

## **Appendix A - Community Engagement Survey Feedback**

Between January and March of 2023, the Public Art Committee and Program launched a community engagement survey to gather feedback to inform the Playground Project's goals and priorities. This survey, which was offered both digitally and in-person as well as in both English and Spanish, received 173 responses. The following section displays all the data collected from the community survey. The collected data was used by staff and the Public Art Committee to generate goals used in this RFQ document for applicants to respond to in addition to selection criteria. Survey respondents were asked six (6) questions on the topic of public art and the Kenilworth Playground public art project with intent to inform the RFQ goals and selection criteria for this opportunity. All questions were required responses in order to submit the completed survey, with exception to the last question (survey question #6) which was optional.

### **Survey Question #1**

What do you think the role of public art should be in a playground or park? (Please select your top choice from below)

173 responses



The top answers were as follows:

1. Be whimsical and inspire creativity (31.2%)
2. Make a welcoming and inclusive space (30.6%)
3. Support learning and fun (20.8%)
4. Invite diversity and new ideas into our community (6.4%)
5. Celebrate our community's history, identity, or heritage (4.6%)
6. Look forward to our community's dreams and future (1.7%)

"Other" responses included (in no particular order):

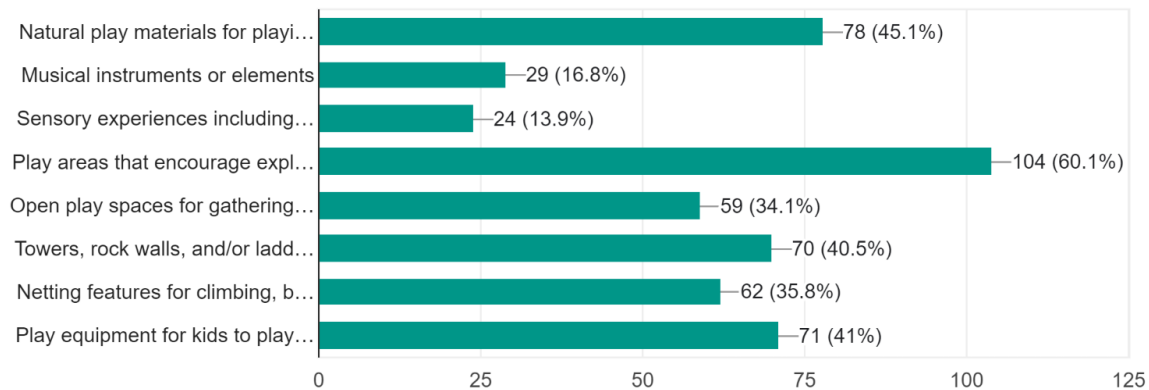
- "I would love to see a nature mural/art piece at this park"
- "Be family focused and able to incorporated into play and exploration"
- "To be beautiful, reflect the culture, inspire the community's highest ideals"
- "Be functional, such as a fountain that kids could play in"

- “Be interactive and sturdy enough to climb as part of a play structure”
- “All of these”
- “Fun to play at”

### Survey Question #2

What playground features would enhance your experience at Kenilworth? (Please select your top 3 options )

173 responses



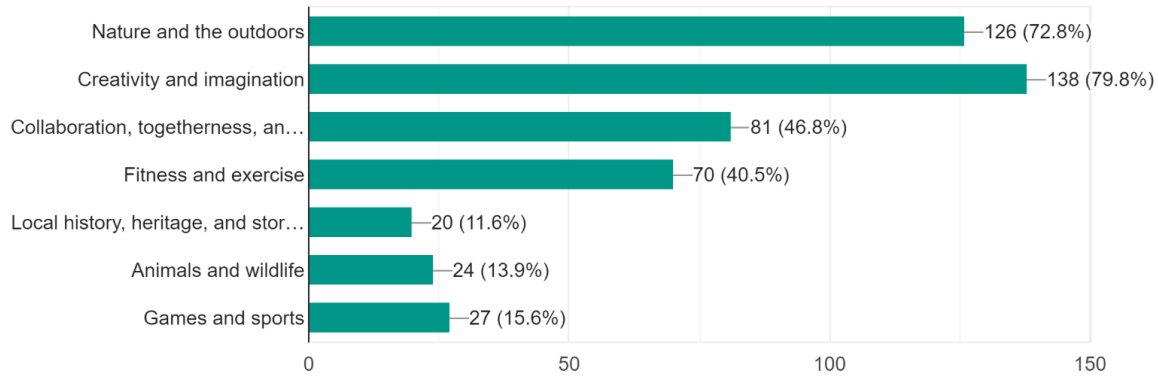
The features ranked by respondents were as follows (respondents chose three features):

1. Play areas that encourage exploration and discovery (60.1%)
2. Natural play materials for playing and exploring (45.1%)
3. Play equipment for kids to play along with adults (41%)
4. Towers, rock walls, and/or ladders for climbing (40.5%)
5. Netting features for climbing, balance, and fitness (35.8%)
6. Open play spaces for gathering and social play (34.1%)
7. Musical instruments or elements (16.8%)
8. Sensory experiences including touch, feel, smell, and listing (13.9%)

### Survey Question #3

Which of the following themes do you think a playground should emphasize to youth? (Please select your top 3 choices)

173 responses



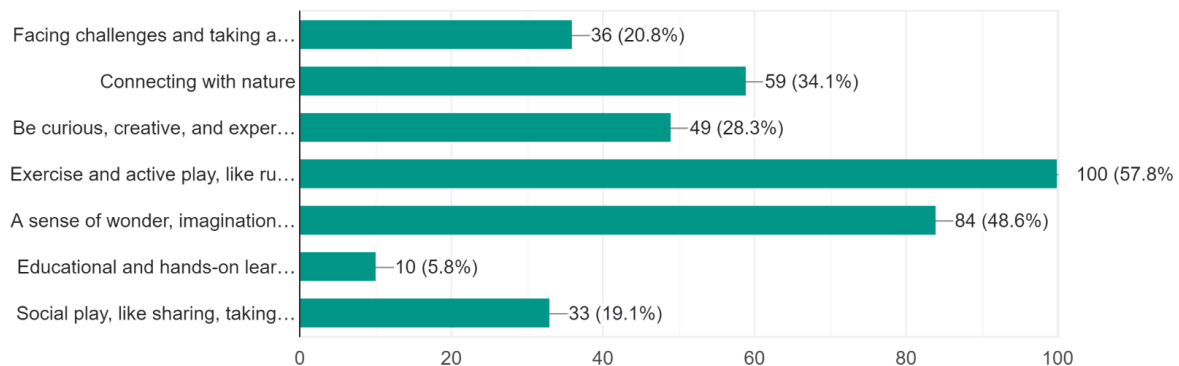
The themes ranked by respondents were as follows (respondents chose three themes):

1. Creativity and imagination (79.8%)
2. Nature and the outdoors (72.8%)
3. Collaboration, togetherness, and teamwork (46.8%)
4. Fitness and exercise (40.5%)
5. Games and sports (15.6%)
6. Animals and wildlife (13.9%)
7. Local history, heritage, and stories (11.6%)

#### Survey Question #4

What opportunities would you like Kenilworth Park playground to offer youth? (Please select your top 3 choices)

173 responses



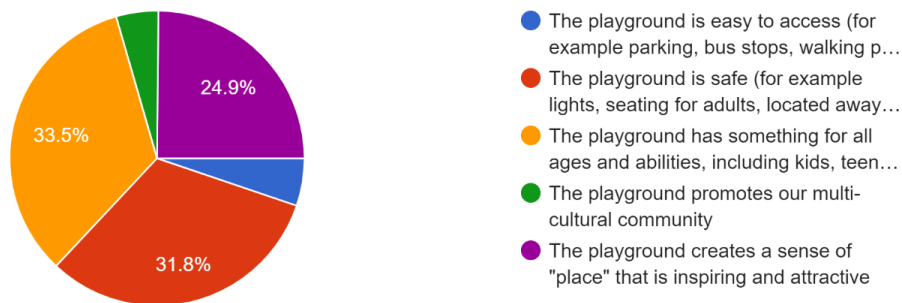
The opportunities ranked by respondents were as follows (respondents chose three opportunities):

1. Exercise and active play, like running, jumping, climbing, and swinging (57.8%)
2. A sense of wonder, imagination, and adventure (48.6%)
3. Connecting with nature (34.1%)
4. Be curious, creative, and experiment with new materials (28.3%)
5. Facing challenges and taking appropriate risks (20.8%)
6. Social play, like sharing, taking turns, playing sports/games, and cooperation (19.1%)
7. Educational and hands-on learning (5.8%)

### Survey Question #5

What is the best way to make a playground inviting to everyone? (Please select your top priority choice)

173 responses



The top responses ranked by respondents were as follows:

1. The playground has something for all ages and abilities, including kids, teens, and families (33.5%)
2. The playground is safe (for example, lights, seating for adults, located away from busy streets) (31.8%)
3. The playground creates a sense of "place" that is inspiring and attractive (24.9%)
4. The playground is easy to access (for example parking, bus stops, walking paths, bike racks) (5.2%)
5. The playground promotes our multi-cultural community (4.6%)

### Survey Question #6

*What else can the playground offer to make the space more welcoming, safe, and attractive to our community? (For example shade structures, bike racks, swings, flexible spaces for gathering and events) (optional)*

The following displays the 126 responses from this optional question:

Shade and visual and noise barriers to the busy Payran and E Washington Streets. Kids could easily wander or run into the street if parents are watching like hawks. Outdoor gathering space for library events would be great. A safe place for teens to hang out in the evenings would be splendid. The neighborhood needs this.
Shade
Lights
Flexible gathering spaces, crosswalks added from East D to Payran at the stop sign space
Regular maintenance and bring back the volleyball space.
All of the above (shade, bike racks, SWINGS, flexible spaces) everything mentioned throughout this survey!
Care for the trees to maintain shade and open space for catch, frisbee, picnics minus gophers!
Shade, accessibility
Petaluma desperately needs more Open Spaces within the city. There has been too much over-development with every empty block and no consideration for cross town congestion, or parking or walk ways and the need for these open spaces. For a healthier community this has to be taken into consideration. It is sad to destroy a community like this, just for Development's sake and profits.
open space with seating
More picnic tables and bike racks
Bike racks
Picnic tables and benches or places to sit
Tables benches
Safety fencing, rubbish bins, ample seating for families, lighting, bike racks, shade , picnic area
For question 4, it asked for 3 choices, but didn't let us select more than one. Our other choices are: "Be curious, creative, and experiment with new materials" and "A sense of wonder, imagination, and adventure"
Unfortunately our poor homeless folks look for rest there and that deters youth from playing and parents too
Plant fruit trees and colorful flowers around the perimeter.
shade structures
Fewer gopher holes, better drainage, less garbage, reduced homeless population/useage
Slides, picnic tables, benches, shaded areas
Shade structures, bike racks, benches and picnic tables, restrooms, water features to play with, protection from main streets, welcoming community programming
Blocking the view of Washington street would make the park feel safer. Also shaded picnic areas away from the playground would be nice for picnics (for people with or without children)
Shade structures, flexible spaces for gathering, a giant swing that adults can fit in with their kids
Shade structures and picnic/activity tables and benches
Shade, easy access, clean

Colorful and inviting. It should help add to the place making of the park. I would like it to be interactive and highly imaginative.
Restrooms
Bike parking
All of the above. #1 safety, #2 accessibility (parking etc), #3 inviting (attractive)
Designing a play space modeling the Petaluma river would be creative! Maybe a pretend dry River with stationary canoes, tugboats, etc? Maybe the Petaluma Museum could add some signage with stories about the river/slough? It's such an important part of the city history! Also, our summers have been getting so hot. If there was a way to have water play or a splash pad or something similar (with water set up to be recycled and reused), this would be a great (free) space for kids to be able to cool off.
we need a bike park, builds community because all users need to share space, encourages challenges and develops skills
SHADE over tables & seating, must be beautiful, designed to encourage people to relax and feel an oasis during the summer or when wet. Outdoor space is valuable community gathering space, make it comfortable. Playground must be interesting and state of art. See Glen Park in San Francisco for a good example. There are 2 problems with your form: "what opportunities" question only lets me choose 1 answer. "what themes" question is vague: is this an art theme or the physical structure of it?
Creative sitting areas for adults and others too tired to play!
Shade structures, all ages equipment, swings
Shade structure is huge. Would love ART, a sustainable water feature and a big rock climbing wall. Very concerned about safety given unhoused population that tends to congregate there
This park gets HOT, so yes, shade structures, benches, picnic tables, how about a splash pad? Attractive fencing along the busy street. more plants, more garbage cans. This park is always so dirty, I stopped taking my kids there.
Trees, shade, clesn
Shade structures are necessary in the summer or the park is inaccessible. Its only going to get hotter with
Shade trees. Adult seating nearby so adults can keep an eye on kids but without being in the way of their play.
Please keep the big tree that is left. Please have swings that are for everyone and not just toddlers/babies.
Please keep the mature shade trees! Tire swings - we don't have any left in public Petaluma park. Swing benches or swings for multiple riders would be fun too.
Visual (art/murals) features that represent all of Petaluma especially race/ethnicity and ability.
All of the above, and bathrooms if there arent any
Shade and bike racks for sure. Picnic tables, water bottle filling station, and designated garbage area.
Yes to shade structures, bike racks, covered picnic tables. Would love to see mosaic work. i wasn't able to select top 3 2 questions above. the other 2 would be: a sense of wonder imagination adventure, exercise & active play
Truly accessible equipment and park structures. Handicap and all abilities.
Wind block, shade structure

Swings
Historically this has been a hang out spot for homeless and sometimes doesn't feel safe or clean. Not sure how to speak to that, but creating a safe and clean area is important
swings for all ages; shade to encourage year round use; bikes for security; seating for all to sit, gather and engage
Picnic tables and seating areas. Swings! Kenilworth has no swings currently! Non static playgrounds (playgrounds that kids can manipulate and move- see Berkeleys Adventure Playground!)
Shade structures make the playground useable during the day in the summer when it would be too hot to touch otherwise.
Would love a park like Seven Seas Park in Sunnyvale water spray pool, soft landing, baby area gates off, big kid area, one of the best parks.
fencing for younger kids because it's on a busy street. a place for kids from McKinley to gather and sit outside with one another to do homework or hang out after school
Shade structures and benches or seats for elders and differently abled people.
Trees! Multi age spaces for toddlers to seniors
picnic tables for adults to gather and eat together, including some with shade structure for the summer months as well; slow streets around the park; stop signs/crosswalks
A water feature for hot days, that kids are allowed to play in. Wading pond or fountain.
Swings, slides, interactive art
Walls/fences blocking the main roadway. Trees and shade. Better parking/signage. Night time security. Cleaning and upkeep.
Shade, swings, mazes, climbing, pushable merry-go-round
Trees, shade structures as well as games/structures that promote our multi-cultural community.
Tables, seating
Swings, area with benches and tables
No dogs allowed
Trees! I was disappointed to see the main shade tree over the playground chopped down this weekend. I'd rather have trees than shade structures, but now a shade structure will be necessary. Monkey bars and swings are a must. A pavilion would also be great for parties. We don't have that kind of space here in midtown.
Accessibility for all disabilities, teens, seniors, ...
Shade structures
Shaded area
Seating near the playground, keeping it clean and maintained
Fencing that provides some containment for toddlers and young ones away from the road, big trees for shade, lots of plants, a sand area for playing in, benches for parents to sit nearby, a playground designed for toddlers
The best way to make this playground more appealing is to make it safe and clean for children in the neighborhood (and students at McKinley & Live Oak who usually pass by but rarely stop), despite its location in the middle of town which sometimes attracts the unhoused & the addicted.

Swings, Shade, regular cleaning and security checks. Lots of random lurkers in that area. Why are you there watching kids play?
Shade, bike racks, benches, keep it clean
Maintenance. Too often playgrounds will have trash (or worse, cigarette butts and drug paraphernalia). If you build it, it should be maintained daily.
Things for kids to do alone as well as with others
Most parks emphasize young kids. Focus on teens, who lack services relative to other kids. For example, skateboarding/skate park & bmx. Athletic activities that don't require being an organized sport or a team to include more kids.
Wide variety of puzzles and personal exercise pieces like jump rope,
Shade is huge and places for gathering.
It's pretty simple, covered and uncovered space with seating for people to gather for multipurpose. The park currently has too much area with grass and is mostly inviting to dogs. Sure, leave part of grass for dogs to play but more areas for humans of all ages to comfortably sit and be social. not just playground.
Shade! And local art!
Regular cleaning, tables
Shade and swings, definitely!
Seating in shaded areas
The things listed, plus benches and tables for parents,
Safety via inclusivity is a priority. Celebrate and emphasize diversity. Minorities, disability community, teen & young adults all lack services relative to others.
Benches closer to the actual playing structure, shade structure and keeping it clean.
Art sculptures, Lights, benches, shade, garbage bins that get emptied often not weekly.
Shade structures, seating, more trees, plants
A splash pad or water feature of some kind would be amazing.
Shade structures, swings and a seesaw
Something that this town truly, TRULY needs in order to support new parents and young families is a fully fenced and gated playspace. I recall when my son was a toddler I was so deeply exhausted. All I wanted was a space where I could sit and watch him safely explore for a moment and not have to worry about him exiting the play area. I had experienced the magic of a beautifully fenced play area at park in the Menlo Park and Sacramento areas and it was brilliant and so needed that I wept with joy (and tiredness). Additionally, Kenilworth needs several banks of BigBelly trash, recycle, and compost receptacles and not just rolling trash cans. The rolling cans are really unsightly and not conducive to supporting visitors to properly dispose of litter and waste.
Shade. Trees.
shade structures, bathrooms, water station (bottle refill or water fountain)
Shade structures are lacking at most parks here, fun and creatively designed structures that attract the visitors to the library to continue reading outdoors! Materials that will stay safe and not easily broken. Well lit and drained.



Community events near or at the park
Shade structures and picnic tables
Petaluma is largely absent of an exciting playground, heavily themed with tall slides. ...especially on this side of town. It would make a lot of sense to connect this space with the library.
Shade
Shade areas and tables or seating areas to eat snacks
Fully accessible playground for ALL kids. (Lucchesi shouldn't be the only playground that offers equipment for kids with disabilities.) Let's make our whole community accessible. All kids matter.
Swings for all ages and abilities; interactive art displays; bike rack
Handicap accessible. Shade structures
I love the padded (rubber?) ground covering that some parks and schools use. Kids can run and fall or fall from a climbing structures with little to no injury.
Shade
Shade and bike racks
Shade would be wonderful. Also not necessarily a fence, but some sort of barrier around the playground as the streets around the park are busy. Might help give parents of young kids some peace of mind.
Community garden plots, fencing for safety
art and creative sculpture
Shade, an area for eating, and keeping dogs and people from setting up encampments there
Somewhere it's ok to skateboard at, a curb or planter designed just for them to be welcomed is smart, also wood and metal playgrounds I've enjoyed as a kid, and bringing my son to
Shade, picnic tables, bike accessible, dog friendly
Shade structure, a feeling of division or privacy from the street. And a place to ride and scoot scooters around the park. Like Walnut Park has.
Shade structures is a huge one, many parks do not have them and during the summer a lot of the playground is too hot to play on
Shade, bike area, picnic area, cozy seating areas
Shade trees, bike and scooter parking, resting places, gathering spaces
Shade!
a fun place for everyone!!!
Shade structures (or better yet, trees!) are important! Accessibility is another important part; for a community wide project, The park needs to be easily accessed by parents with strollers and baby gear.
Shade structure, water feature
Uniqueness. Something that sets it apart from other playgrounds. Make it a destination.
Shade structures and seating area
Bike racks, shade structures seem critical in our super hot summer months!

My grandchildren were heartbroken when the city removed the lovely trees around the park, and robbed the park of its nicest amenity--shade on warm days. I have never received an explanation as to the City's reasons for virtually clear-cutting the park. Many of us believe tree replacement to be essential, and urge the City to set up LOTS of other shade structures to compensate for its sad decision to remove the trees. As the park is near a busy street, some fencing would be helpful. Also, it would be helpful to have an artful path for travel back and forth to the library.

Shade, clean, safe, unique.

More seating for adults