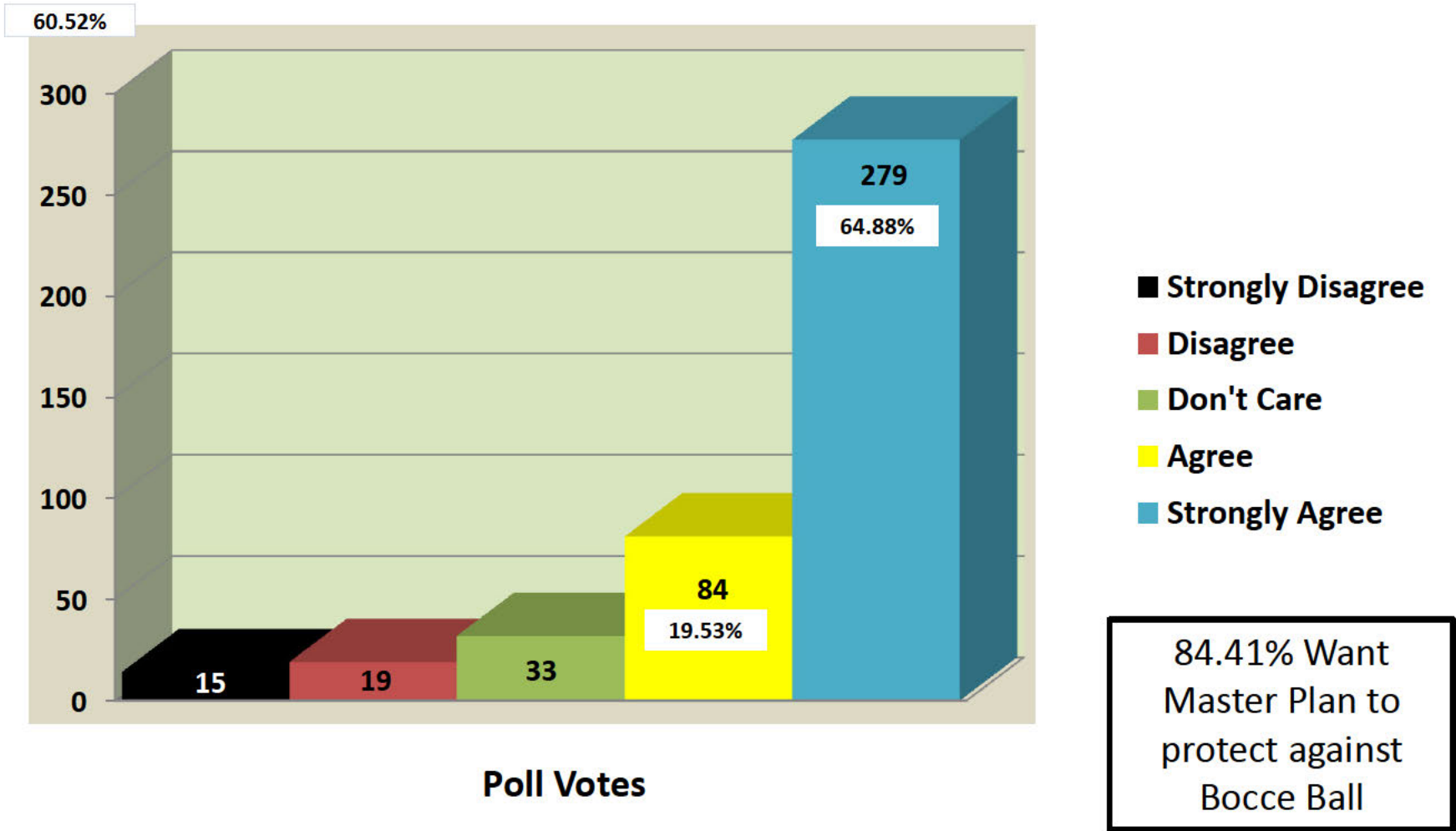
Poll Votes

15.78% that play Bocce Ball does not match 28 active Hillview Players

# Q7 – I would like to see new activities like Pickle Ball or something else [add comment] if open space is preserved.

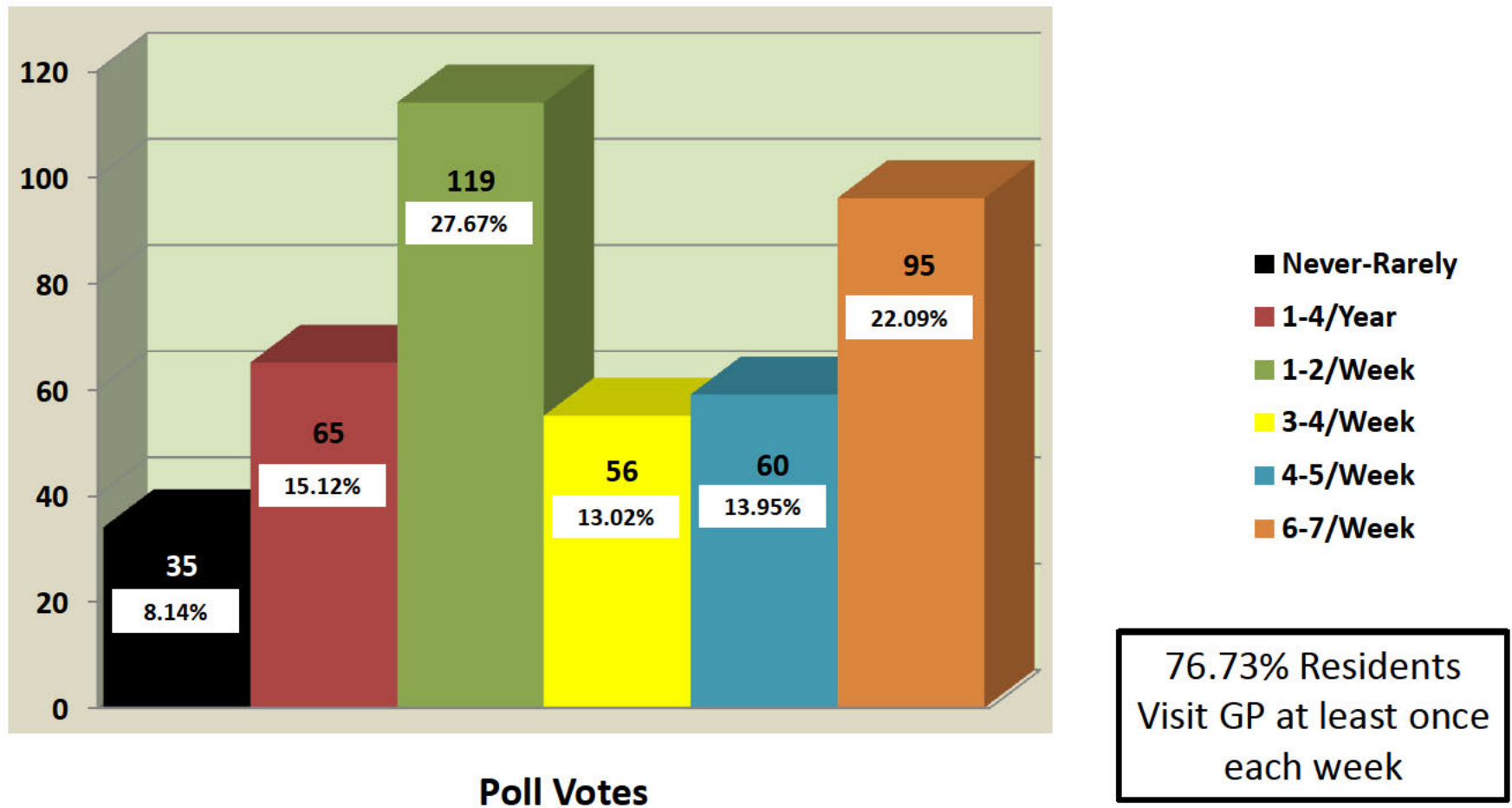


# Q8 – I want a GP Master Plan with valid resident input before making any decision on whether Bocce Ball is included or not.



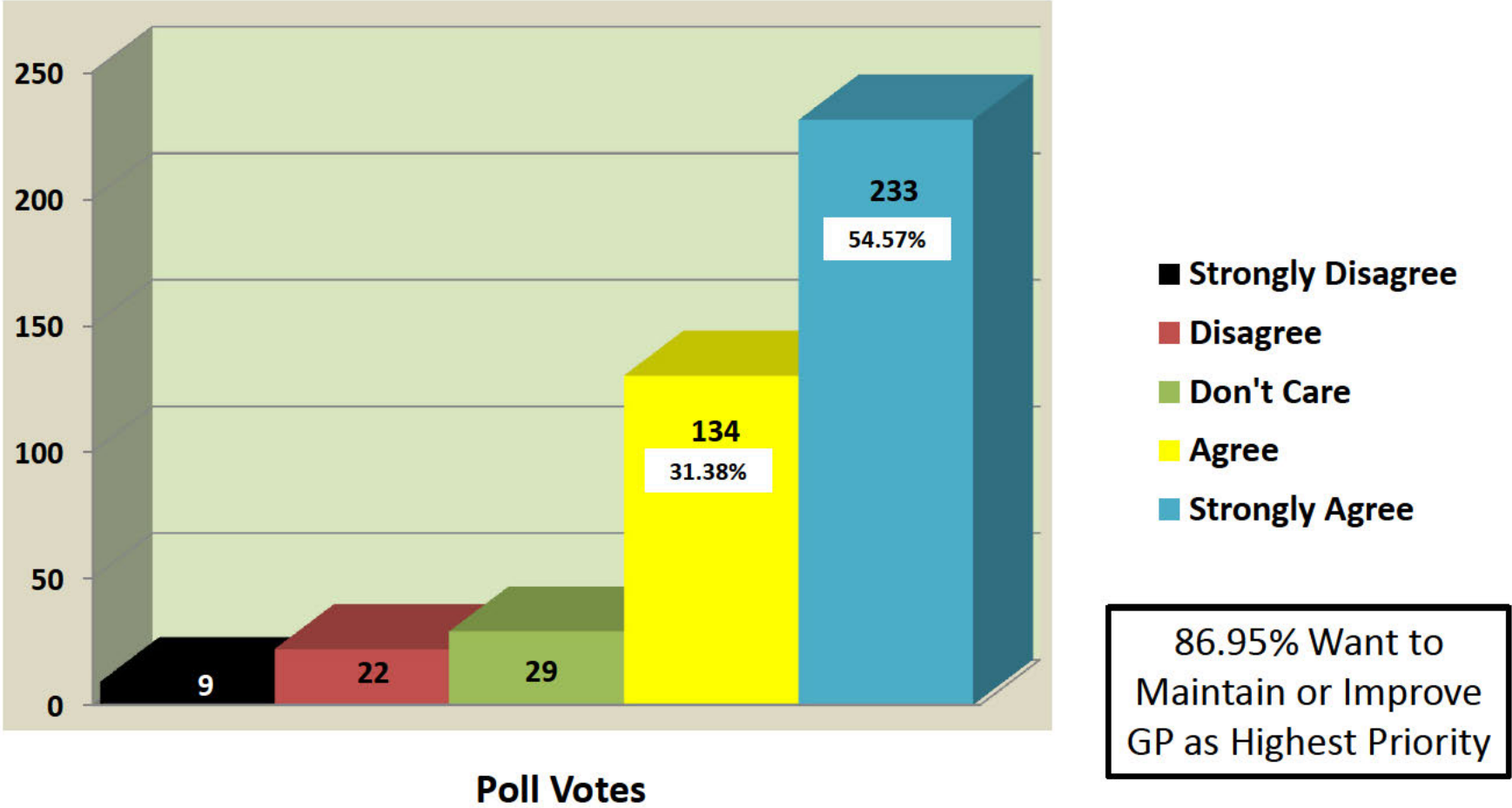


# Q9 – How often do you visit GP or the GP Community Center?





# Q10 – Maintaining or improving the GP CC buildings & existing playground, basketball court, grass fields, and open spaces should be the highest priority.



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**From:** Frank Martin [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 14, 2020 1:54 PM  
**To:** Donna Legge; Frank Martin  
**Subject:** GP BOCCE BALL POLL COMMENTS  
**Attachments:** GP Bocce Ball Poll Q3 Comments [82].docx; GP Bocce Ball Poll Q2 Comments [134].docx; GP Bocce Ball Poll Q4 Comments [97].docx; GP Bocce Ball Poll Q5 Comments [71].docx; GP Bocce Ball Poll Q7 Comments [103].docx; GP Bocce Ball Poll Q8 Comments [57].docx; GP Bocce Ball Poll Q9 Comments [75].docx; GP Bocce Ball Poll Q10 Comments [69]].docx

Donna,

These are the raw unedited comments for each poll question. Note that Q6 was yes or no and did not allow comments.

Some of the comments could be useful for the Grant Park master plan. For the most part

Question 4 was correctly identified as one with 2 questions in 1 so I did not use in my analysis. However, from the comments it is easy to see that the vast majority of residents oppose any tree removal whatsoever but some are open to other uses of bare land as far as this question is concerned. We could easily send an email to these people for further clarification if needed during the Master Plan process.

The fewest question comments were 57 for Q8 and the most were 134 for Q2.

Without identifying the source of the comment it is less meaningful than otherwise. For example, almost all of the complaints about bias came from a handful of Bocce Ball players. One in particular was particularly nasty and is a well known person in our community.

Donna, now you have it all.

Please distribute to the commissioners.

Frank

**GP Bocce Ball Q3 [82 comments] – I want 100% of grass areas, land, and trees preserved as open space.**

What is the definition of open space here? If open space means multiple uses, then agree.

10/12/2020 12:57 PM [Add tags](#) – [View respondent's answers](#)



adult swings missed

10/12/2020 12:47 PM [Add tags](#) – [View respondent's answers](#)



trees and open space are wonderful, but there is enough room for another recreational activity.

9/15/2020 8:30 AM [Add tags](#) – [View respondent's answers](#)



There are projects i would support, like updating the basketball court. The basketball court has not been updated in 40 years. Putting 2 full size bocce ball courts in would be larger than our basketball court. More people play basketball than bocce ball BY FAR.

9/9/2020 7:55 PM [Add tags](#) – [View respondent's answers](#)



This allows the most flexible use of the space

9/8/2020 1:00 PM [Add tags](#) – [View respondent's answers](#)



I would like to see a plan for the entire space

9/7/2020 12:49 AM [Add tags](#) – [View respondent's answers](#)



Keep the open space Until we have a plan.

9/5/2020 1:40 PM [Add tags](#) – [View respondent's answers](#)



add tennis courts

9/3/2020 8:54 AM [Add tags](#) – [View respondent's answers](#)



Not necessarily 100% but most should be preserved

9/1/2020 10:16 PM [Add tags](#) – [View respondent's answers](#)



I support environmental enhancements that are zero or low cost to maintain.

9/1/2020 4:21 PM [Add tags](#) – [View respondent's answers](#)



I know the park. A well-placed bocce court next to the basketball court would work.

8/31/2020 11:26 PM [Add tags](#) – [View respondent's answers](#)



Open space increases the value to our property.

8/31/2020 7:20 PM [Add tags](#) – [View respondent's answers](#)



Open space, with water conserving land scape

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In general, I want open space preserved. But I think it's ok to give some up for small projects that benefit the community.

8/30/2020 4:37 PM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



That depends on residents' needs/preferences as time goes by.

8/30/2020 4:17 PM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



open area is open for more activities, instead of a certain type

8/30/2020 9:49 AM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



If open space is needed for the bocce courts, then it should be used.

8/29/2020 10:37 AM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



It should be combination of nature and convenience

8/28/2020 4:50 PM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



Please preserve all grass and trees. Concrete creates CO2 and contributes to climate change. We do not support environmental destruction.

8/28/2020 2:24 PM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



Yesk, keep it open. Games are great, but keep open space for all types of play.

8/28/2020 8:14 AM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



I don't want to deny any future opportunities so I didn't choose Strongly Disagree

8/27/2020 10:50 PM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



On a per capita basis, Los Altos still one of the lowest, if not the lowest, acreage of public park green and open space in the Bay Area. Leisure, open, non-programmed park space lets people walk, bike, play, lounge, gather without structure or schedules. We need public spaces that let us just enjoy the views and recharge in the wonderful climate that Los Altos offers us all.

8/27/2020 5:42 PM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



The city has limited open space. We should preserve what we have especially when alternative options are offered to preserve it.

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Leave it as it is

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As a longtime resident of Los Altos, I went to school at the Grant School campus. The park was twice as large, and there were classrooms that extended further towards Alford. The taking away of half of that park space and creating homes greatly affected the park. To further reduce its usable space would make it less functional, less of a community park. Cub Scouts use the park and need all of its open space. Other school children love to freely roam the open space of the park. Should the City wish to erect further City structures, they should consider using their eminent domain power to acquire land adjacent to the park.

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Yes I think preserving grass and trees are important courts and believe bocce courts are consistent with the open space nature of the park

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Again, diligent study of the use of open space and master planning is the key. A blanket freeze on losing open space is not sensical.

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Again, this space would be well utilized as a dog park.

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Dog park in that area would be nice.

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I like open space and trees.

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It would be nice if they don't have to be mutually exclusive

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Ultimately, my first choice would be to maintain the open spaces as is. But if the alternative to Bocce is dog park, we heavily favor Bocce.

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Any decision should be based on a plan not ad hoc.

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Very little green space in Los Altos. Too many structures already.

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Children Play there. During concerts people are every where. Leave Grant Park as is

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Yes for now. I think it's a real shame there is no community swimming pool in Los Altos.

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Can't afford to lose the green lungs

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We need more open space

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We call it our pocket handkerchief park.

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Open space?? I'm not sure what the question means

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Would like a dog park at grant park

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Preserving trees is my top priority.

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I strongly agree to preserving grass area. This survey is flawed ! It checks 'all' if I agree & only allows strongly disagree to be checked!!!!

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I'd like to see some enclosed dog space but if we can't have that, I'd prefer grant park be kept open

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Sure would like a dog park section though...

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Preserve the trees is my top priority

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I would like an area for dogs to run off-leash. This will serve a large portion of the population in and around Grant Park

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Depends on what will be put in its place.

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It is costly enough to maintain park spaces without additional maintainance of Bocce Ball courts.

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I would like a fenced in dog run. The grass could still stay as well as the trees.

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I think the park is great as it is right now,

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See comment to question 2

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We need a larger basketball court

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Preserve the open space for use by ALL members of the community. Do not carve out space for special interests: bocce ball, pickle ball, etc.

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Keep it green.

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as here is enough open space for things such as pick up soccer

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Leave it alone!

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Soccer fields are needed too.

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The play ground equipment for young children and open basket ball court are excellent for the many families in the area. The open grassy areas are good for a large variety of recreational activities. There is limited open space, let's preserve it.

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There is little open space in Los Altos - let's keep some

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Open space allows for more varied use by community members

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The space is fully utilized already

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More beauty for the park and neighborhood

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would be nice to have diagram of Grant Park with layout

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It should be a park for neighborhood children

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Absolutely 100% green at Grant Park

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There is room for additional usages that still make Grant Park great. In my daily visits I saw lots of open area not in use.

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Do something useful with the courtyard of the school, leave the grass and other land alone.

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Would like to see leash free dog hours

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it is a park It should be utilized as a park

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This should be decided on a case-by-case basis, but Grant Park is already a small and crowded park, and I think there would need to be a very good reason to justify removing the already limited tree areas and grassy spaces. Bocce ball courts are definitely NOT a good reason, as they are only useful for a limited fraction of local residents, and the existing open grassy space is useful for far more people.

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Grant park needs a fenced dog run.

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For use by ALL residents

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I like the open space for all the kids to play in

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When can we have off-leash hours for our dogs!

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I strongly agree, save all grass, lawn and tree areas.

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It's not a huge park; keep it as is.

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some area can be designated for other things but not a large area as specified above

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Pre-pandemic, there were days when all the grassy space at Grant Park has been full of activity. I live down the street from the park, and think cutting off that grassy area by the basketball courts would reduce the available area for people to gather and play

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In my opinion the land and facilities of the existing Grant Park should be maintained and kept up with continuing improvement of existing setup without cutting out any land or green for an additional recreational facility.

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There is not much grass areas already. We better preserve it.

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Park is too small to take away open shared spaces.

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**GP Bocce Ball Poll Q4 [97 comments] – It is okay to remove Grant Park trees or bare land for other purposes. NOTE:STRONG OPPOSITION TO TREE REMOVAL!**

Please do not remove trees unless required for safety reasons (in which case plant additional ones!). I don't see any bare land in Grant Park!

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Depends on what the other purpose is. I am sure we would agree that tree removal is great for safety reasons.

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It depends on the purpose

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would need to be very specific and not limit current uses

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The world also needs all the trees we already have.

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The trees are wonderful for families and day camps.

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If well considered recreational activity.

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Taking out 50 year old trees is a bad idea, especially as we have large forest fires.

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Using the land for "other purposes" such as the bocce courts is fine. Removal of trees is not.

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Grant Park is a neighborhood gem. All of the trees are vital.

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nothing should be moved or implemented without a plan

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I can't answer this because I don't know what the other purposes are.

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I don't think we should make any changes until we have a plan.

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I do not support removal of trees for climate concerns.

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Keep growing things growing!

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Yes to "bare land", No to "tree removal"

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I'm not sure what you're getting at here. How many trees would be cut down? Seems like you could fit a bocce court in without cutting trees.

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Depends on the use and if there is a need so It's not a "don't care" but a "it depends"

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Why? Those are nice trees with nice shade in summer, please keep them

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it depends exactly on what are the "other purposes"

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Resident preferences should be carefully surveyed about such modifications.

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Biased question —bad survey

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trees are part of the charm, and it provides natural shades

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The city government is pushing Reach Codes to combat climate change. How then can it simultaneously be cutting down trees that sequester carbon?

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it is OK only for something that many residents would use

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I can't imagine removing the trees that act as a natural border to the residences along two of the fence lines.

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It depends on the purposes! But it is OK if the purpose is reasonable and agreed on by the neighborhood.

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We are absolutely opposed to environmental destruction.  
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Do not remove oak trees  
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Public, un-programmed open space is vital to Los Altos residents of all ages, and is already in short supply. Trees and open space play a vital role in our health and community health.  
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Trees are needed for shade in all of our parks and are good for the environment.  
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The trees provide needed shade in the area. Parents are concerned about the effects of sun and want the shade from the trees. Other parks in the area that lack these trees are not only aesthetically displeasing but also unusable in summer.  
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Playgrounds, park benches, picnic tables and bocce courts are amenities that are in keeping with Grant Parks usage in the community  
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leave the trees alone!  
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no removal or usage without a comprehensive plan and funding identified  
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We love the trees in grant park!  
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This is a biased question. I disagree with removing trees. I agree with using bare land that I rarely see used. It does not indicate 100% or 10%.  
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Self-serving question. Bare land, yes.  
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I don't think you should take away trees  
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Prefer to have trees. If it is bare land, we can consider repurpose it  
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This question is not well written. The purpose proposed makes all the difference to us.

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Any decision should be based on a plan not ad hoc.

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My priority is green space including grass, trees, shrubs and open space. We have too little now.

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No trees should be removed in the park.

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I don't support any initiative (bocce, dog park, skate park) that takes away current park land. Any new initiatives should be on newly purchased park land using developers in lieu fees.

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We need as much greenery as possible. Leave the trees as they are now

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Depends on what is installed there. In general, open space and trees are good for humans. We need space to breath, natural places.

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keep all trees, we need them

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Need more trees. Fixing global warming starts here.

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Taking out trees is NOT ACCEPTABLE! However, using bare land seems reasonable.

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Depends on what it is. Don't want someone only a few will use

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what trees are you removing the park is barely used

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Would like a dog park at grant park

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Keep green & open space as is. Flawed survey again !

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You mixed two separate questions. I do not want trees removed, but using some existing open space for other purposes is fine.

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Changes should be made according to a plan and approved as a whole by the City and neighbors.

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Only if there is a good reason

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Absolutely not. Maintain what we have. No changes needed.

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Unless the trees are diseased.

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Only if trees are diseased and need to be removed for safety.

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Depends on what it is for

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Don't see any reason to cut trees for bocce ball

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I particularly do not want to see any of the trees at Grant Park removed.

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Removing trees while claiming we are tree friendly is nonsense. Making it difficult for residents to remove trees while the City removes trees at Parks is invitation for a lawsuit.

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We need trees for a variety of reasons. I don't want to see trees removed unless they are diseased or a threat to property ( to be determined by a certified arborist only, thank you)

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Use bare land, but don't take away trees.

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No

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We need shade too.

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Let's preserve the trees and open space.

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Only if a master plan is devised, circulated to neighbors and approved by PARC

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Removing trees for other purposes is definitely not okay. Bare land would be fine to "beautify", e.g., with water-wise plants, but that's it.

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Poorly worded survey question. Please consider breaking this up into two separate questions. I am opposed to the removal of any trees, but am amenable to using bare land for other purposes so long as those purposes are clearly defined. Thank you.

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Depends, but no in general. Trees add to the beauty of the neighborhood and park.

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Trees should definitely be preserved, and open space planted

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This is not a large park and should be used to benefit the majority of the community and not a minority

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I walk my dog underneath those trees multiple times per week. Putting a Bocce Ball court there also impacts the neighbors on the other side of the fence

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Too many trees have already been removed in GP. It was nicer before.

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Trees support many forms of native wildlife including birds, provide needed shade, and add beauty



**GP Bocce Ball Poll Q5 [71 comments] – I do not want Bocce Ball courts anywhere other than Hillview Community Center.**

I can't speak much about other localities. I can speak only about my preference for our local community.

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Other communities can decide for themselves.

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I use Grant Park at least twice/week with our grandchildren. Courts at Hillview seem enough.

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Grant park is too small for allowing a private interest group to buy almost 10% of the park for a bocce ball court. It is wrong

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I don't personally want bocce ball courts period.

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Bocce Ball is a fun activity but is not widely played. Open space is preferred as it allows for mixed use.

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I am not sure I want the courts at Hillview at city expense!

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A plan will help balance recreation facilities across the city.

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I do not believe Bocce Ball will be used in the long term.

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Hillview is so far away it's almost a separate town. I want bocce to help form community in our neighborhood.

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While I don't have strong feelings against bocce ball courts in general, I am completely opposed to having them at the cost of our park space.

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I don't even want it at community center, it's such a niche sports few people play

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If local residents want Bocce Ball courts in their neighborhood park, why not?

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Never seen Bocce Courts at Questa park used / Weeds instead. / Also have a neighbor with a court visible to the street / Completely fine / I only bring it up because in the last 15 Years or so I may have seen it used one (1, only 1) time. Bocce does Not seem to be a community attraction.  
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Again let's make Grand Park a family friendly place and activity center for the neighborhood.  
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There are few months a year that people would be able to use these bocce ball courts. If you build courts on the green space, you are asking people to play bocce ball in the blazing sun. This group will not play in the winter, when it rains, or it too hot. That's a very limited time these courts will be used.  
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It can be other places where appropriate  
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Until the project petitioner and donor can justify having overwhelming need and use for bocce ball courts, it seems premature to build beyond Hillview Community Center.  
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I am fine with Bocce Ball courts elsewhere except in our limited city and county parks.  
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Again, I am not against the City acquiring land to bolster the acreage of its public lands.  
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We should strive to spread certain park amenities throughout the community so they will be used.  
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I am seeing too many trees removed everywhere, so, no, if this will be the outcome of a Bocce Ball court  
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one set of courts centrally located is commensurate with the size of our town and the limited interest in the activity  
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I would love something like this in South Los Altos.  
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Adding bocce could be fun  
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If Bocce prevents Grant from being targeted as an off leash dog park, wed support the Bocce.  
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Any decision should be based on a plan not ad hoc.  
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Hill View is center to the city. Many residents come there to enjoy.  
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Not necessarily, I think a pool would serve all members of the community, from children to seniors.  
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If there are paved areas in other parks that can be utilized for bocce ball, that's ok by me  
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Don't want any courts, just trees and open space. Fix global warming here.  
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I am not saying nowhere else, but certainly not at Grant Park  
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I don't think they will be used enough to make more  
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what about Heritage plenty of room there but our council is to short sided pass it to committee is you want to kill something like a dog park  
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Don't need a Bocce Ball court anywhere -  
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Hillview is 4 miles away. Would be nice to have Bocce Ball in our neighborhood.  
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How much is the current court in use? Why is a second location deemed desirable ?  
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I frankly DON'T want them at Hillview. The demand for Bocce Ball is miniscule at best. Spend some city money on Redwood Gorge, NOT Bocce Ball courts.  
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If the City can find another space in a neighborhood that will welcome bocce ball courts in lieu of whatever else they have (green space, dirt area), I don't have a particular issue with that.

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It makes more sense to have a bocce ball court at a “community center”.

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Two bocce ball courts in a town the size of Los Altos is unnecessary and could only sanction it if the majority of south Los Altos had to play Bocce and couldn't drive to hillview, an unlikely prospect in my view.

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Use Hillview as a sounding board and see how it is or isn't received before moving forward with Grant Park.

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They have plenty of room at Hillview leave our park alone.

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The subject of bocce ball courts is being pushed by a small group of Los Altos. They are trying to strong arm various commissions to agree. This is really wrong.

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Open to discussion ; should be part of a plan that local residents want

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One set of bocce ball courts in our small city is sufficient. We should put in a skatepark before adding on to something that is already available in Los Altos.

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How many does Los Altos really need?????

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Prove there is a demand for bocce ball courts that Hillview Community Center cannot meet before designating bocce ball court space at other parks

8/19/2020 2:04 AM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



On court site is plenty-special interests have no business bullying the city and residents into a bad deal for the neighborhood

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Not interested in using but if good for the community, better in a bigger space

8/18/2020 6:32 PM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



Strongly agree, survey question appears broken

8/18/2020 1:42 PM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



? point

8/18/2020 11:19 AM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



They should go where the neighborhood wants them.

8/18/2020 8:10 AM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



If you want a bocce ball court, go to a country club.

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please check utilization vs. other park services

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Put the bocce courts in the courtyard of grant park school.

8/18/2020 1:37 AM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



On a bridge over a creek, Woodland Library, Lincoln Park, Mackenzie Park parking lot, Blach Jr. High,

8/17/2020 11:40 PM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



seldom used

8/17/2020 5:49 PM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



Not at Grant Park but perhaps another location might be feasible.

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Sorry to be NIMBY ... but what due process has there been for this? The request for a dog area has been out there for a while and the city hasn't done that yet.

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Grant Park should remain as is for kids & families

8/17/2020 1:59 PM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



I don't know enough about the situations at other potential building sites to answer this question, but Grant Park is definitely not the right place to build them.

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Few people play bocce ball. Courts at Hillview are enough.

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Don't care

8/16/2020 6:14 PM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



Not clear to me why there would need to be more than the new ones at Hillview--especially as City's expense.

8/16/2020 4:02 PM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



I don't mind Bocce balls in grant park as long as it doesn't effect the grassy area too much.

8/16/2020 3:41 PM [Add tags](#) – [View respondent's answers](#)



Perhaps there is another area more suitable for bocce courts. What about Lincoln Park?

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if they are already there

8/16/2020 3:29 PM [Add tags](#) – [View respondent's answers](#)



No more addition of Bocce Ball Court anywhere other than Hillview Community Center where it's being built.

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There are nearby courts rarely used at Blackberry Farm and Cuesta park.

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One set of courts is enough for less than 50 residents that currently play.

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**GP Bocce Ball Poll Q7 [103 comments] – I would like new activities such as Pickle Ball or something else [add comment] if open space is preserved.**

Once again, it's a balance between what the community wants and its cost, weighed against other priorities. I don't have much info/preference. With more info, we can make a meaningful decision for what's best for the community.

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Open space can be used for any set of safe activities, so go for it.

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tai chi, adult size swings or bench swing

10/12/2020 12:47 PM [Add tags](#) – [View respondent's answers](#)



If this question wasn't conditioned on open space being preserved, I would have agreed with this. As question 8 speaks to, in general, I would like to see more recreational offerings at Grant Park, but if it was an improvement to recreational offerings at the park that took away some open space (like a nicer community center with a gym, ice rink and pool), I would probably be for it.

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Grant park could serve as a youth community center in the buildings provided, where kids can play games such as ping pong, foosball, or work on homework. There can be a volleyball/badmitton court put at the basketball court where a net can be provided during community center hours. This would preserve the park as is, but provide more activities at grant park. We also need the kitchen updated, it has been shutdown for some time now. Even the basketball court could use a better surface on the ground.

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I would advocate strongly for open space

9/8/2020 1:00 PM [Add tags](#) – [View respondent's answers](#)



I don't know what pickle ball is, therefore I would like to know what activity is being planned before commenting.

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Agian need an comprehensive plan before any implementation

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Yes, open space is a priority. But we need to understand the top priorities of Los Alta s as we invest our limited resources.

9/5/2020 1:40 PM [Add tags](#) – [View respondent's answers](#)



tennis

9/3/2020 8:54 AM [Add tags](#) – [View respondent's answers](#)



Full basketball court

9/2/2020 6:04 PM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



Sure, good stuff like that

9/1/2020 7:22 PM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



In addition to preserving open space, we need to add trees and plants.

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I have no idea what pickle ball is.

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just keep the grass and park the way it is

8/31/2020 6:02 PM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



just keep the park the way it is

8/31/2020 6:00 PM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



No comment

8/31/2020 4:40 PM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



Dog Park?

8/31/2020 9:54 AM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



Pickle ball? What's this?

8/31/2020 7:34 AM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



Pickle ball or tennis courts would be great

8/30/2020 6:57 PM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



Parks & Recs should survey residents for ideas.

8/30/2020 4:17 PM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



prefer an open space (as it is open for any activity)

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I don't care as long as the green space is preserved

8/29/2020 3:24 PM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



Pickle ball

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parcourse fitness stations, skateboard or Rollerskate area

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Pickle ball at least seems to have a larger following ... however the plastic ball & paddle could be an obnoxious noise / "bonk-bonk-bonk" /

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Why doesn't Los Altos have any pickleball???

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Pickle ball is preferred

8/28/2020 6:49 PM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



croquet would be perfect for the green space.

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We need more benches for kids and adults.

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Chess board

8/27/2020 11:07 PM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



Outdoor ping pong table, outdoor badminton court

8/27/2020 10:50 PM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



Pickleball please!!!

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My in laws play Pickle Ball. I agree that the City does not allow its residents sufficient access to tennis courts as they are frequently dominated by persons giving tennis lessons. Perhaps the City should acquire land to build another activity center. With the economy headed downward, it does look like there may be such an opportunity to purchase commercial land for the purpose of building such a community activity center.

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Maybe, depends on the options

8/26/2020 9:33 PM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



Pickle Ball is very popular and would be a big hit if we can find space for a court. This should not come at the expense of bocce ball courts

8/26/2020 9:10 PM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



a proper expanded basketball court is another usage to consider

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How to you introduce Pickle Ball without taking away some of the open space?

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Preserve open space.

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Self-serving question. Pickle ball & Bocce ball can coexist.

8/26/2020 2:10 PM [Add tags](#) – [View respondent's answers](#)



Just save the open space.

8/26/2020 7:19 AM [Add tags](#) – [View respondent's answers](#)



I prefer no changes first, anything but off leash dog park second.

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Any decision should be based on a plan not ad hoc.

8/25/2020 5:59 PM [Add tags](#) – [View respondent's answers](#)



Leave open space or even expand it. Allow for free form activities (frisbee, catch, just kids running around in a grassy area.

8/25/2020 4:02 PM [Add tags](#) – [View respondent's answers](#)



Children play in the greenery of Grant Park. Soccer practice goes on in the large area.

8/25/2020 8:42 AM [Add tags](#) – [View respondent's answers](#)



Outdoor rink for roller skating/hockey

8/25/2020 7:59 AM [Add tags](#) – [View respondent's answers](#)



Volleyball

8/24/2020 10:56 PM [Add tags](#) – [View respondent's answers](#)



Yes, I'd like to learn pickle ball, plus a community pool as mentioned previously. Not everyone can afford fancy clubs.

8/24/2020 9:04 PM [Add tags](#) – [View respondent's answers](#)



Your idea of new activities is likely to mow down trees. My idea of new activities would be to grow more trees and create activities around nature.

8/24/2020 2:47 PM [Add tags](#) – [View respondent's answers](#)



Keep open space for kids to run and play

8/24/2020 11:34 AM [Add tags](#) – [View respondent's answers](#)



Just preserve our tiny park!!

8/24/2020 11:21 AM [Add tags](#) – [View respondent's answers](#)



Outdoor ping pong cement table and steel net like London has in most every park, all weather,. Bring your own paddle & balls. Google London ping pong assos. Map

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Community pool

8/24/2020 12:40 AM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



Have no idea what new activity wouldn't take away open space

8/23/2020 8:22 PM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



Rhetorical question I guess the city has no plan

8/23/2020 5:11 PM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



No new activities for such a small park!

8/23/2020 3:13 PM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



Leave the natural landscape alone

8/22/2020 9:23 PM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



Off-leash dog area

8/21/2020 6:09 PM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



Confusing question as to how to answer. I love the park and often walk to there often stopping to sit under the trees and enjoy the peace and touch of nature in our neighborhood.

8/21/2020 6:07 PM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



Would prefer a dog area for them to be off leash.

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NO more added activities are needed. In our well to do town there are enough commercial/business entities to fulfil the needs of our residents. The city does NOT need or have to supply everything for everyone.

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Dog park not pickle ball

8/20/2020 10:08 PM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



What is Pickle Ball?

8/20/2020 9:41 PM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



What is Pickle Ball?

8/20/2020 9:31 PM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



Again, I like things as they are now.

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Weekend events like concerts, and dog off leash hours

8/20/2020 7:03 PM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



Off leash dog run

8/20/2020 5:53 PM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



Preserve the open space for use by ALL members of the community. Do not carve out space for special interests: bocce ball, pickle ball, etc.

8/20/2020 5:25 PM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



A place for the dogs to run for a short period of time morning and early evening.

8/20/2020 5:08 PM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



you can't please everyone. I would prefer pickle ball but to be fair, just leave it green.

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I like open space, and existing tennis courts could be converted to pickle ball courts (ie, Marymead or McKenzie)

8/19/2020 10:30 PM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



If you are determined to replace open space, trees or grass, then try something such as pickle ball since another Los Altos Park already has a Bocce Court

8/19/2020 9:50 PM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



Traditional sports are better. Kids need more areas.

8/19/2020 4:47 PM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



I would like Open Space to be OPEN SPACE!!!!!!

8/19/2020 3:50 PM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



Convert one court at Marymeade Park to 2 Pickle Ball courts; Designate off-leash hours at Grant Park and Heritage Oaks, and eventually other parks.

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Let the residents using Grant Park decide what they really want

8/19/2020 6:25 AM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



We have tennis courts nearby already. You can dual purpose those for pickle ball

8/18/2020 7:53 PM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



More freedom for dogs (unleashing hours) would be nice

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This question is vague to me

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Join a private club for individual elite recreation.  
8/18/2020 3:23 PM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



Bring back the big kid or adult swings.  
8/18/2020 11:19 AM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



No activities, just keep the green land  
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Activities should be made available, the additional requirement in your question about open space preservation should be removed.

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Residents will make use of the park as they see safe and in harmony with the rest of the park users.

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Shuffle board, horeshoes, batting cage/golf net,etc  
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Leave the open space alone  
8/18/2020 1:37 AM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



Leash free dog hours  
8/17/2020 6:27 PM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



The main green space is used for soccer. The smaller space by the BB courts is often used by others to toss a ball, have a picnic, walk dogs, etc.

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it can all be accommodated.  
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When making decisions on how limited space should be used, we should weigh the number of local residents that will use the existing space vs. the number of residents that will use the newly built space. Some features such as the playground and basketball (a very popular sport) are widely used. Bocce ball and pickle ball are far more rare and specialized sports, and the newly built space just won't get as much usage as the existing space. On top of that, Grant Park is a rare and valuable slice of grassy open land in the neighborhood, and if that is taken away, local residents will have to drive to Cuesta Park or other parks to find areas where they can play frisbee/tag/soccer, have a picnic, have a music concert, stargaze, etc. It's very important to preserve some open, grassy space in this neighborhood.

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Dog run should absolutely take priority.  
8/16/2020 9:21 PM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



To me, "open space" means no activities or facilities in the space. So if you preserve open space, there'd be no pickle ball or anything else in it.

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Possibly bc that is more open to more people versus bocce

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Parking is had now and would be more so if activities are added.

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Or an enclosed dog run.

8/16/2020 4:06 PM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



A cricket pitch would be a nice way to preserve the grass, while allowing for another sport.

8/16/2020 3:44 PM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



Lawn Bowling

8/16/2020 3:41 PM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



I feel as though a pickle ball court would take away more space than the bocci ball area. Don't take away the basketball courts. There are kids and adults playing there regularly. If you are thinking of another location, then go for it.

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No permanent structures or dedicated area.

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Yes for more activities. We have plenty of greenery, trees and areas for picnic in the Grant Park area.

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No more as such is needed.

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Use the concrete area between the 2 buildings.

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Consider location between the 2 buildings with or without a covered pavilion.

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**GP Bocce Ball Q8 [57 comments] – I want a Grant Plan Master Plan with valid resident input before making any decision whether Bocce Ball is included or not.**

A master plan with informed residents is always a good idea.

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Yes, a Master Plan for the whole space would be nice, prior to adding a court.

9/15/2020 8:30 AM [Add tags](#) – [View respondent's answers](#)



The are ongoing maintenance costs that need to be discussed BEFORE any decision with local residence

9/7/2020 11:28 PM [Add tags](#) – [View respondent's answers](#)



ABSOLUTELY. I own my house in Los Altos and am temporarily away at the moment.

9/7/2020 12:49 AM [Add tags](#) – [View respondent's answers](#)



This is my highest priority.

9/5/2020 1:40 PM [Add tags](#) – [View respondent's answers](#)



There are definitely other ways to improve grant park that would serve the population that goes to the park better

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Particularly the immediate neighboring residents should have more say on the decision.

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A master plan sounds nice but I'm not sure what it entails or how long it would take.

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Why does choosing Strongly Agree also choose the rest of the options, including its very opposite Strongly Disagree?

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Yes, else we wind up with "fire, aim, ready."

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This seems like an "optional" spending on public funds.

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I think you'll find that the majority of residents are strongly opposed to a bocce ball court

8/29/2020 3:24 PM [Add tags](#) – [View respondent's answers](#)



Too many people would be involved in holding things up

8/28/2020 10:59 AM [Add tags](#) – [View respondent's answers](#)





Just reject the Bocce ball idea.

8/28/2020 8:14 AM [Add tags](#) – [View respondent's answers](#)



I don't insist a master plan but I don't think bocce ball court will be widely used.

8/27/2020 10:50 PM [Add tags](#) – [View respondent's answers](#)



A master plan with valid resident input? What a novel idea.

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The neighborhood which uses the park the most should have a vote in how it will be used.

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Of course residents should have input to such a decision affecting the community park.

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I want air conditioning in the multipurpose room

8/26/2020 9:33 PM [Add tags](#) – [View respondent's answers](#)



Los Altos is infamous for analysis paralysis! Yes, get a master plan out there but let's make improvements to our parks in the meantime.

8/26/2020 4:13 PM [Add tags](#) – [View respondent's answers](#)



Your biased survey design has turned me 100% against your clear preference for no bocce ball courts.

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I want a master plan that reflects the dangers of off leash dog parks period. Once you've had a child trampled and injured by an off leash dog, everything else pales by comparison.

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Any decision should be based on a Master Plan not ad hoc.

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Oppose Bocce Ball whether or not in a master plan.

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People who live nearby use Grant Park. Let them have a say in any disruption

8/25/2020 8:42 AM [Add tags](#) – [View respondent's answers](#)



Invalid question because doesn't tell us what a valid resident is. Do you mean "valid Los Altos resident" or "valid resident that lives in Grant neighborhood of Los Altos". Can't answer question that's unclear/undefined.

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Too bad it's come to this. We've had a great park and now it's invaded.

8/24/2020 11:21 AM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



Kill it have a committee recommend why did we elect a council again?

8/23/2020 5:11 PM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



Yes- local residents should have a say - there are too many changes proposed that are not in our best interest and the community is not adequately notified about !

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Sounds like a 5-year delay! :-)

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This should be the first question! Please follow through from this point of having a master plan.

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Maintain what we have and keep it in good shape for the future. ALSO, never allow it to be subverted for commercial development or residential development.

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This survey is leading, and already took more time than advertised.

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Yes, I would like to fully understand where and what would have to be removed

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Free money is never really "free". The residents of the neighborhoods in which these types of changes are proposed should always be consulted first. It is easy to ask for changes that don't have the potential to affect you personally and negatively because you don't live where the proposed changes will be made...

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All options should be presented and surveyed before committing space to a single function

8/20/2020 7:03 PM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



It is time that the majority of Los Altos residents are heard, and not just a few well-connected residents .

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The decision should be made by the local residents.

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That is what the PARC said it would do (before proceeding with Bocce Ball)

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Asking for input is the democratic way. There should be a hard deadline beyond which responses will not be considered.

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Absolutely should be REQUIRED

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Contrary to one of the commissioners statements we are “like a bunch of kids” who can “ever make up their mind.”

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Yes, too many changes are done without asking residents first.

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Decisions like these impact our children. We chose to live in this area because there's ample park space for children to play with.

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Seems like a waste of money. Leave the park alone and move on

8/18/2020 1:37 AM [Add tags](#) – [View respondent's answers](#)



Open space is so precious, any change should be well vetted and included in a Master Plan.

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Not if a very biased slanted survey like this one is used

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Why would we NOT want local resident input? I can't think of a single good reason why we would want to bypass gathering local resident input.

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It's unfair for King Lear and the Legacies to buy their way in to get what they want. Parks are for ALL residents, not just those with money.

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Yes bc there are other options besides bocce that should be considered

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Strongly agree

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Surprised that this project would already be this far along without a plan and input from residents.

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Those of us who live around Grant Park would prefer that you listen to what we want in our area. Unless you live there and see who is using the park already, how can you decide what we want?

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My answer is yes.

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I think most residents value open space instead and should be asked as part of community outreach.

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A Scientific Survey should be used. The methodology used needs to correctly represent the community . Bias questions should be avoided

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Private donors should not be allowed to bully city into providing more Bocce Ball at Grant Park that is opposed by most residents.

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## GP Bocce Ball Poll Q9 [75 comments] – How often do you visit Grant Park or the Community Center?

We live right next to it, so very often!

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Lower frequency these days due to COVID.

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It is a great park to visit

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less with GPS closed

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Before COVID shutdown, i would play with my nephew and niece once a week and play with then in the primary area that the private interest group wants the bocce ball. Even now I regularly walk my dogs there. And spend time with my household there.

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There is nothing currently offered that appeals to me.

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I walk there

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As noted earlier I am temporarily away at the moment. We used to go to Grant Park about once every couple of months .

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Walk through, use bathroom's, and take grand kids.

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I am living in London for the next year or so. After that I will be back in Los Altos and I typically visited Grant Park three or four times a year.

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Walk through, use bathroom's, and take grand kids.

9/4/2020 6:54 AM [Add tags](#) – [View respondent's answers](#)



I meet up with friends with our young daughter who live in that area to play soccer or bring our dogs

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Choosing 4-5 days/week also means I chose "Never or rarely"? Doesn't make sense and leads to a very biased survey result

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Visited often before COVID19, but not currently

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I walk to grant park every day, sometimes with my kids. It's my favorite park

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I might visit more often if bocce ball or pickle ball courts are built.

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Rarely since my children are now adults.

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Every day

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Usually there 1x a week on neighbor hood walks or watching soccer matches (pre-covid)

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If there was pickleball, I would definitely use that

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we work out, play basketball and football almost everyday at Grant Park. My children sit on blankets and study in the park. In the time of COVID-19, children need space to be outside safely. 6 feet of green space, not concrete.

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All the time we have very young kids. So enjoy the park several times a day. It is one of the best reasons for living in this neighborhood.

8/28/2020 8:14 AM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



I ride my bicycle through and along the park, a welcome respite of green and shady trees in a small city in need of more public, casual leisure space.

8/27/2020 5:42 PM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



We take a daily walk or jog here or play soccer on its fields. We have used its facilities, its picnic area, its playgrounds, its fields. As I mentioned, I coached free youth soccer clinics for members of the community in the subject space. We've had birthday parties here. We've had Cub Scout meetings at Grant Park. We've conducted Grant Park cleanups as a service project. My son learned to ride his bicycle here. We plan to use it for the foreseeable future as well.

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I attend jazzercise class there

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When I lived in the Grant Park neighborhood I visited all the time, especially when the kids were younger

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Again, your question is a little off. Why does it got from 1-4 days per year to weekly? Where is your monthly scale? I went more when my children were younger. I would go if there was adult activities that are not Senior.

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Another self-serving Q/data range. Maybe couple times/mo.

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But I would now if there was something to do there

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Live next door, use every day

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Use it essentially every day. Love the open space, grass, trees and vegetation.

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I go by Grant Park always Every day

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Another flawed question. Most people (I bet) visit it 12X to 24X per year. You jump from 1-4 days each year to 1-2 days each week, as if to intentionally invalidate those that visit it 24 times a year. Biased questioning. Who created this survey?

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Need more range of choices. Perhaps more like 10-15 times a year.

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Less now with Covid but used to go at least 1-2 times a week

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95% is primarily reserved for those under 12

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7 days a week

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Part of our standard walking circuit.

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When our children were younger we visited at least weekly. Since we live across Foothill we don't go there as often, but many families and residents frequent it daily for walks and openspace access.

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Before Covid-19 pounced upon us Grant Park was the nearest community based park/center to our Woodland Acres neighborhood.

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Two or three times each day!!

8/20/2020 10:08 PM [Add tags](#) – [View respondent's answers](#)



this scale is a terrible representation

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There is a wide missing gap in these answers. Where is "once or twice per month"?

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I typically walk our dogs through the park. Sometimes my daughter has a picnic with her boyfriend under the trees.

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I am there 4 to 7 days each week.

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I live next to Grant Park and visit it twice a day.

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We walk most evenings, sometimes around the park, other times in the park, and appreciate having it nearby.

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This is an odd range. We probably go less than 52 times a year (1 day a week) but definitely much more that 4 days a year. Did you mean to put 1-40 days each year? We would fall in that range.

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Often when I was raising children

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Depending on sports season. Sometimes 2-3 times per week.

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Been a resident here for 25 years, using the park for kids' play and dog play/walks! 🐕

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Walk through park on walks through the neighborhood.

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I used to go more often, and it is a real local gem

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More during non covid times

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I walk laps here every day with my granddaughter

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everyday

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Almost daily I walk at or through the park

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it is the heart of the neighborhood

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We visit more like once a month, but there's no option for that

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I would come more often if there were things to do like Bocce

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Depends on whether or not I'm taking a class. Does walking by and enjoying the open space count as a visit?

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Multiple times per day

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Cost to use Grant Park Community Center for activities like quilting groups should be more affordable for residents

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big gap between 4 days a year and 1 day a week Good job of slanting the results

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Would visit almost every day if there was a dog run.

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once or twice a month

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Our family is at the park almost everyday if it's not raining. We walk our dog, ride our bikes, play on the basketball court nowadays and before covid my daughter played on the play structure

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EVERY SINGLE DAY sometimes more than once!

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Weekly use by our family

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We walk in the park daily. I used to teach an aerobics class there before the pandemic hit. We enjoy seeing all the young families using the park, even when they can't use the playground equipment. We run into our senior friends walking around the park.

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We use the park every day.

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The park is at the end of our street. My mother (78) is a member of the senior center. She parks at my house and walks over for chair yoga.

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I visit Grant Park 7 days each week.

8/14/2020 6:52 PM [Add tags](#) [–View respondent's answers](#)



I am able to walk to the park for exercise with my dog.

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I walk my dog thru the park every day and would love to have off-leash hours.

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**GP Bocce Ball Poll Q10 [69 comments] – Maintaining or improving the Grant Park Community Center Buildings and existing playground, basketball court, grass fields and open space should be the highest priority.**

It's always a good thing to do. Should it be "the" highest priority given the current pandemic conditions, not sure!...

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Other priorities matter too, but this question seems rhetorical. Who wouldn't want an improved open space?

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I didn't realize it was a choice between a Bocce Ball ct and maintaining the community center. I would like to see some \$ towards improving the buildings and the "track" around the outer portion.

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Before passing a \$200,000+ project for Bocce ball, we need to update the basketball courts, fix the kitchen, add a community youth center and focus on building public projects that are more broadly used by ALL age groups and are minimally invasive to existing green/open spaces.

9/9/2020 7:55 PM [Add tags](#) – [View respondent's answers](#)



Grant School closed in the early 1980s and very little has been done to make it attractive to the public as a community center. Typical dismissive attention to the southern end of the "village."

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I am not sure this statement is true. The absolute priority should be to develop a master plan and this will determine where the resources should be allocated

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Love the idea of a bocce ball court @ GRANT PARK!

9/6/2020 1:53 PM [Add tags](#) – [View respondent's answers](#)



Actually I believe a plan should be the highest priority.

9/5/2020 1:40 PM [Add tags](#) – [View respondent's answers](#)



Love the idea of a bocce ball court @ GRANT PARK!

9/4/2020 6:54 AM [Add tags](#) – [View respondent's answers](#)



I am a Grant School alumnus and feel it's current configuration is very appropriate for the community but welcome tasteful improvements.

9/1/2020 10:10 AM [Add tags](#) – [View respondent's answers](#)



I think bocce courts would be fantastic.

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We have spent very little at that park in 20+ years. It needs it just as much as Hillview does.  
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Choosing Strongly Agree meant I also chose "Strongly Disagree". That is nonsense. Is this survey meant to produce biased results?

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Highest priority? If you mean to ask if existing facilities should be adequately maintained before new ones are built, then, yes, I agree.

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Maintenance is always a priority in a world of entropy.

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may be adds more seats next to the tree (next to open area)

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Preserve the green spaces and basketball courts. They are always in poor condition. If built the bocce ball court would quickly deteriorate

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Maintain existing facilities and it will be nice if new facilities can be added to side or corner areas of the grass field

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Los Altos parks should be accessible to all - use this money to make sure children with physical limitations can use our playgrounds. Alternatively, this money could be used to make improvements in the Grant Park Community Center's kitchen and rooms.

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Please add more benches at the playground. There are only 1-2. Where are adults supposed to sit while their kids play. The ground?

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All funding and maintenance should be focused on improving this public space for the widest number of residents first. And green and open space should be given the value and prioritization it deserves.

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We should preserve and maintain the limited resources that we have.

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We love Grant Park. If the City wished to expand the park by acquiring adjacent land, we would support that. But taking away existing space for a discrete purpose that would not benefit the community as a whole would be detrimental to the park and community.

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I want Air Conditioning in the multipurpose room  
8/26/2020 9:33 PM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



I believe these survey questions are designed to provoke negative and misleading input intended to kill the bocce ball project  
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\$50,000 could be the seed money for a proper kitchen  
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Strong preference for off-leash dog hours  
8/26/2020 5:51 PM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



Highest priority what? Not higher than Safe Routes to School and Bike Lanes in general.  
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As compared to what other priorities???  
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With budget issues, I don't understand how the city can think about installing a Bocce Ball court that very few support. Even if a good amount of outside funding is provided, the city will still pay to install it and to maintain it. And we already have another court planned for Hillview. Please take the money planned for the court and spend it on existing structures. Fix the basketball court, provide better kitchen appliances for senior citizens, revamp the playground. Don't neglect what we already have.

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Many Seniors come to the Grant Park to Exercise, play and relax. Keep it that way  
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There is plenty of room for a 25 yard pool at Grant Park.  
8/24/2020 9:04 PM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



Improving, yes!  
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Another poorly written question. Highest priority is open spaces & trees. Don't lump it together with the other stuff.

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Grant park buildings could use some work first?  
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It's perfect as is!

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If we used the park maybe but now tear it down at sell it to a developer because the city doesn't use it

8/23/2020 5:11 PM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



Strongly agree

8/22/2020 9:23 PM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



It's such a small park it's best leave well enough alone. What is wrong with keeping it the way it is?

8/22/2020 9:16 PM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



I can imagine that with the launch and success (pre-covid) of the senior center, it would be nice to add some additional activities. However, I would like to see a more thorough planning process to create an outcome which meets the needs of the neighborhood as well as the senior center.

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It is a wonderful park and the maintenance should be a priority.

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Maintainence, Maintainence, Maintainence.....!!!!

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Upgrading the kitchen for the Senior Center should be priority.

8/21/2020 10:17 AM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



Continue improving Grant Park.

8/20/2020 9:41 PM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



Not sure. Playground looks good to me, basketball court as well. No idea about the buildings

8/20/2020 9:21 PM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



I really appreciated it when the Grant Park basketball court was refurbished. I would generally welcome that type of improvement, versus a huge alteration.

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My agreement is conditional on: Preserve the open space for use by ALL members of the community. Do not carve out space for special interests: bocce ball, pickle ball, etc.

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A long with giving the chance to have the dogs run.

8/20/2020 5:08 PM [Add tags](#) –[View respondent's answers](#)



I do think way too much water is used on the grass - they seem often sodden so you can't sit on them. Maybe this is less of an issue in this heat and has been more of a problem in the past.

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Maintenance always comes first; our parks need more TLC

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Again, off-leash hours for dogs would be wonderful and promote community! Like Mt.View has done successfully in many of their parks (such as Cooper Park, Bubb...)

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Question is vague....highest priority vs new development? In general, I would say yes, maintaining/improving existing things should take precedence over new development.

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Again, poorly worded survey question. There are a lot of high priority items currently, so I am not sure if assigning the maintenance of Grant Park takes precedence over \*everything\* else.

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A great failure of Los Altos is extremely poor maintenance - think Hillview Community Center

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Fix and improve what is already there. Why introduce something that has NOT been asked by the Grant Park Neighborhood community???

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need to update kitchen

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I don't use the buildings. I only enjoy walking on the grass

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Along with adding the Bocce Ball courts

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Given the low utilization of the classrooms (not the gym) said classrooms could be razed

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Perhaps consider planting more native plants. There seem to be quite a few trees that have limbs falling.

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As I said in my previous comments, this should be decided on a case-by-case basis, but Grant Park is already a small and crowded park, and any new features would need very good justification. There just isn't very good justification for bocce ball.

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The Master Plan should address this and determine what will be of most benefit to the majority of residents.

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Existing playground is very nice, perhaps basketball court could be improved, unsure of the community space

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Upkeep of existing facilities, not expansion, should be the goal.

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Put in Real or simulated hard wood floors

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Strongly agree!

8/14/2020 6:52 PM [Add tags](#) – [View respondent's answers](#)



The city has long neglected Grant Park and need to keep it up to date.

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We will be receiving millions of dollars in Park-in -lieu fees over the next few years. The improvement of the facilities should be first.

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Replace the kitchen and add a fitness equipment to a dedicated classroom.

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## Casey Richardson

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**From:** roger heyder [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 14, 2020 1:56 PM  
**To:** Donna Legge; Casey Richardson; City Council  
**Subject:** [External Sender]Public Comment Parks and Rec Meeting of 10/14/20 Item 3 - Bocce

Dear Commissioners and Council,

Public comment on Parks and Rec meeting of 10/14/2020, Item 3 - Bocce

The Bocce ball courts in Grant Park, and major changes in general, need to be supported by a large number of residents that use the park. Major changes, like the Bocce courts, also should be considered as part of an overall plan for the park, considering all improvement options.

Apparently neither of these are the case for the Bocce courts. Instead, the Bocce process has had the odour of political cronyism and payoff. City commissioners are appointed to represent the RESIDENTS in their decisions, and to come up with optimum solutions for residents, rather than to grant political favors.

Evidently a large number of residents that actually USE Grant Park are opposed to the courts. Commission should follow process, by developing an overall plan for Grant Park with the residents, that takes into consideration the various improvement options and budget. Space in the park should NOT be allocated based on who bids the most for a piece of the space there - that is effectively SELLING off, or monetizing, the park.

Put the Bocce courts in the list of options for Grant Park, and operate the planning process openly and fairly with plenty of resident input. If these gracious donors want to help fund the Bocce courts, if Bocce courts are included in the final plan, then great.

regards -- Roger Heyder

## Casey Richardson

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**Subject:** Fwd: Grant Park Bocce Ball

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**To:** Casey Richardson <crichardson@losaltosca.gov>  
**Subject:** Grant Park Bocce Ball

I understand there's a meeting this evening to consider the bocce ball courts at Grant Park.

I am writing this to communicate and reinforce a STRONG NO to the bocce ball courts at Grant Park. Pending Federal lawsuits allege the City is a RICO dispensing benefits to its favored and injuring others. Going forward--now or in the future--with the bocce ball courts would confirm ex mayors and others with an inside at City Hall and Council (e.g., King Lear and his cohorts) can get what they want at cost to the rest of Los Altos residents and taxpayers.

Should the City go forward and grant King Lear and his cohorts the privilege and special benefits and treatment they seem to take as their entitlement the City would likely experience even more scrutiny in the Courts and be held accountable there in addition to what they are currently facing.

It is time for the City, its agents and agencies to put a stop to the special treatment of some at cost to the rest. The Grant Park Bocce Ball idea is a fine place to start.

Sincerely,  
Satish Ramachandran



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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 14, 2020 4:18 PM  
**To:** Casey Richardson <[crichardson@losaltosca.gov](mailto:crichardson@losaltosca.gov)>  
**Cc:** City Council <[council@losaltosca.gov](mailto:council@losaltosca.gov)>  
**Subject:** [External Sender]input on Grant Park bocce ball proposal

Hello,

I'm submitting this email as written testimony for the October 14 Parks & Recreation Commission meeting. I have copied our city council members as well.

I'm a resident of the Grant Park neighborhood. Using our beloved neighborhood paths it's a quick .3 miles from my home to Grant Park. We have lived here for 14 years, and my husband, our three children and I are enthusiastic users of Grant Park. It's a neighborhood gem. One of our children is at the park almost every day.

I'm writing regarding the generous donation of \$40,000 that Los Altos Legacies and Rotary Endowment Fund have offered the city, earmarked to build two bocce ball courts at Grant Park. I think it speaks to what a wonderful community this is that these organizations and the citizens behind them want to make a generous gift to Los Altos. That said, I am **strongly opposed** to this idea.

The two proposed bocce ball courts would negatively impact our family's use of Grant Park. They would have a huge impact on the character of our beloved park, and they would take away a huge swath of open green space. Green space that my children and many others play in. Green space that is both beautiful to look at and offers a wonderful, flexible recreation area for young and old.

In addition to the unfortunate destruction of such a large parcel of our open space, I'm worried about the impact on my family and others of all the cars. During Commission meetings the donors have specifically said

that these courts will attract thousands of people over time. I think they intended that to be a positive thing, but to me it's a negative. How will all these people arrive to play bocce ball? Many of them will drive. Our little neighborhood park has 19 parking spaces, which means lots of parking and traffic on our neighborhood streets. My family walks or bikes to Grant Park, as do many other resident families. We can't do that safely if our streets are overloaded with non-resident cars in one concentrated area.

I almost didn't mention my parking and traffic concerns, because to me they're secondary. I would oppose this idea even if it had no impact at all on our traffic. We do **not** want the character and flexibility of our park to change. I love that we can have soccer and camp programs at the community center and on the soccer fields, and also still have open, unclaimed space for family recreation. Stealing away that open space from residents is a terrible idea. Please don't do this to us.

While this donation is indeed generous, **please do not accept it**. We need a comprehensive Master Plan for Grant Park that prioritizes the needs of Los Altos residents, and takes into account the safety and needs of local residents. Our family would strongly prefer money be spent on things such as improved lighting, pathways, shade, and benches, and of course on the long-promised (and long-delayed) improvements to the Grant Park Community Center (where our most excellent Senior Program thrives).

There are alternative sites for bocce ball courts. Please honor the commitment made decades ago: "Through the foresight and the efforts of Friends of Grant, city officials and the citizens of our community, these five acres of open space are dedicated to the people of Los Altos **for all generations** on this day June 8, 1991."

Sincerely,  
Semele Heller  
[REDACTED] Juarez Avenue

## Casey Richardson

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**From:** Casey Richardson  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 14, 2020 3:35 PM  
**To:** Donna Legge  
**Subject:** Fwd: No bocce ball at Grant Park

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Carol Pugh [REDACTED]  
**Date:** October 14, 2020 at 3:34:30 PM PDT  
**To:** Casey Richardson <crichardson@losaltosca.gov>  
**Subject:** No bocce ball at Grant Park  
**Reply-To:** [REDACTED]

Hello Parks and Rec Commission -

As a resident of the Grant Park neighborhood and a regular user of Grant Park in many different ways, I write today asking you to not approve the construction of bocce ball courts at Grant Park. Grant Park is not a large space and all parts of the park are heavily used on a regular basis. Please preserve the open space at Grant Park!

I fully support the Senior Center which has been developed at Grant Park and would love to see something constructed that would be of benefit to that group as well as to other demographics in the community. The buildings at Grant Park (which prior to Covid were heavily used by all kinds of organizations) could really use some maintenance and updating. In my view, money spent on that type of project would be a much better use of limited dollars. Or how about a walking track that would provide a smooth, measured surface for everyone to walk on? Many people walk circles around the park; right now that requires navigating out to the street and/or walking on uneven dirt paths across a significant portion of the lap around the field. It would be ideal to create a surface that had some give in it (like a high school track does) but just an even surface that could easily be navigated by those with balance or mobility issues and could accommodate a wheelchair or stroller would be a huge improvement.

The park frequently hosts soccer games and practices on the field, has people walking on the sidewalks, young children playing on the play structure, a group or two playing basketball on the basketball courts, and a group or two using the meeting space in the buildings. The outdoor areas remaining are the only spaces left where one can sit and relax with a friend or have a picnic or a conversation, a little bit away from all of the other activity going on in the park. Loss of open space to bocce ball courts would greatly impact the full use of the park.

I appreciate the concept and the donation, but do not think that bocce ball courts are an appropriate improvement for this well used park.

Thank you!

Carol Pugh

## Casey Richardson

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**From:** Casey Richardson  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 14, 2020 5:24 PM  
**To:** Donna Legge  
**Subject:** FW: Bocce ball courts

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-----Original Message-----

From: jim jolly [REDACTED]  
Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2020 5:19 PM  
To: Casey Richardson <crichardson@losaltosca.gov>  
Subject: Bocce ball courts

We already have two courts at Community center. Our free open space in city parks is very limited and taking additional space for two new bocce ball courts that I believe will only be used by a small number of residents is ridiculous. Until we complete a master plan for Grant Park where all residents can provide input, the area should remain in its current state. The city should not sell off our precious open park space because an organization offers a mere \$40,000.  
Sent from my iPhone

## Casey Richardson

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**From:** Casey Richardson  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 14, 2020 5:33 PM  
**To:** Donna Legge  
**Subject:** FW: Bocce courts/Meeting tonight



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**From:** Becky sarabia [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 14, 2020 5:27 PM  
**To:** Casey Richardson <crichardson@losaltosca.gov>  
**Subject:** Bocce courts/Meeting tonight

Hi. We are Rafael and Becky Sarabia at 1427 Miramonte Ave, LA.

We are vehemently against the construction of the bocce courts although we are appreciative of the offer from the Los Altos R. club and the Los Altos Legacies.

The park is green space that belongs to all of us and you would be showing favor to construct the bocce courts in lieu of other courts i.e pickle ball courts.

We strongly feel the parks in Los Altos should be left as green space for all to use.

Thank you.