

**PARKS, RECREATION,
& NATURAL
RESOURCES
COMMITTEE**

Thursday, August 16, 2018

7:00 PM

McFarland Municipal Center
Conference Room A

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL.
2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.
 - a. Motion to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2018 meeting.
4. BUSINESS.
 - a. Discussion and possible recommendation to Village Board to apply for a PARC Grant to extend the Lower Yahara River Trail through the Orchard Hill Park.
 - b. Discussion and possible recommendation to Village Board to proceed with the restoration on various areas within the Orchard Hill Park in order to accommodate the disc golf project.
 - Review of the disc golf course layout
 - Review of the various areas needing restoration within the Orchard Hill Park
 - c. Discussion and possible recommendation to Village Board regarding security installation at the new soccer facility.
 - d. Review and possible recommendation regarding the Park and Open Space survey.
 - e. Results of the Train Equipment Question and Discussion and possible action to submit a new Polco question.
 - f. Update of on going projects throughout the Village.
5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.
 - a. September 20, 2018
6. ADJOURNMENT.

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Parks, Recreation, and Natural Resources Committee

Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)

July 19, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL. Meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room A of the McFarland Municipal Center by chair Dan Kolk. Roll call: Kolk, O'Hearn, Rolfsmeyer, Ruecking, Schkirkie, Feldner. Absent: Tissue, Waldera

Staff present: Allan Coville, Jim Hessling, Phil McDade.

2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES. None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

a. Approval of the June 21, 2018 Meeting Minutes. Motion by Rolfsmeyer, second by Kolk, to approve the meeting minutes. Approved on a unanimous voice vote.

4. BUSINESS:

a. Introduction and discussion regarding the Community Recreation Coordinator Alisha Fix. The committee reviewed with Fix programs offered through the McFarland School District community recreation department. The discussion focused on programming available for youngsters in the community, and touched on programs offered at the district indoor swimming pool. The committee also discussed with Fix upgrades to district baseball fields, the use of non-resident fees for programming, and exploring ways to provide information on recreation programs.

b. Request from Flower Corner Representative to discuss two items:

- Funding source for the purchase of flowers.
- Different watering option.

The committee discussed the difficulty of flower corner planters utilizing nearby water for planting and watering. The Flower Corner representatives said they also fell short of their fundraising target this year. The committee offered to explore financing options for the representatives through the Village budget.

c. Discussion on the presence of mobile food courts in Village Parks. The committee discussed a range of issues regarding food carts in village parks, including: length of licenses; the presence of food carts when park shelters have been reserved; large event gatherings; and locations where carts would be allowed. The Committee decided they did not want to change any policy or procedure at this point but would react to problems if they arose.

d. Discussion and possible recommendation to Village Board to award Aquatic Study project. After a discussion by Chair Kolk regarding the three different companies that were interviewed by Kolk and staff, Schkirkie made a motioned, and O'Hearn seconded, to recommend to the Village Board to award the aquatic study to a consortium of developers led by Ayres Associates. The three-tiered proposal would be led by Ayres, a civil engineering company, with additional work by Iconica (a Madison engineering and architecture firm) and Carrico Aquatic Resources Inc. Motion adopted unanimously by the committee.

e. **Recommendation for Polco item.** The committee was reminded of the Polco survey tool available to the Village. This survey tool provides the Village the opportunity to ask questions to the community which the Village Residents are then able to respond. The Committee discussed adding a question on the Polco survey related to the re-location of the train playground equipment which was previously staged at Discovery Garden but was removed when the new equipment was installed.

5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE

a. Aug. 16, 2018 at 7 p.m.

6. **ADJOURNMENT.** Rolfsmeyer moved, Feldner seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved unanimously at 8:41 p.m.



VILLAGE BOARD SUMMARY SHEET

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DEPARTMENT: Public Works

CONTACT:

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PREVIOUS ACTION:

ISSUE SUMMARY:

FINANCIAL/BUDGET IMPACT:

VILLAGE PLAN REFERENCE:

ORDINANCE REFERENCE:

BOARD, COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

ATTACHMENTS:

None



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ATTACHMENTS:

1. Orchard Hills Park 9-Hole course draft v2





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None



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ATTACHMENTS:

1. Parks Recreation Survey Additional Comments - 2018
2. 2018 Parks_Recreation Survey Results_PRINT

11. Please list any additional comments that might assist the Village of McFarland's Parks, Recreation & Natural Resources Committee in providing quality facilities to the committee...

- We need an outdoor pool, better access to our natural waterways and a boat rental with concession.
- Can the village mow the lawns of the parks before the weekend..some are like jungles for the only time my family goes
- I really like the neighborhood parks and fun to watch more folks use them. More shaded seating would be nice in some.
Please clean up weeds at the volleyball sand court at Woodland Estates (has been ignored at least 2yrs), spray and wait is ugly and bad for environment (how it's been managed in the past). I watch people come to use it and walk away. Please put in park access paths as folks walk across yards rather than go around and the access point is unmarked so people don't know where it is located.
Increase recycling efforts in park areas. A community center for all ages should be high priority.
- Create a commercial restaurant/beer area like Sea Salt at Minnehaha Falls Park in Minneapolis. It's a really cool place that draws lots of visitors.
- The tennis courts are in a state of disrepair. It is shameful that a community that has produced a love of tennis as a lifelong game is forced to travel to Monona to use playable courts.
- We really need a pool. There's nothing here in McFarland, we have to travel for everything (museums, educational activities, splash pads, pools, dream parks, a decent grocery store, necessities) so it would be fantastic if we had an option in the summer to stay in town. I would gladly buy a season pass, and I can guarantee most people with kids would do the same.
- A lot of your parks have goose and their droppings are everywhere. What can the town do to have a clean park where we can sit, lay, run, and play on the grass without having to watch our every step?
- More public access to lake Waubesa - either parks or boat launches
- Fees should only be for non-residents. Residents use should be included in taxes. Whether I support a large 40 acre east side park depends what would be in it. If it has a splash pad and/or outdoor community pool I would. Is there an issue with new housing interfering with nature there? There is not enough information to really have support yes or no based on what this space would be for and how it would impact taxes.
- Many parks have weeds, are overgrown and old playground equipment.
- Would like to see mulch placed next to the new bike trail that would allow dog owners to walk their dogs under the trail. Also, given all the new traffic, the bathrooms should really be improved here and more garbage/recycling receptacles (like Brandt Park) made available.
- Please do not commercialize our parks with outside vendors. A better trail on the backside of Babcock park would be nice for fishermen and people wanting to view the lake. There is a trail there, but muddy and a tree recently made it less accessible.

- We need a outdoor pool and splash pad for kids.
- Build what you can afford to maintain. Safety of kids to walk and bike to parks is important.
- High quality clean, safe parks are critical to building community and sense of neighborhood pride. McFarland's easy to access and plentiful parks create a family friendly environment that is one of the reasons we live here and it must be maintained. No fees ensures entry to residents of all financial abilities. Public access to waterways should be a priority. I find it very disappointing that the recent apartments being built on Waubesa do not allow public access to the lake.
- Provide a real swimming beach on Lake Waubesa, and a concession including a beer garden near the lower Yahara river trail
- Should improve McDaniel's toilets
- I love all the parks in McFarland, and would love to add an outdoor pool/splash pad. I'd be willing to buy season passes
- More shaded areas near playgrounds
- McFarland NEEDS an outdoor pool. Monona's is too crowded.
- We need an outdoor public pool. All of our money goes to Monona, Madison & Sun Prairie pools. Kids need a place to hang out that's safe. Also Youth Center needs improved programs, book clubs, art, discussion groups, mentor groups, etc. No one knows about the center & very few kids go. Combining it with the senior center. So much possibility.
- We love our parks and playgrounds and deathly spend a large amount of time at them. The Lewis park area is very nice since being re-done. I would love to see an outdoor pool in McFarland!
- Ridgeview tot lot needs some major attention. New play equipment, seating, etc. Many parks need more shade.
- Would love to see biergarten/concessions idea at McDaniel revisited. Nearby bars don't have outdoor waterfront seating or much local craft beer selection. Would be nice to have ice cream and light snacks available too.
- Amenities are fine at parks. Keep taxes low. Content with area parks as they stand. Need no additions.
- Would love to see mountain bike trails in McFarland. These could bring in additional revenue from food and drink sales. I currently ride other trails and will purchase food and drink after.
- Add bathrooms and drinking fountains to existing parks
- Warm water pool would be great!
- Would like to see walking paths at Lewis Park by the lake mulched.

- Thank you for the development of McDaniel Park and Lower Yahara River trail. As a cyclist I am excited to see increased bike lanes in town as well. We would love to have more activities at our parks that we can bike to as a family (festivals, outdoor concessions/dining, etc). Land conservation is also important - more hiking trails would be GREAT!
- With the growing population and expanding neighborhoods it would be really amazing to have an outdoor pool/aquatic center of our own. So many families travel to nearby communities to go swimming in the summer. A pool promotes health and exercise, provides jobs, especially for teenagers, and is a safe and enjoyable way for youth to spend their summers.
- The Tennis courts desperately need to be repaved or revamped due to all the cracks with possible mold
- Stop trying to be everything to everyone. Our taxpayers cannot afford it, you will create a village for only the elite & wealthy. Start coordinating with other communities & state offered parks & amenities.
- I think that Brandt park would really benefit by having play equipment for toddlers.
- Not nearly enough public access to lake/lakeshore. It's been overdeveloped for housing. That's unfortunate for the community as a whole.
- We have higher taxes than surrounding communities and they have splash pads however we do not.
- We would love to have a traditional recreation department that was controlled by the municipality vs. the school board. We find ourselves constantly using outside rec depts to fit our needs and our kids interest (I.e. monona rec, Kennedy little league). The current McFarland rec dept is a joke and is it run as it should be.
- Need bathrooms / portable bathrooms at all parks (falling leaves lane park). I walk and my kids bike, so if there isn't a nearby bathroom it is tough! Also, many parks need weeding. It would be nice if parks had some more challenging elements. Seems like we have a lot of small parks, but few larger parks. Lewis is our favorite park, but we don't live very close.
- Porter potties would be great at the park in Secret Places
- Toddler friendly play equipment at Brandt park.
- Some of the parks just aren't getting the maintenance they need. Lewis Park has a clean, beautiful, amazing play structure, but behind it the swing set is super weedy and neglected. Egner Park basketball court sees use all the time but the playground area is so neglected and sad. Marsh woods park had its woodland trails mulched last year which really helped with their swampiness, but that hasn't been done this year, and a large tree fell across a path and just sat there. The more parks the better, and well maintained parks are the best. Thanks!
- A very large community park is a must. This is an amenity that is seriously lacking in McFarland. An outdoor pool--or at a minimum a splash pad--is also sorely needed.

- Growth is great and often necessary. It's important to keep in mind that growth means more responsibility. Adding facilities, programs, etc, are important but these will require more village resources; staff, maintenance, insurance. Besides the quality schools and proximity to Madison, another key draw to the village is its size. It appeals to many residents because its relatively small, yet, has an independent identity. Don't open the door for overdevelopment, both commercial and residential. Sun Prairie is a perfect example. They have experienced growth and many positives but it's also straining resources such as schools and emergency services. Grow where it's necessary but don't do it because all the other communities are.
- Thanks for prioritizing habitat management in parks. Some of the conservancy areas have really benefited from burning and other activities!
- Focus on an outdoor community pool
- Need more info on what the 40 acre park would be used for, how it would be funded, maintained, etc before being able to support.
- Add a splash pad or beach area similar to Troll Beach in Stoughton!
- Larger pool is a must
- The cedar ridge park is really lacking when compared to other playgrounds. Thistles have taken over the playground area. Finally, turn the large green space into a multi use field (baseball, soccer, etc.) instead of just a grassy space.
- Get a Splashpad !!!!!!!!!
- Concerned about no fencing at wonderful new library park. Very busy park and busy corner. Children run to see fire trucks, train and big trucks. I taught preschool for forty years and can see the safety issues. A lot of day cares come there and parents in this day are on their phones. In the ideal world parents would be watching. McFarland has awesome parks and I visit them regularly with my grandchildren. This is my only negative, but to me it is a scary one. I know how quickly things can happen with small children.
- The Village should run the rec program, not the school district. The Village needs better athletic facilities for youth sports. For example: the ball diamonds and soccer fields are pathetic compared to other communities. You hear parents from other communities joking about how the ball diamonds are so poorly kept.
- Please make every effort to assist the high school with the development of the new baseball fields. It would be very sad to see a brand new beautiful facility constructed and opened with only minimal amenities. To potentially not have indoor bathrooms or concessions would be ashamed.
- A larger park on the east side would be a nice attraction with more space to rent pavilions etc. Plan for the increase of population.

- Improve, increase beaches
- Parks/playgrounds are in great need of shelters/restroom facilities, shade and benches
- Maximize use of Lake. We would love to see a family beer garden on the lake.
- We visit parks all the time. I don't know the names of them to mark on this survey but we go to several different. Biggest complaint is there isn't enough benches and shading to sit with the baby while the older one plays
- Clean the goose poop
- Splash Pad or Pool needed
- Create an anchor park.
- We have enough parks
- Add interactive playground equipment like touchpad dance and music machines. Add splash pad option to existing parks like Lewis & William McFarland Park. Add canopy shading to sitting areas at existing parks. Refer to Lombard, IL Parks & Rec for pool and outdoor music/dance machines for parks.
- Learn to live on a budget. We cannot afford the expensive lifestyle the board is pitching. Let them donate if they want all of this. You are forcing low & middle income homeowners out as we cannot afford the taxes (school, etc.) McFarland is pitching to high income families which is sad.
- Village taxes are too high already. We don't need additional tax burdens.
- A destination park like Warner Park or Verona Soccer Complex would be great, especially if designed with business/teen jobs in mind. A dog clean up station at Taylor Rd & Terminal might help keep the railroad tracks cleaner.
- Your park map is not good. It needs to be larger to read. Also, needs to be labeled accurately. We say we have an outdoor user friendly space. We are only touching the surface. We need more shade at parks. We need more water access. The recreation department needs to work with school as one. We need to have a bike shop on trail. We need beach access - the rocks at McDaniel do not count. We need simple, nice concessions that are community run. We need a community rec center & pool - Monona is great for this! We don't need a splash pad. Only an outdoor pool.
- The Lower Yahara between downtown and Creamery subdivision is too rough for rollerblades. I think the parks are taken care of pretty well. I would like to see more connection to conservation areas outside McFarland, but connected such as in Dunn. For instance, how do I get to Upper Mud Lake? How about Lower Mud Lake conservation area in Dunn?
- I am against the proposed disc golf. There was no community input for that.

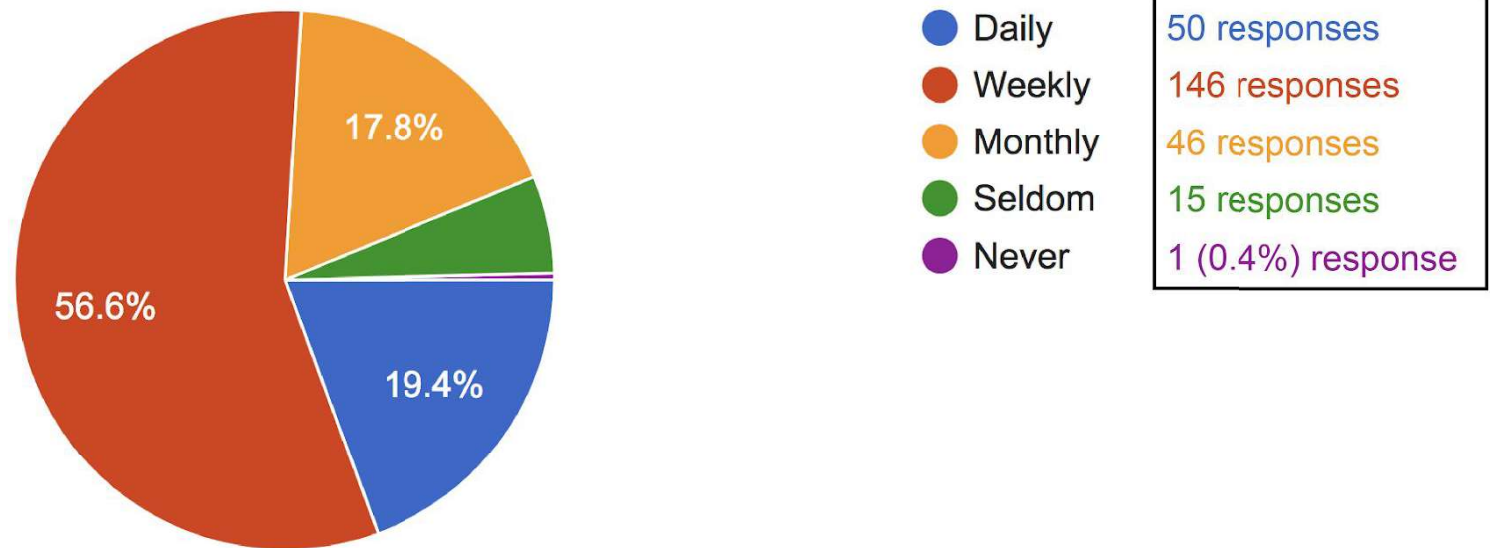
- Too bad Lewis/Memorial Park wasn't patterned after the Dream Park in Monona. As it is, the shelter is useless for functioning due to insufficient parking, not splash pad and no playground equipment by the shelter. It is two separate parks. Poor design. As for playground equipment, all the slides are too hot. All of our parks need more shade. The splash pad should be seen as the highest priority.
- Playground for older adults - accessible safe places.
Hosting activities & events in parks.
Naming rights ?? For revenue.
Like to have an outdoor pool or nice beach.
- Instead of adding park land, take care of what's there. Stop accepting drainage ponds from developers as park land.
- Beer garden at Lake Waubesa/McDaniel Park.
Canoe and Kayak rental on Yahara River - Lake Waubesa.
- Our brand is small-town, great schools, and natural beauty. I like that the Village is insisting a park and school infrastructure. Keep up the good work!
Now if we could only have a commuter rail and a rebuilt train station. That would brand us and our history as well, while being excellent for economic development.
- Improve care to parks.
Add a portable bathroom at dog park. Also put up signs to remind people to pick up after their dogs.
- I would develop Urso and other parks before starting a large east side park.
A community center is desperately needed for fitness and other activities.
The dog park needs water and restrooms.
Community center is a priority! Seniors need/want a lot more programming.
- More trees in Lewis Park and others.
- Get the members of the community involved so they support the investments. Don't build it and hope they come. Make them come and help build it. That practice will provide greater long-term success.
- Playground equipment is SO HOT!!! By 11am most days at Discovery and Lewis, you can't touch it.
Removal of trees BAD -- need "sails" over equipment at Discovery and Lewis most of all.
Need to reinstall a fence around Discovery Park - bad news if you have even 1 toddler, but 2 or more disastrous: Police/Fire on one side, Chase Lumber on other. Insert a gate across sidewalk from park to Lion Head bubbler - nice it's there, but is an attractive nuisance for toddlers.
Need toddler friendly equipment at Discovery!! WHAT WERE THEY THINKING!?
McDaniel Park: beach - worthless due to gunk and dead fish and goose poop. Play equipment gets warm due to tree removal (and not much shade for parents).
Discovery Park (again): the grassy knoll is dangerous as big kids play King of Mountain and shove kids off. I saw one boy land on back/neck. Make it bigger (wider) and less steep.

2018 Parks & Recreation Survey Results

June 19th - July 16th | 259 total responses

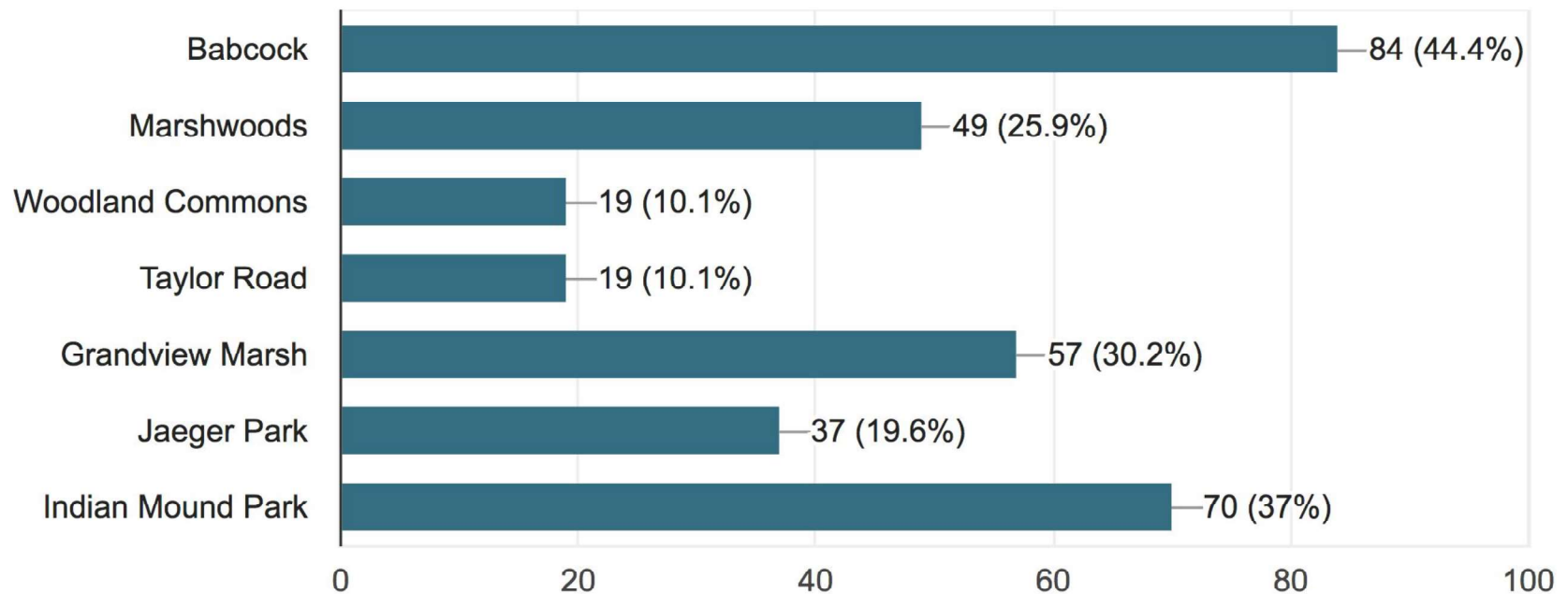
1. How often do you visit our parks?

258 responses



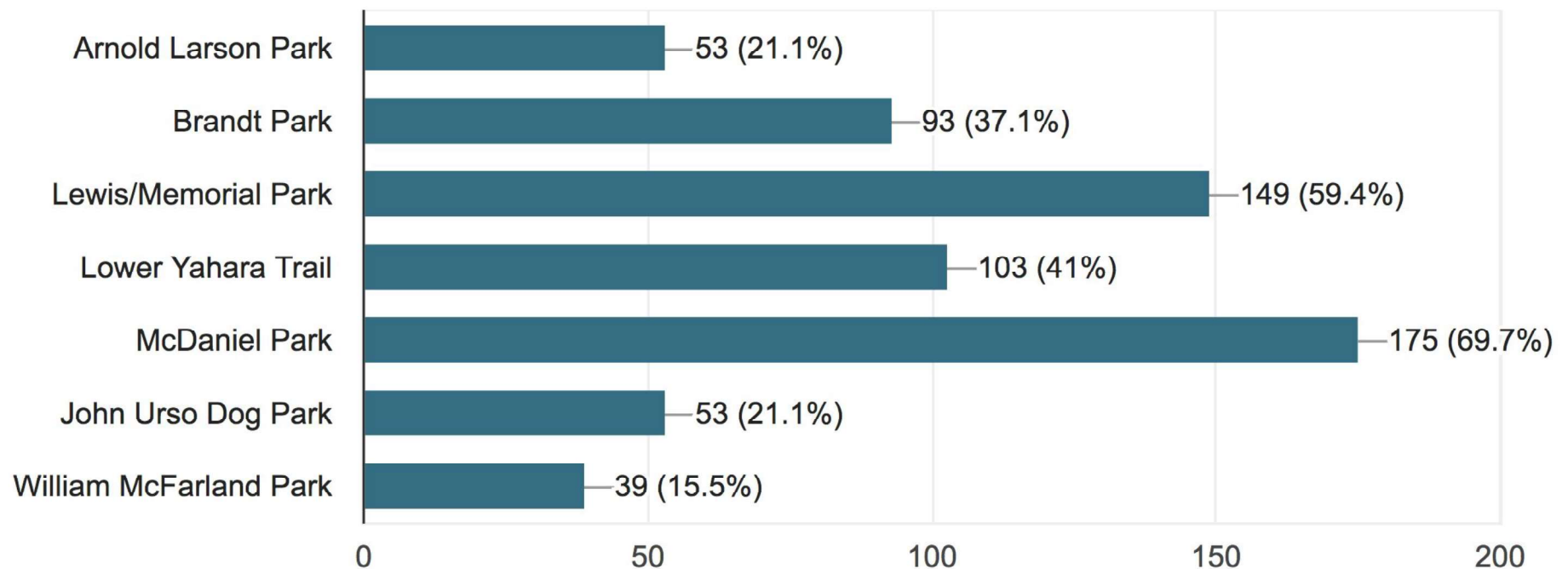
2. Which conservancy park(s) do you visit the most frequently? Check all that apply.

189 responses



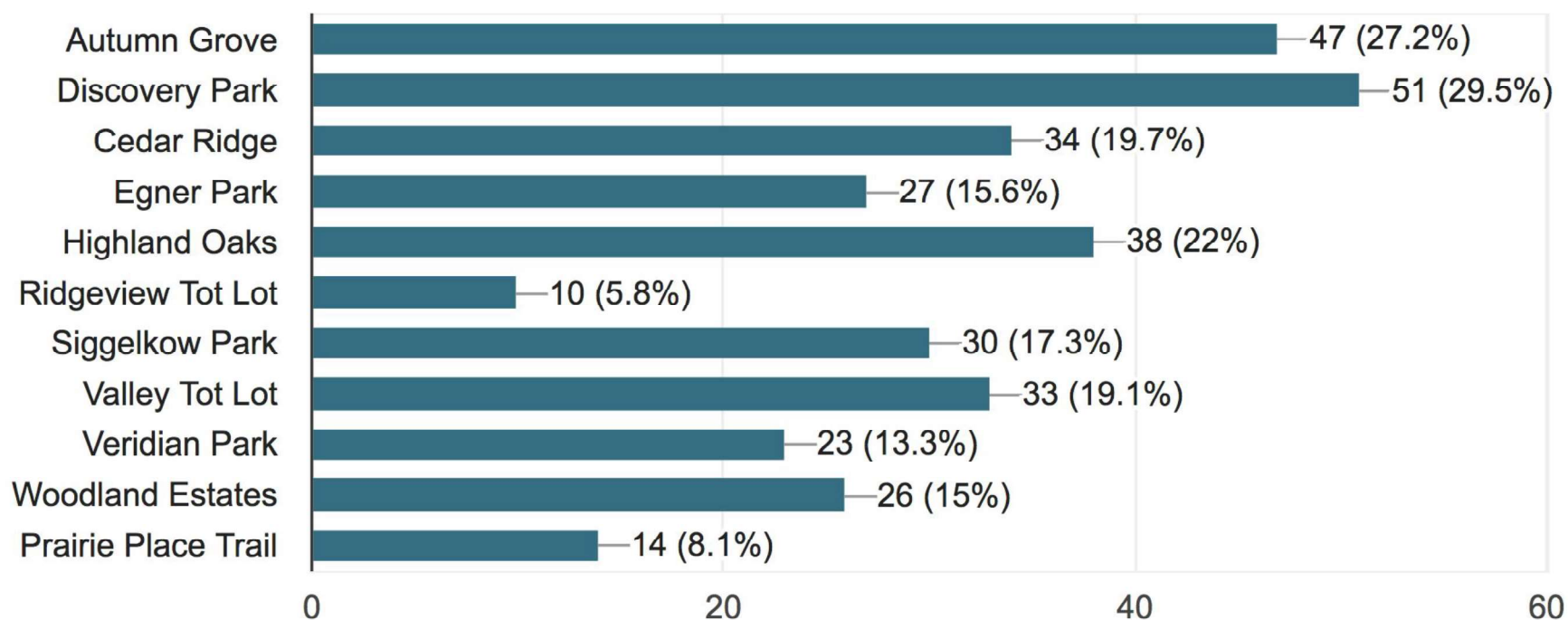
3. Which community park(s) do you visit most frequently? Check all that apply.

251 responses



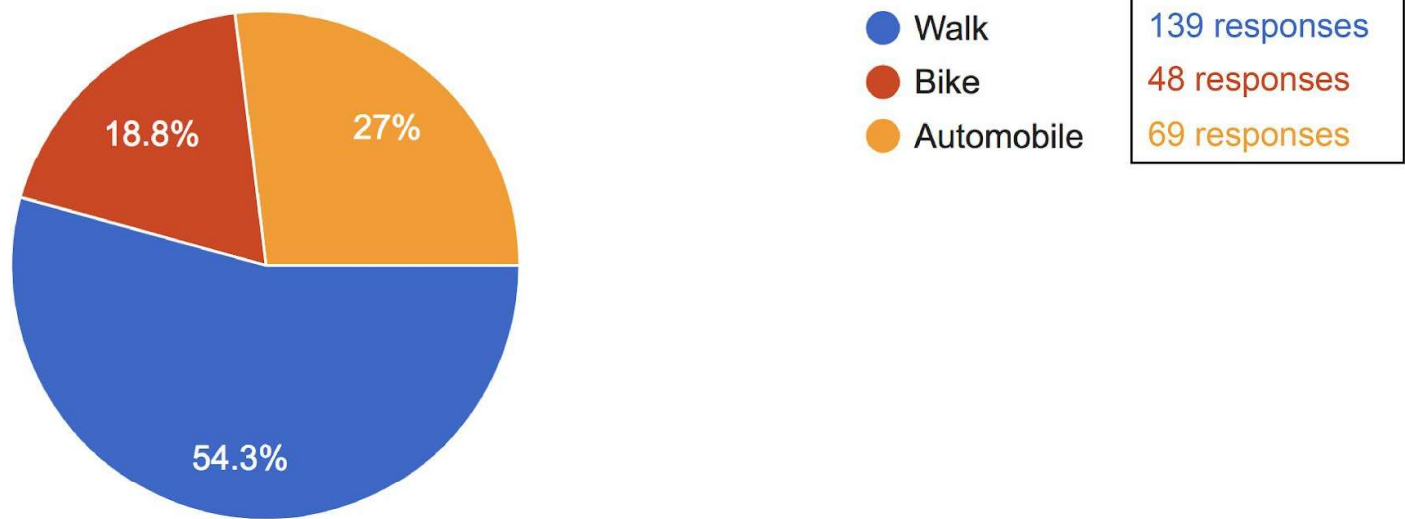
4. Which neighborhood park(s) or tot lot(s) do you visit most frequently? Check all that apply:

173 responses

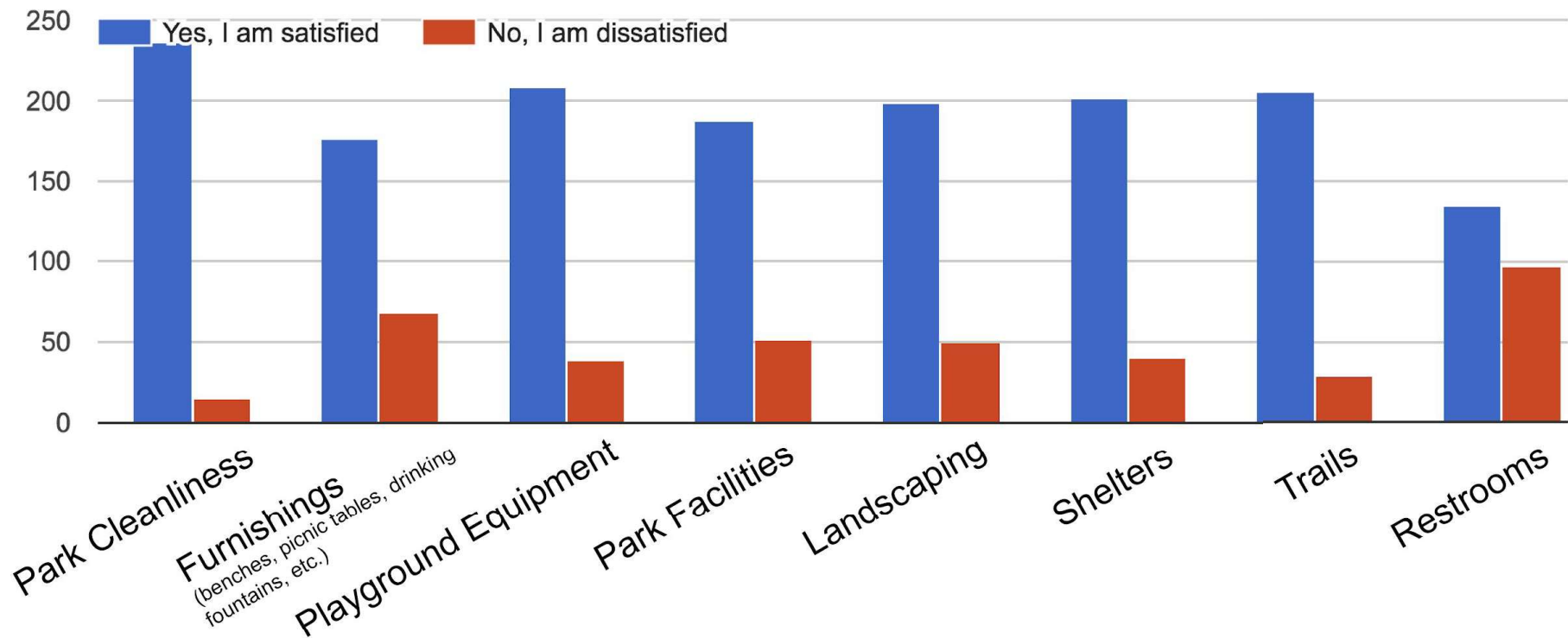


5. How do you normally travel to your most frequented park?

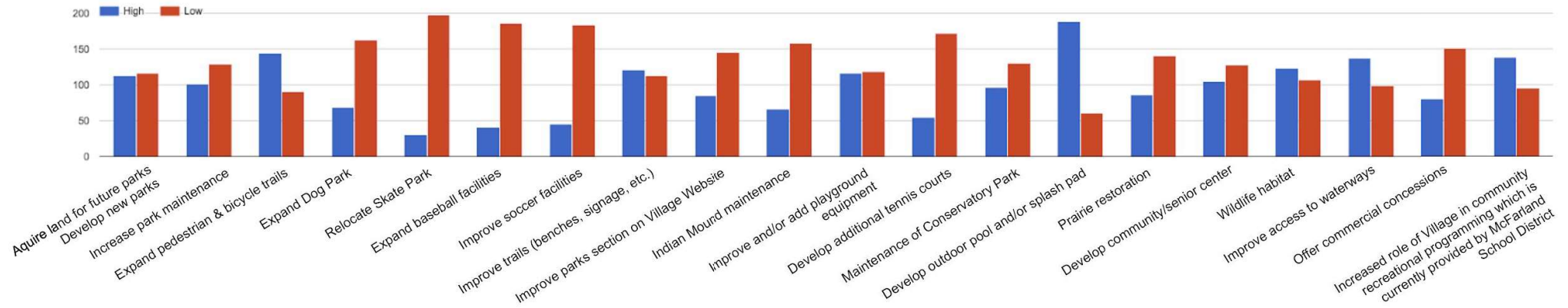
256 responses



6. Are you satisfied with the condition of the following? Check all that apply.



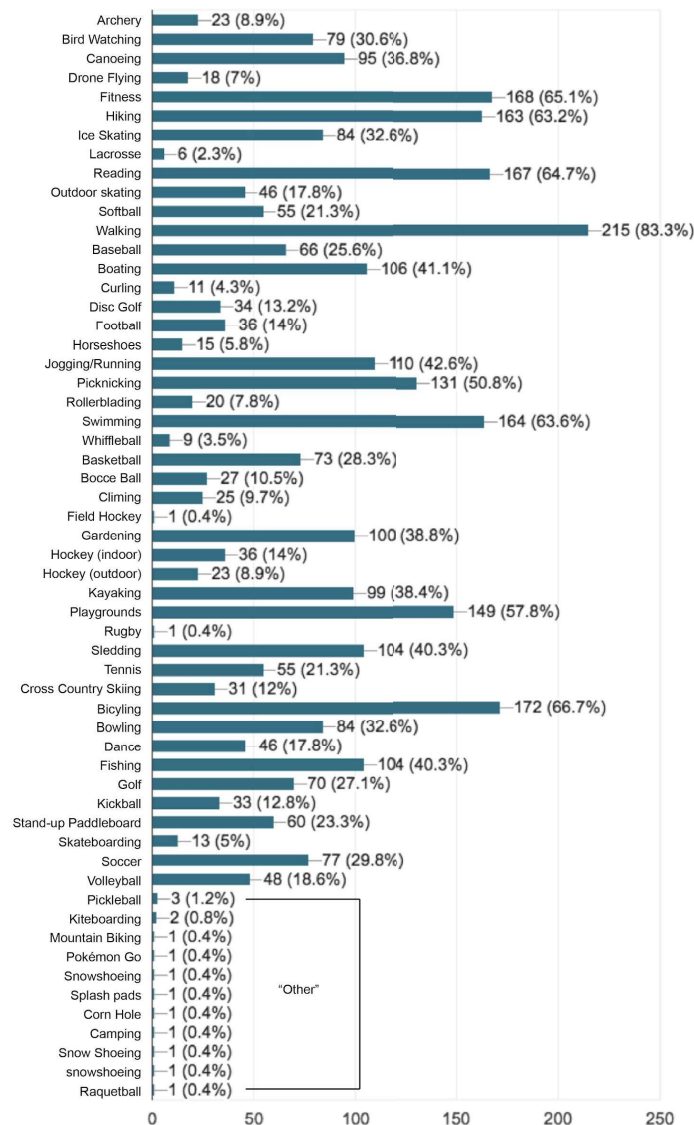
7. Indicate your priority for following actions of Parks, Recreation & Natural Resources Committee:



8. Which of the following activities do you and/or members of your household participate in?

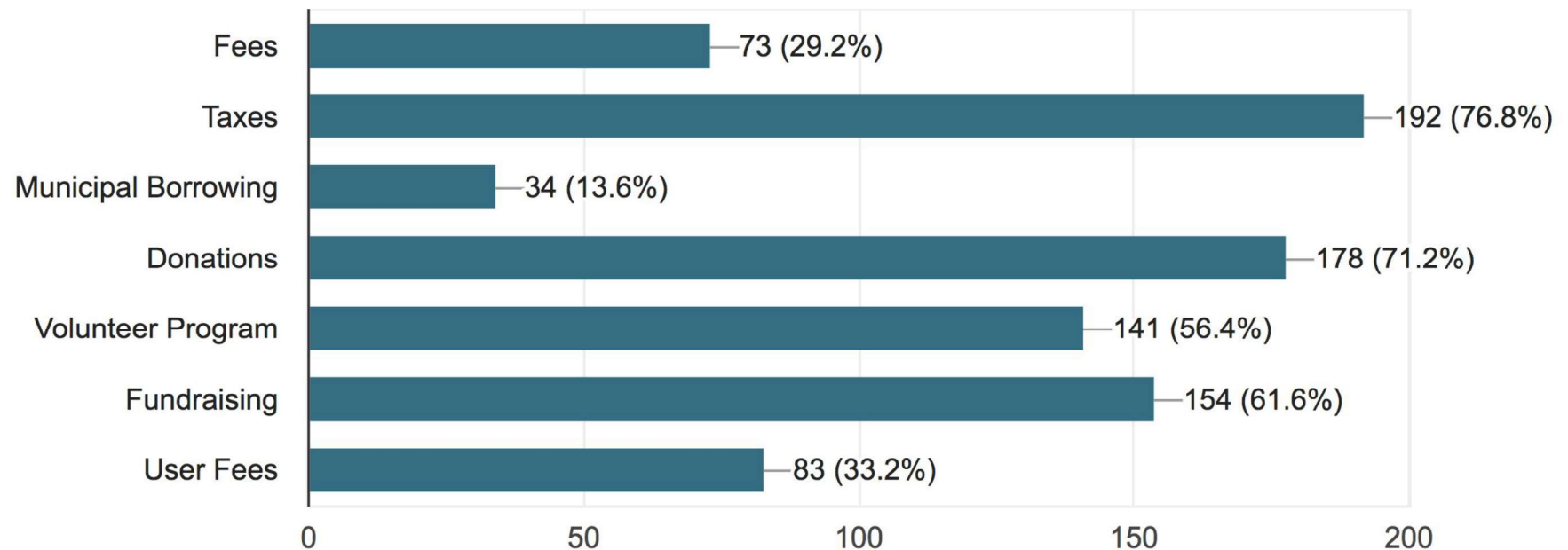
*Note: These activities can include or exclude activities within the McFarland Parks & Recreation facilities. Please check all that apply:

258 responses



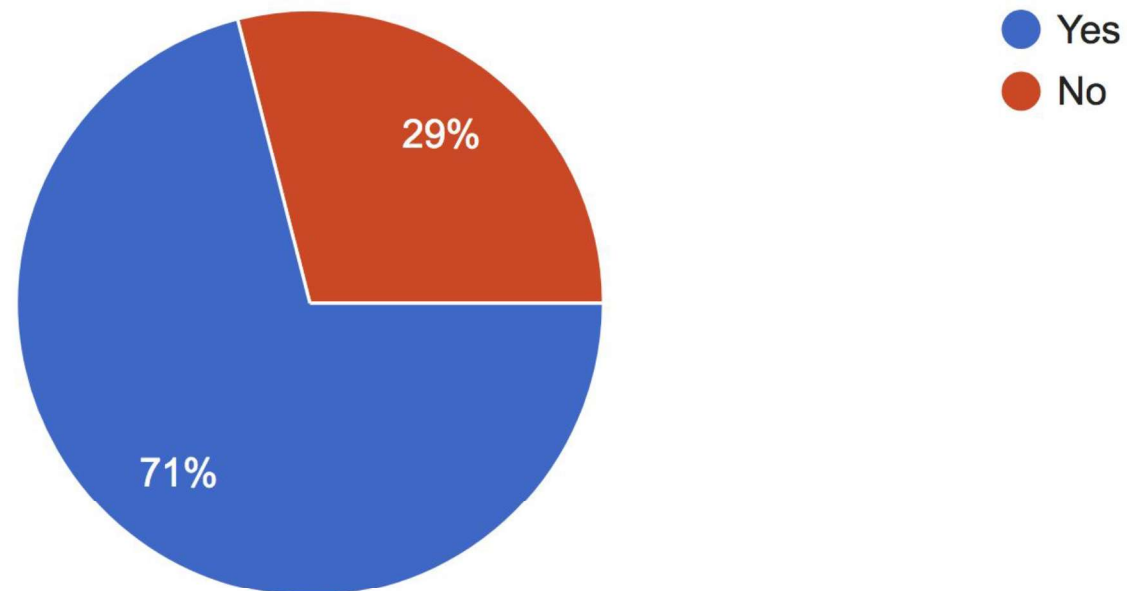
9. How should McFarland parks be primarily supported? Check all that apply.

250 responses



10. Do you support the concept of a large, east side community park of ± 40 acres?

252 responses

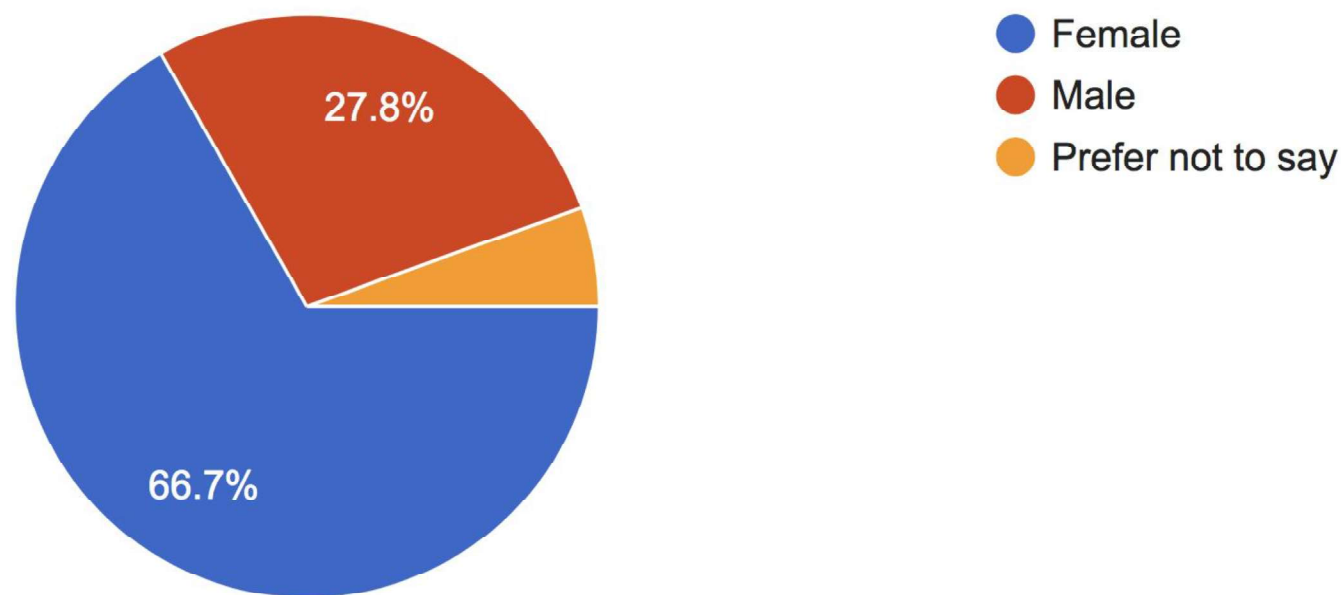


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Separate document of comments provided.

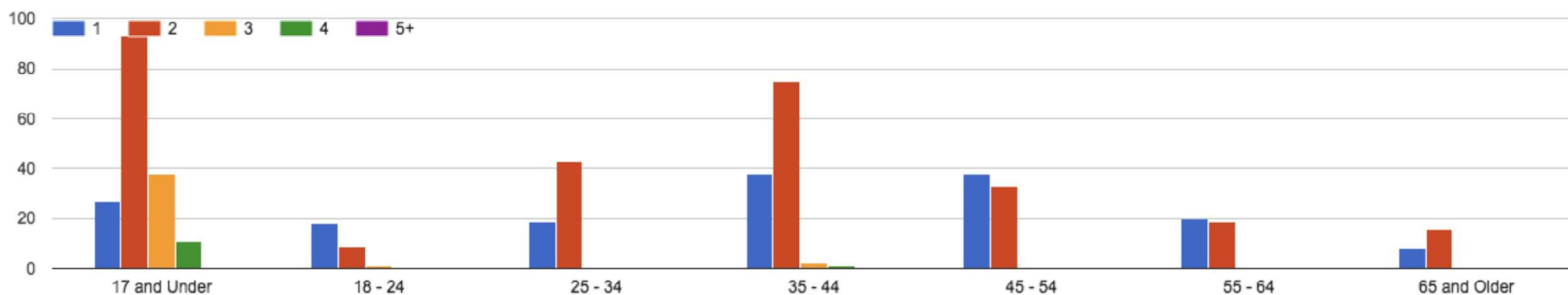
12. Please indicate the gender you associate with:

255 responses



13. Please use the list below to indicate the number of persons, by age range, living in your household, including yourself.

For example: 2 persons "17 and Under," 1 persons "25-34," and 1 persons "35-44."





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1. Train Equipment - Polco Results

Policy Overview

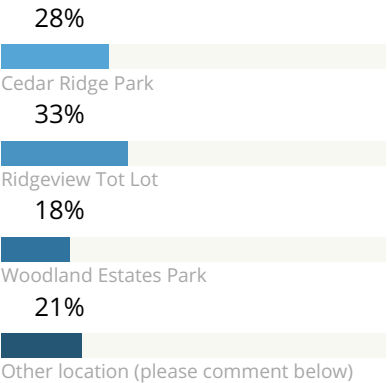
Which park would you like to see the train equipment from Discovery Garden Park relocated to?

Policy added **2018-07-24**
Voting ends **2018-08-17**
8 opinions
39 votes

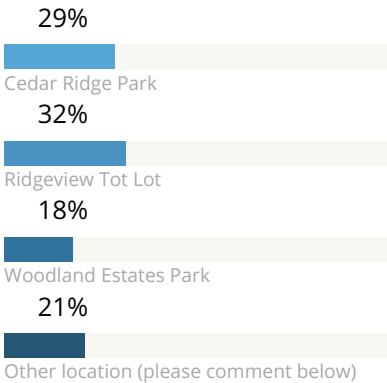


Village Staff
McFarland

All Respondents

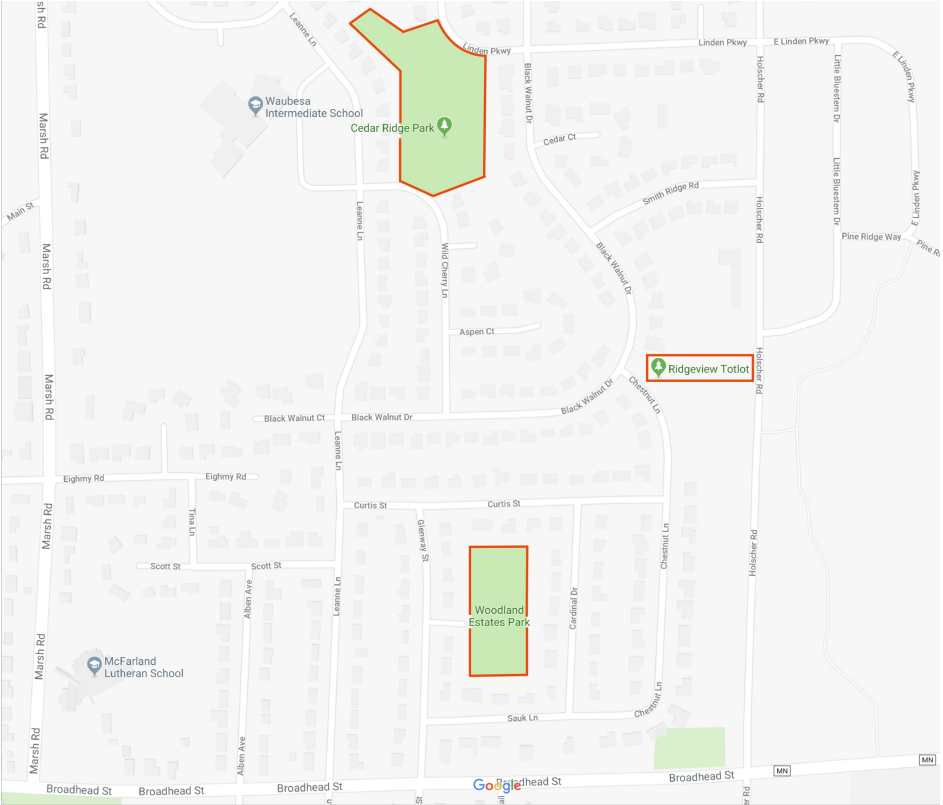


Registered voters



Description





Opinions

Brian Douglas Rodeck's opinion 1 vote

I think we should continue to improve McDaniel Park to draw in more visitors

Anonymous user's opinion 1 vote

McDaniels

Anonymous user's opinion 0 votes

juniper ridge playground

Anonymous user's opinion 0 votes

Lewis Park

Anonymous user's opinion 0 votes

Cedar Ridge Park is like the red headed step child of parks, it's embarrassing and neglected. There is desperate need for more equipment and overall curb appeal. Two slides, four swings, and the worlds largest thistle garden does not make a decent playground.

Anonymous user's opinion 0 votes

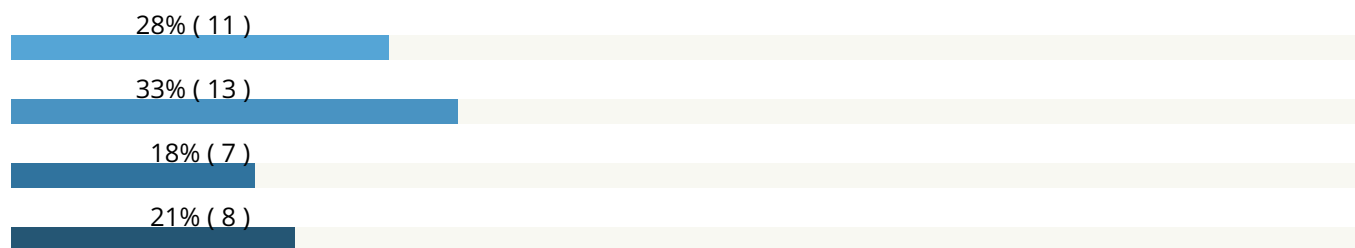
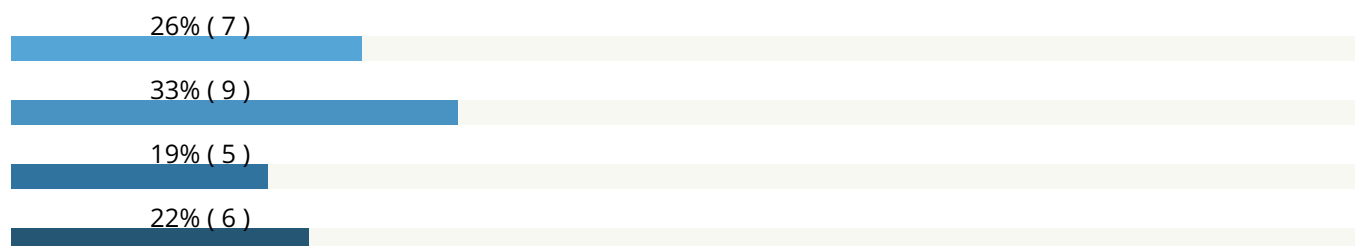
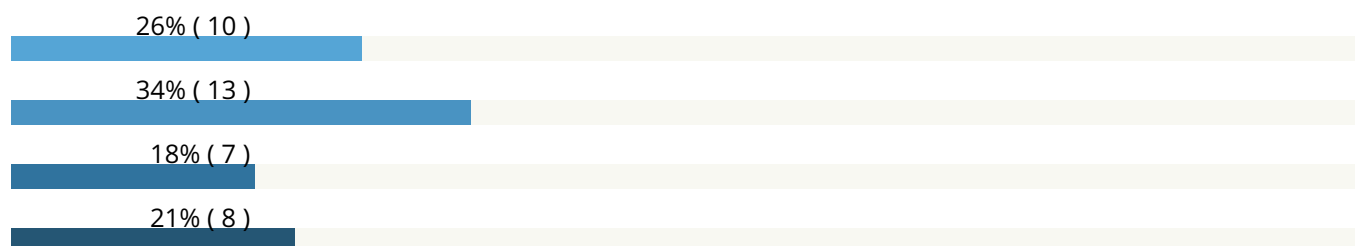
McDaniel Park.....along the Railroad Tracks where, in yesteryear, there was a train depot bringing out of town guests to the Edwards Park cottages. Seems a fitting place from a historical standpoint. It is also relevant because it signifies travel and now that the bike trail goes through, it is a travel hub.

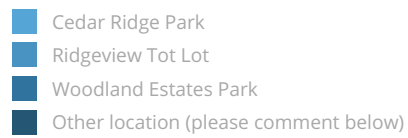
Anonymous user's opinion 0 votes

Egner Park

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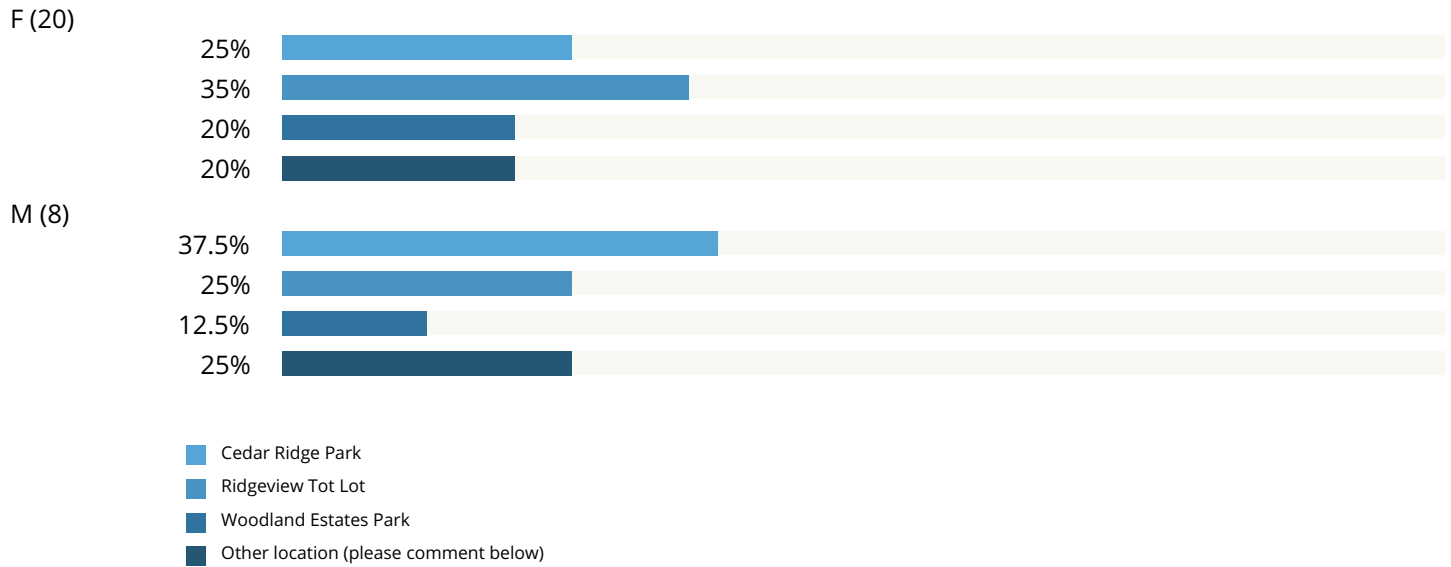
Lewis park.

McFarland, WI**All respondents (39)****Registered Voters in McFarland, WI (27)****Live in McFarland, WI (38) - Self-reported****Subscribers to McFarland, WI (39)****Registered Voters from anywhere (28)****All Other Communities****Abstained (0)**



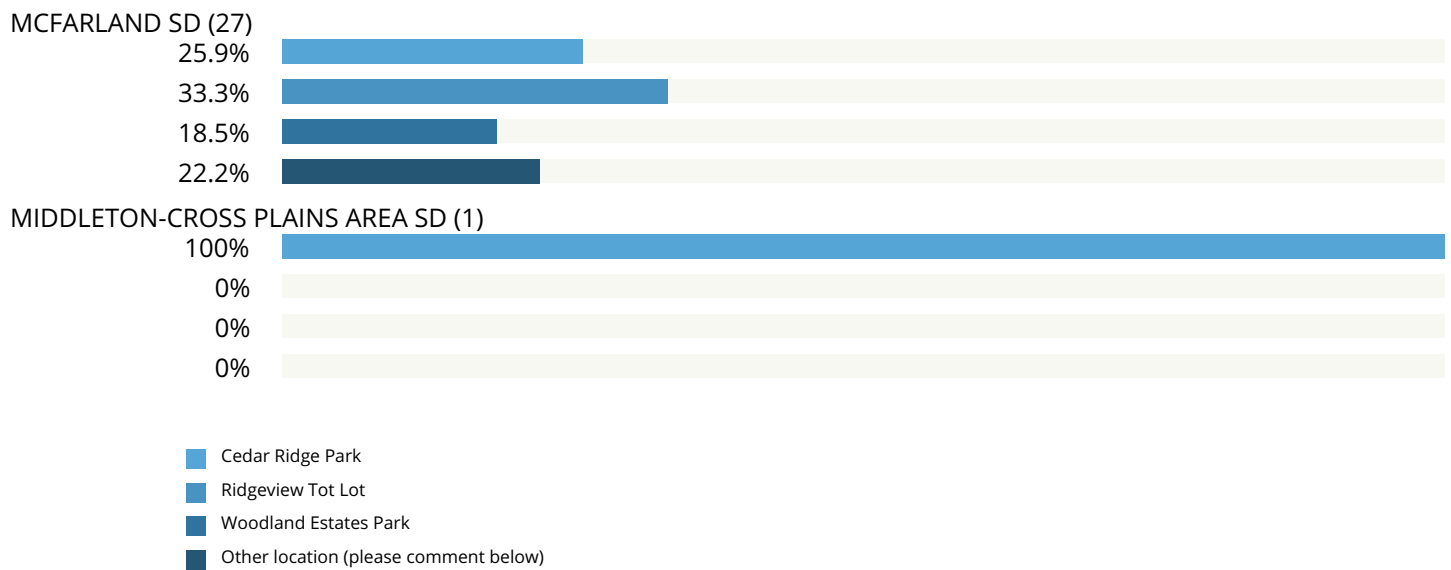
Voters_Gender Breakdown

28 Registered voters



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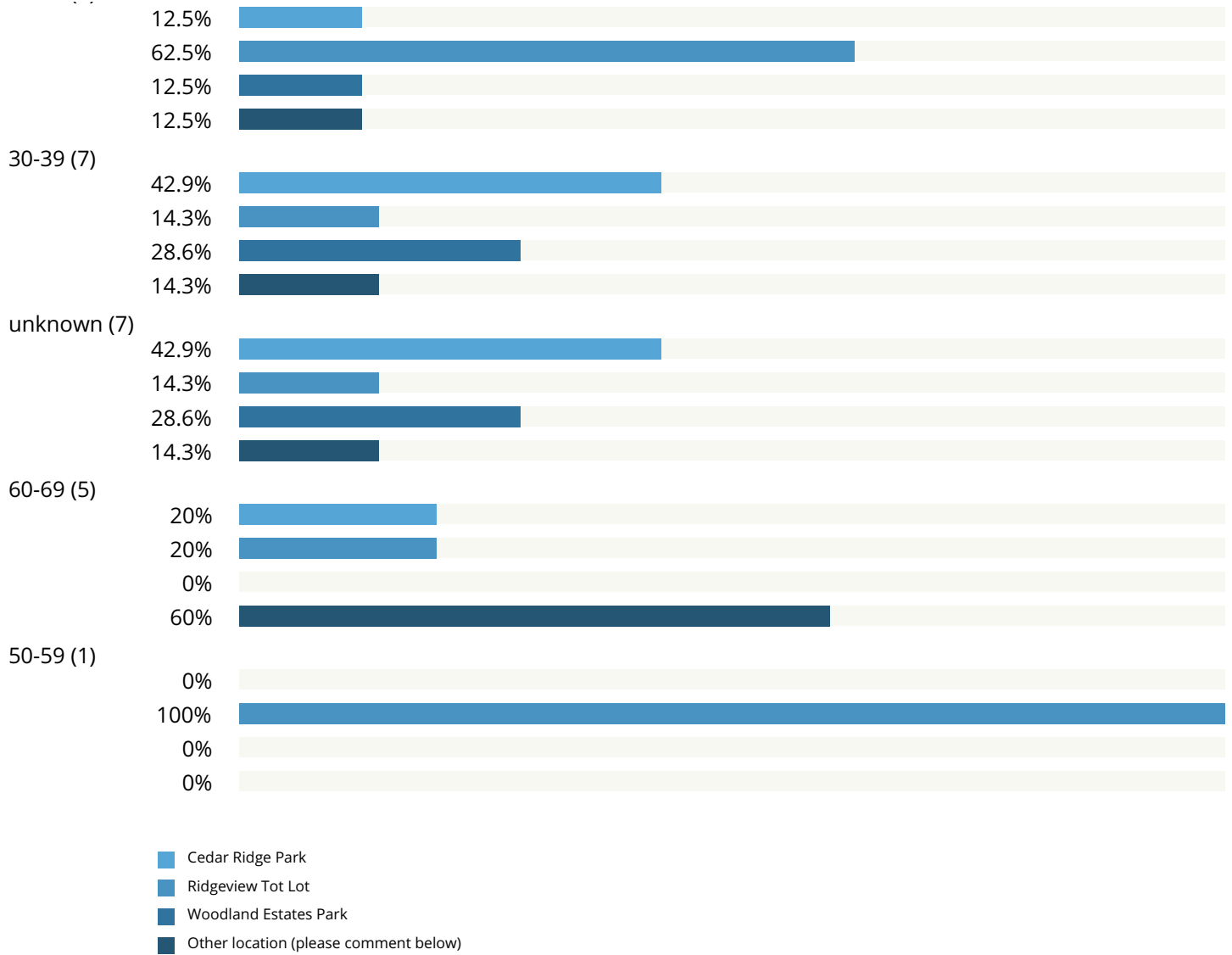
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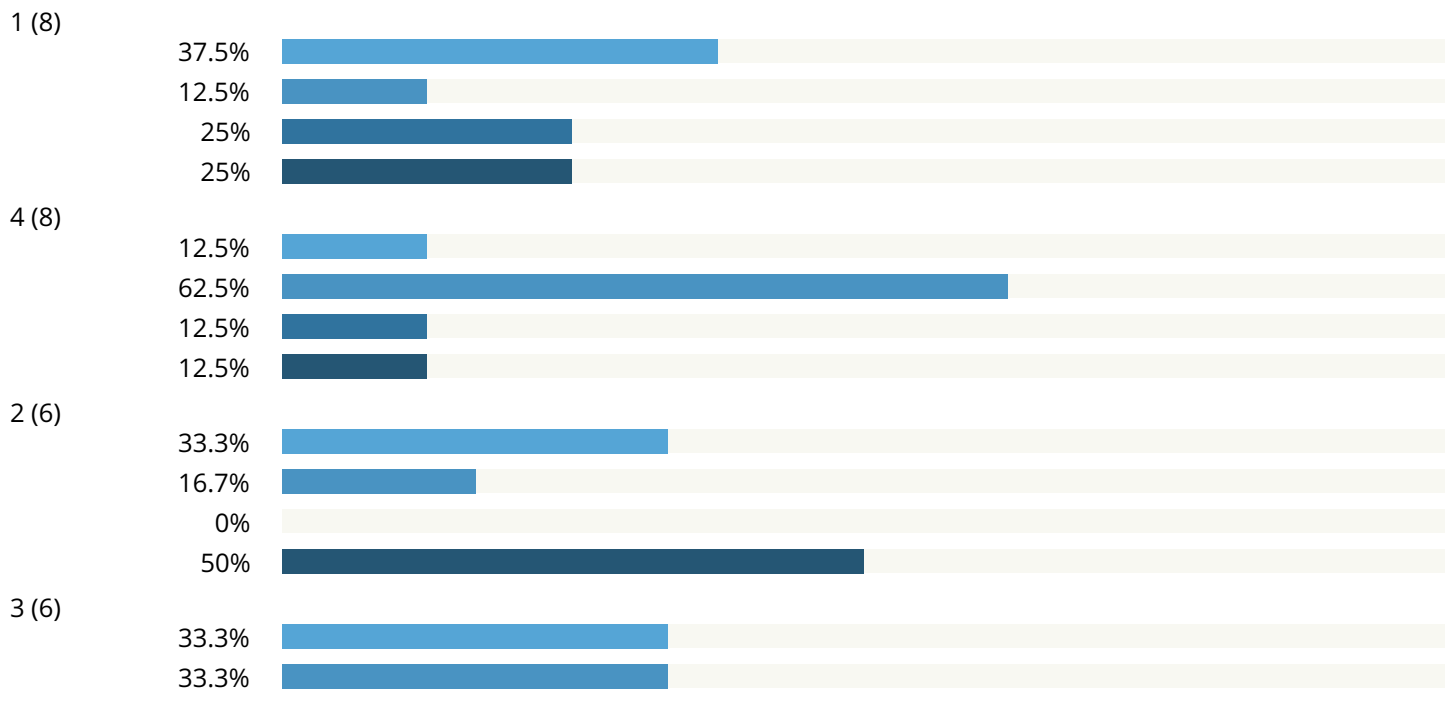
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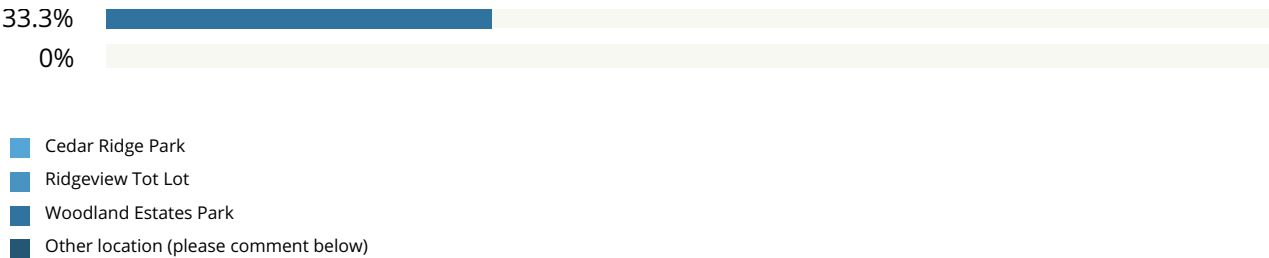
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CensusBlockGroup Breakdown

28 Registered voters







VILLAGE BOARD SUMMARY SHEET

MEETING DATE: Thursday, August 16, 2018

SECTION: Business

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

CONTACT:

AGENDA ITEM: Update of on going projects throughout the Village.

PREVIOUS ACTION:

ISSUE SUMMARY:

FINANCIAL/BUDGET IMPACT:

VILLAGE PLAN REFERENCE:

ORDINANCE REFERENCE:

BOARD, COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

ATTACHMENTS:

None