



This is my neighbourhood Meadowlark Park

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Project overview

This is my neighbourhood is a program created for residents to partner with The City of Calgary to identify ways to make their neighbourhoods even better places to live, work and play.

In 2016, The City of Calgary delivered more than 100 programs, services and small-scale improvement projects to the first 14 neighbourhoods that participated in This is my neighbourhood. Some examples of the types of initiatives that resulted from the program included building a fit park, adding family-friendly Park n' Play programming options and developing pedestrian pathway maps.

The City is now working with 14 new neighbourhoods and the resulting improvement initiatives will be implemented in 2018.

Engagement overview

The engagement process began with each neighbourhood identifying a vision. Residents were asked what would make their community a better place to live, work and play. They were also asked about their priorities when it came to the vision words accessibility, active, beautiful, clean, connected, diverse, family-friendly, healthy, inclusive, safe and walkable. The input in this phase helped create a number of vision statements from which residents could vote on.

The vision for Meadowlark Park is ***Meadowlark Park values being a safe, beautiful, clean and family-friendly neighbourhood.***

The next step involved community participants and City staff attending workshops to creative ideas (programs, services and small-scale infrastructure improvements) that support their neighbourhood vision.

In the third and final phase of engagement, The City proposed a number of initiatives based on the creative ideas from Step 2 and asked for feedback to help prioritize those initiatives.





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This report back covers what we heard from participants regarding proposed initiatives for the Meadowlark Park community through an online survey. The survey was available on the [This is my neighbourhood Engage page](https://engage.calgary.ca/myNeighbourhood/meadowlarkpark) (<https://engage.calgary.ca/myNeighbourhood/meadowlarkpark>) from March 19 to April 2, 2018. The survey was promoted online and through the email distribution list.

We received 38 submissions for the Meadowlark Park community initiatives.

What we asked

Meadowlark Park residents were presented with six different initiatives and asked how they felt each initiative would impact their community. Participants were able to choose if they felt the initiative would have a *low impact*, *medium impact* or *high impact*. Participants were also asked about what kinds of community programming they would like to see.



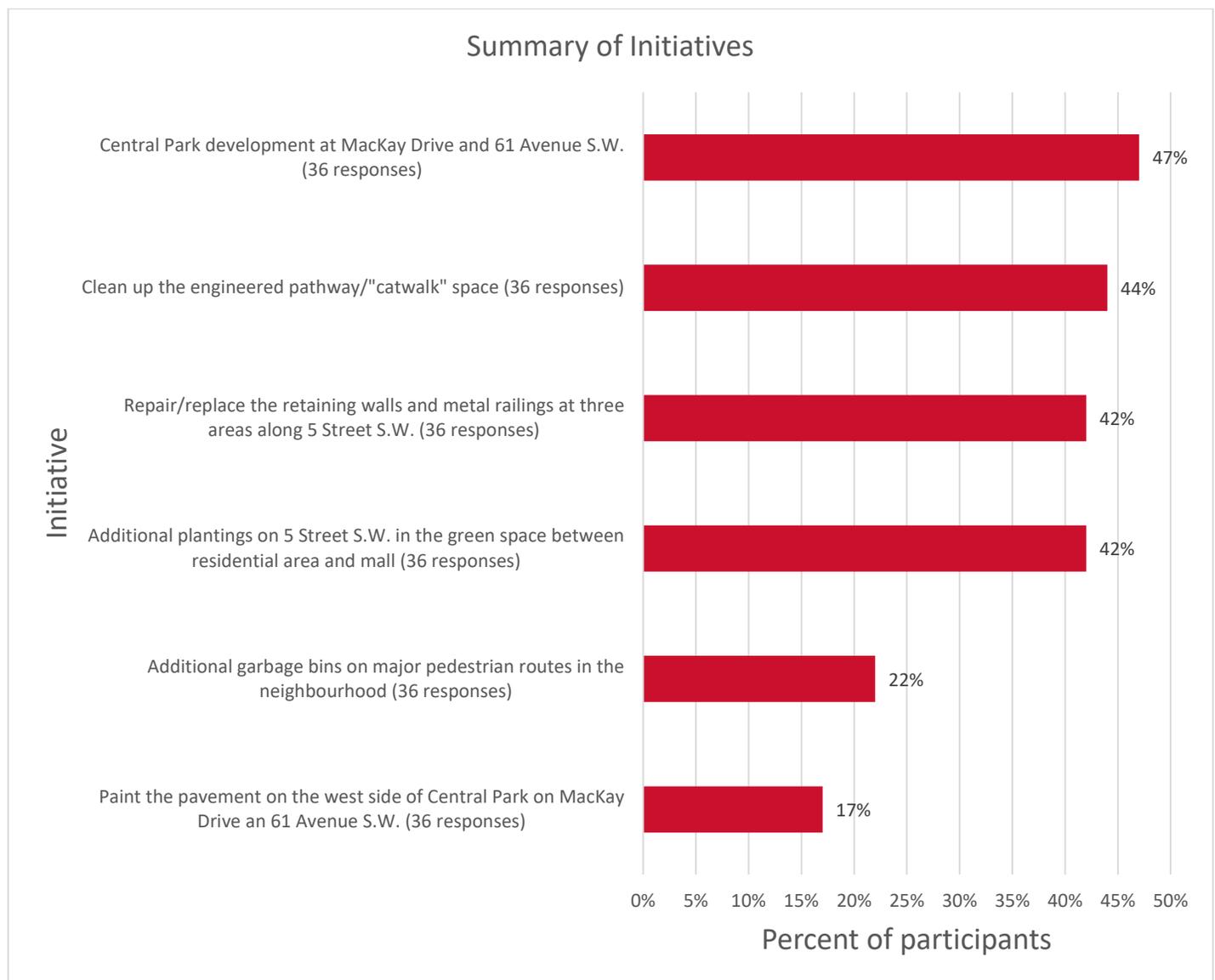
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What we heard

Below is a summary of how participants rated the 6 initiatives overall as having either a *low impact*, *medium impact* or *high impact*.

While the total number of submissions was 38, the number of responses for each initiative varied as all questions were optional. The summary below is based on the percentage of respondents who selected *high impact* for each initiative.





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The following describes the detailed responses for each of the 6 initiatives.

1. Central Park development at MacKay Drive and 61 Avenue S.W.

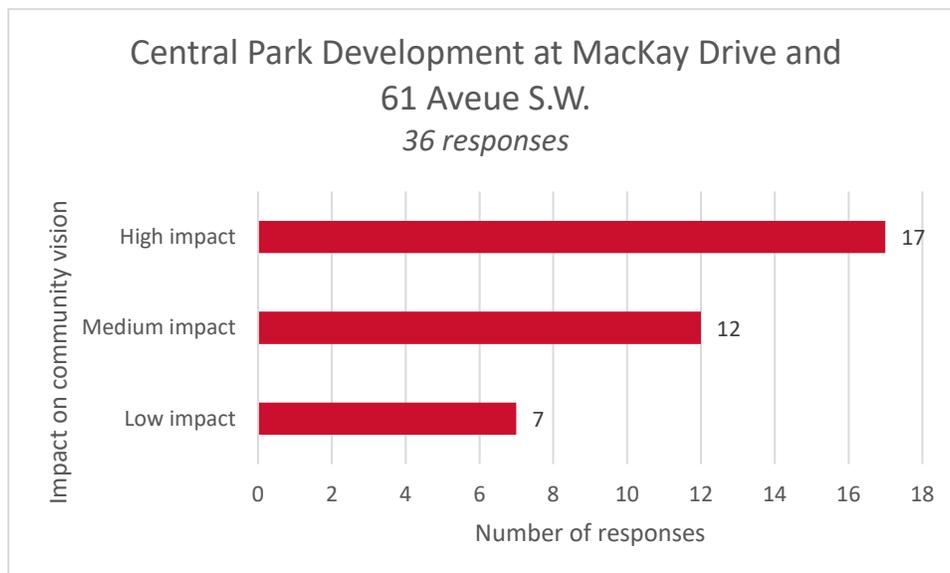
Revitalize a space that provides residents with an active, beautiful, and family-friendly community.

Future enhancements may be completed in partnership with the community association and may include a central pathway, new benches and picnic tables.

Projected cost approximately \$15,000

What impact do you feel this initiative would have in your neighbourhood?

This was the highest-rated initiative, with 17 out of 36 participants (47%) indicating this initiative would have a high impact on the vision for Meadowlark Park. Only 7 participants (19%) felt it would have a low impact.





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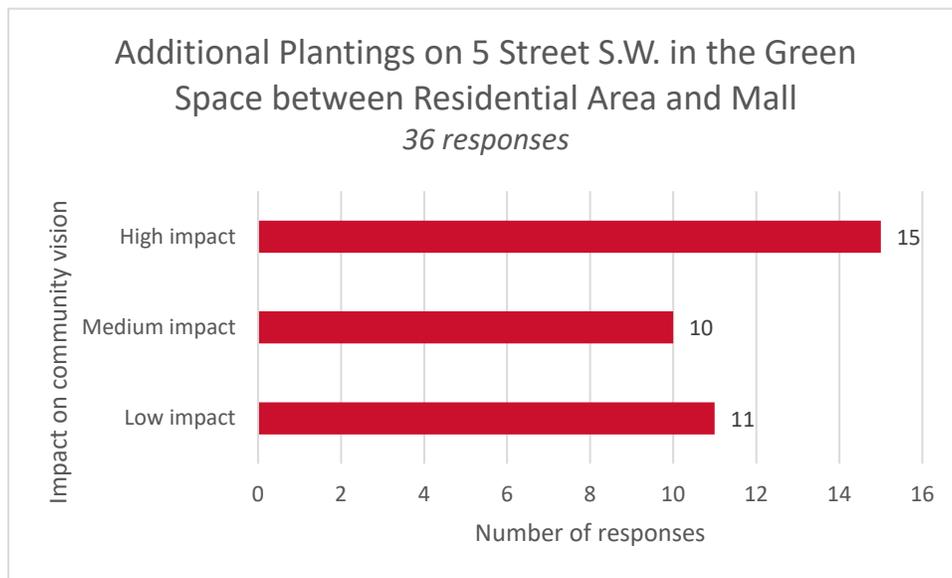
2. Additional plantings on 5 Street S.W. in the green space between residential area and mall

Remove some of the old shrubs from this space and add in clusters of new trees to increase beautification and neighbourhood pride

Projected cost: \$10,000

What impact do you feel this initiative would have in your neighbourhood?

High impact was chosen most often, with 15 out of 36 participants (42%) indicating this initiative would have a high impact on the community vision. 11 participants (31%) felt that it would have a low impact.





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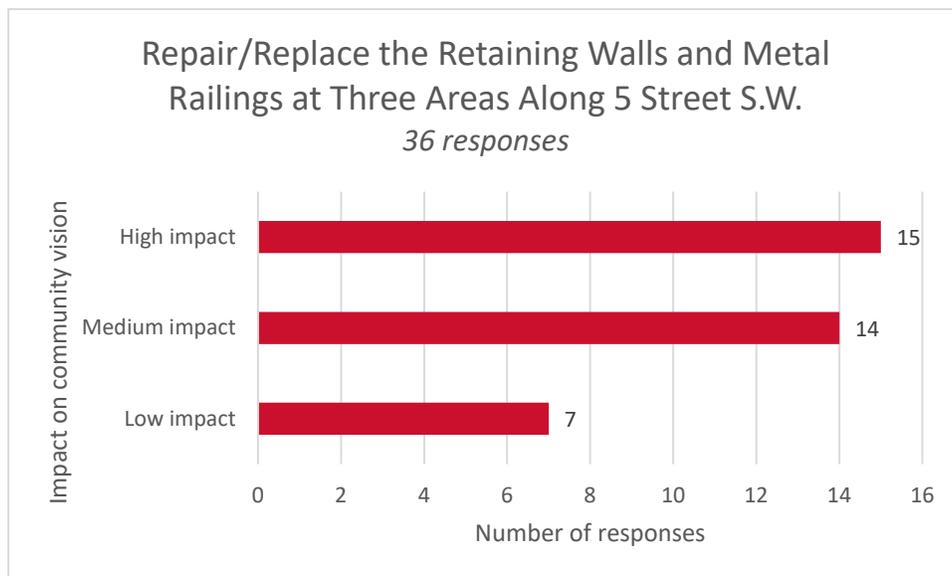
3. Repair/replace the retaining walls and metal railings at three areas along 5 Street S.W.

Clean up and repair the retaining walls and railings to increase beautification and neighbourhood pride. Subject to timelines and feasibility.

Projected cost: \$5,000

What impact do you feel this initiative would have on the vision for your neighbourhood?

15 out of 36 participants (42%) indicated this initiative would have a high impact on the community vision, and 14 participants (39%) felt it would have a medium impact. Only 7 participants (19%) felt it would have a low impact.





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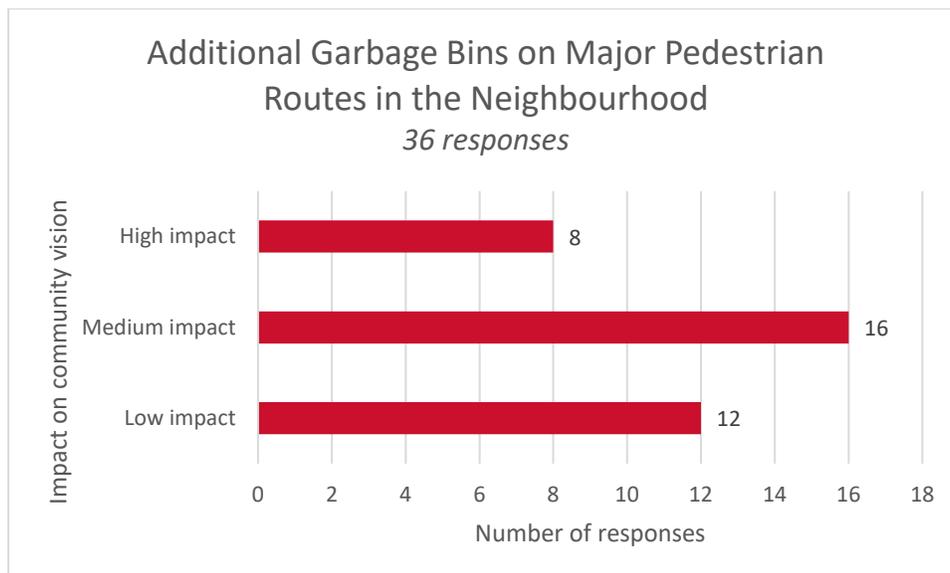
4. Additional garbage bins on major pedestrian routes in the neighbourhood

Additional garbage bins will help keep the community clean and increase neighbourhood pride.

Projected cost \$2,000

4a) What impact do you feel this initiative would have on the vision for your neighbourhood?

Medium impact was chosen most frequently, with 16 out of 36 participants (44%) indicating this initiative would have a medium impact on the community vision. Only 8 participants (22%) felt it would have a high impact.



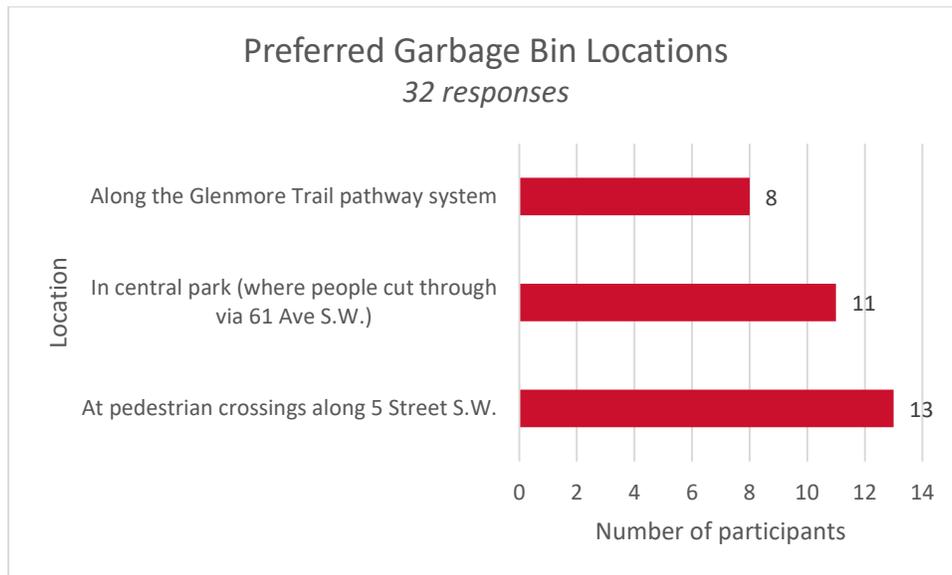


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4b) Tell us which location you think would have the most impact for the neighbourhood (choose your top one).

The location identified as having the most impact was the pedestrian crossing along 5 Street S.W., with 13 responses out of 32 (41%).





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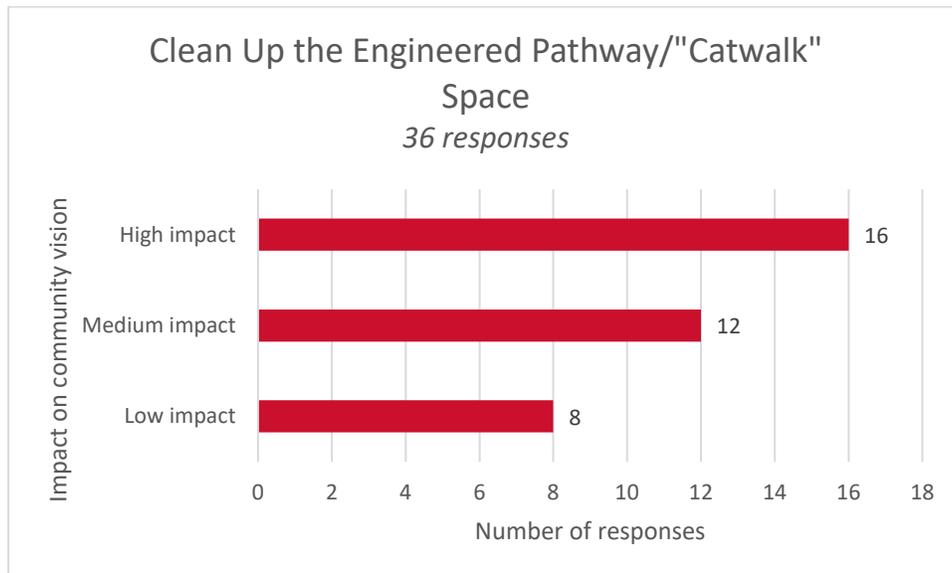
5. Clean up the engineered pathway / “catwalk” space

Clean up and repair the asphalt on engineered pathways/catwalks. Potential for art space on the fences and asphalt to increase beautification and neighbourhood pride.

Projected cost: approximately \$2,000 per pathway

What impact do you feel this initiative would have on the vision for your neighbourhood?

High impact was chosen most often, with 16 out of 36 participants (44%) indicating this initiative would have a high impact on the community vision. Only 8 participants (22%) felt that it would have a low impact.





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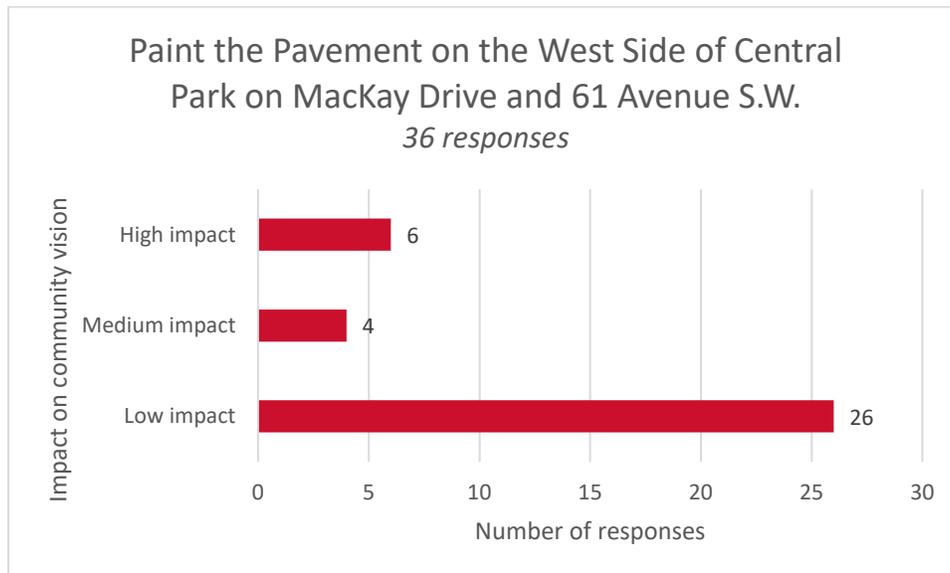
6. Paint the pavement on the west side of Central Park on MacKay Drive and 61 Avenue S.W.

Adding visual interest to a street reminds motorists that they have entered a vibrant and active community and encourages them to drive with appropriate attention and care.

Projected Cost: \$5,000

What impact do you feel this initiative would have on the vision for your neighbourhood?

This was the lowest-rated initiative, with 26 out of 36 participants (72%) indicating it would have a low impact on the community vision. Only 6 participants (17%) felt it would have a high impact.





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7. Community programming

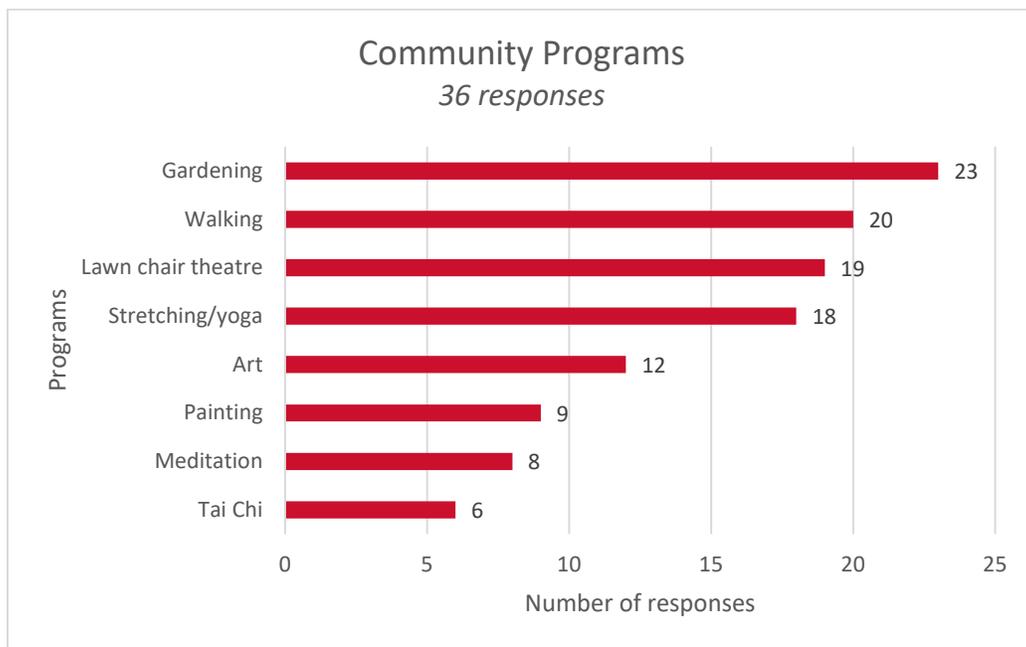
Programming opportunities bring people together and provides an opportunity for neighbours to connect and recreate while building upon their sense of involvement in a vibrant neighbourhood.

Show us your preference by ranking each of the possible programs we might this. The two highest will be where we try this first, but if they don't work we would try the third highest preference area instead.

Projected cost: approximately \$1,000 - \$5,000 per program

Which of these possible programs would you be interested in (choose up to 4)?

23 out of 36 participants (64%) indicated interest in a gardening program, while only 6 participants (17%) indicated interest in a Tai Chi program.





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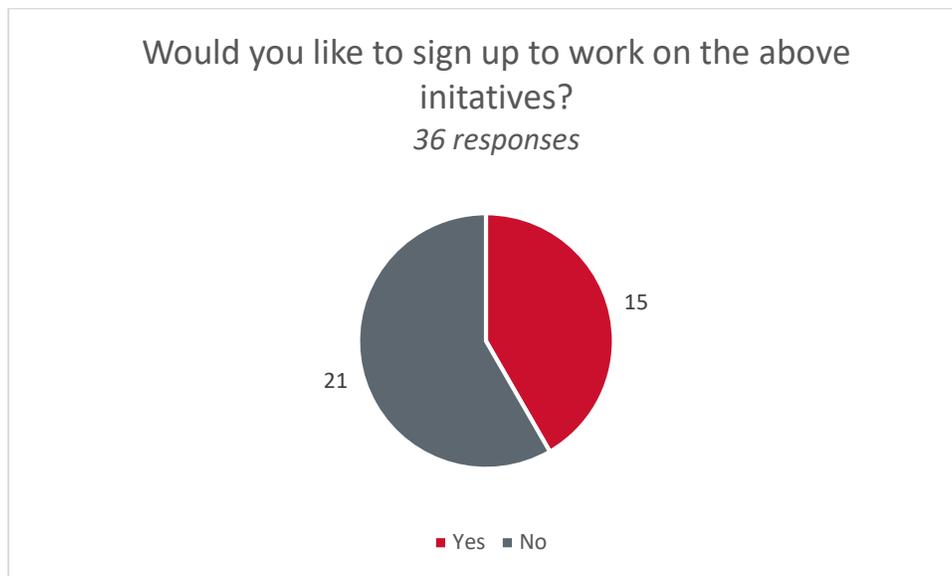
8. What types of events would you like to see offered in Meadowlark Park?

Verbatim comments can be found on [page 14](#).

9. Would you like to sign up to work on any of the above initiatives?

Contact the Meadowlark Park Community Association if you have a specific interest. Their website is linked to on this page.

15 out of 36 participants (42%) indicated interest in signing up to work on these initiatives.





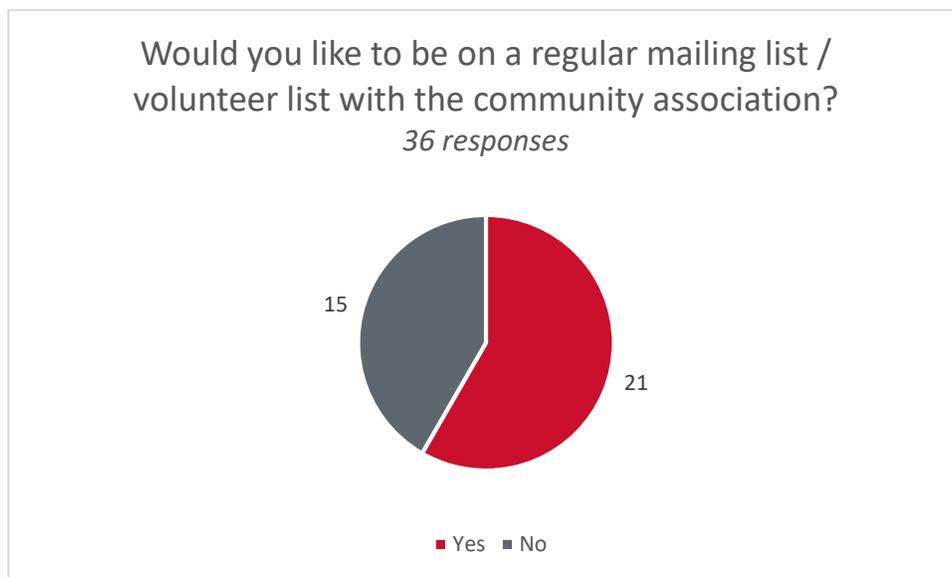
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10. Would you like to be on a regular mailing list/volunteer list with the community association?

Contact the Meadowlark Park Community Association if you would like to join their mailing list. Their website is linked to on this page.

21 out of 36 participants (58%) indicated interest in being on a mailing/volunteer list.



Next steps

The initiatives and survey results will be reviewed and some initiatives will be selected to move forward for implementation. Initiatives will be announced in Spring 2018 at www.calgary.ca/myneighbourhood. Watch for these initiatives to start in 2018.



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Verbatim Comments

8. What types of events would you like to see offered in Meadowlark Park?

- -Ice skating
- Organized sports for kids in Central Park, a toy library, meet ups for kids to get to know the other kids in the area
- Neighbourhood clean up events
- Continue to offer community afternoon and evening events for children and adults as we have ie, Neighbour Day, Wine Tasting, Octoberfest, Easter Egg Hunt, Garbage clean-up with a Treasure Hunt, Skating Party etc.
- Lawn chair theater, Street fair or small fair/ BBQ in Central Park.
- Parties!!!
- Children's events, outdoor movies, sports
- More All Ages Events, Outdoor Movies would be Awesome
- None
- Community garden, beautifying the space, working with Chinook Centre to liase and improve the community (especially pathways). Family events, etc.
- Social get together's with varying themes and locations within the community
- Social events for everyone
- Social get-togethers, skating, tai chi, musical events, movie night, gardening areas, tastings, community clean-up/upgrade back alleys, historical book on Meadowlark Park, block-watch-type neighbours, community newsletter
- Bbq, playgroups
- Regularly scheduled group 'litter pick-up' days
- I would like to see exercise equipment for adults in one of the parks - it's not a program but would be a healthy addition.
- The skating rink was a fantastic idea. I would love to see this full-sized next year so older kids can use it. I also think community family Baseball or Soccer would be a good opportunity for locals to meet.
- My priority would be adult fitness equipment in our playground area by the ball diamond. re. #5, I would love the pathways to be resurfaced, but couldn't care less about artwork. But, these need to be cleared of snow to be useful.
- Skating rink. Fenced dog park.
- community-wide garage sale
- outdoor kids, adult recreation opportunities