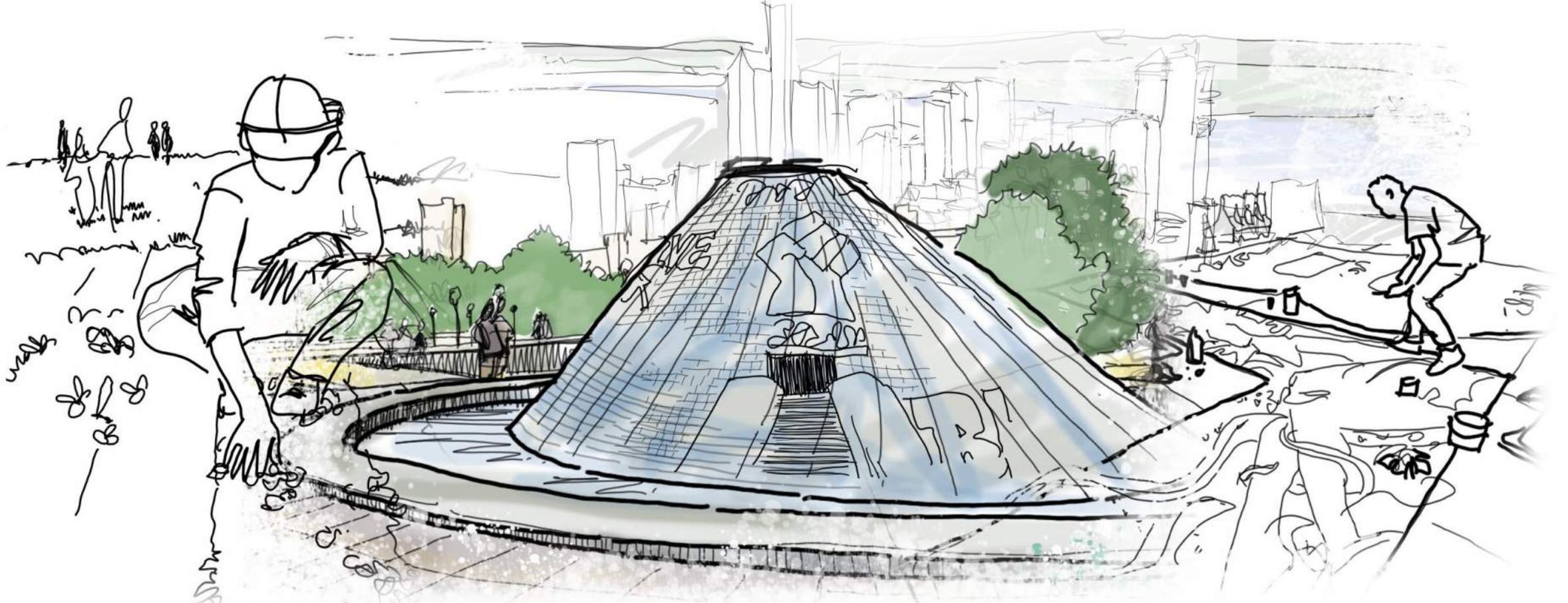




# 2020 CAL ANDERSON PARK

## A COMMUNITY CONVERSATION + VISION



**PUBLIC MEETING 3 — STRATEGIES & NEXT STEPS**



Seattle  
Parks & Recreation



DLR Group



# Agenda

1. Welcome, review agenda, meeting conduct, faces of the project (5 minutes)
2. Vision for the project, acknowledgement of the land (3 minutes)
3. Here's what we heard, here's where we're at (5 minutes)
4. Survey 2 results (10 minutes)
5. Short term and long term objectives with each initiative (15 minutes)
  - a) Public Art
  - b) Community Garden
  - c) Conversation Circle
  - d) Health & Human Services
  - e) Safety & Security
6. Open public comment period (30 minutes)
7. Conclusion and next steps (5 minutes)





# Meeting Conduct

1. Think INCLUSIVELY – everyone is welcome at this table
2. This is a safe space – we encourage you to speak freely and honestly in the spirit of learning without fear of repercussion
3. Participate patiently, gracefully, and respectfully – we’re all coming into this conversation from different places
4. Step forward, step back – leave time for others and allow space for everyone to participate – no one dominates
5. This is an affirming, but inquisitive space – Avoid blame, speculation, shame, or inflammatory language
6. We celebrate diversity – everyone has a unique perspective and lived experience
7. Let the facilitator guide discussion
8. If you differ with someone, simply share your idea – don’t squash theirs
9. Yes/And – build on each other’s ideas – no judgements
10. Work broad brush – this is only the first step in the process and NOT decision making
11. Listen for understanding – draw each other out
12. Be concise, we want to respect everyone’s time – start & end on time

# Faces of the project team members

Hello again!



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# Seattle Parks

Goals of Seattle Parks and Recreation

## Mission of the Project

**Healthy People, Healthy Environment, and Strong Communities.**

We carry out our vision leading with equity.

**Land acknowledgement read.**

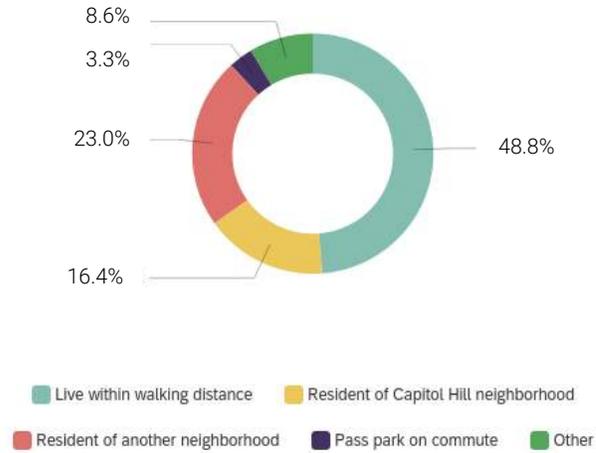
# Here's what we've heard so far

## Public Meeting 1 & 2

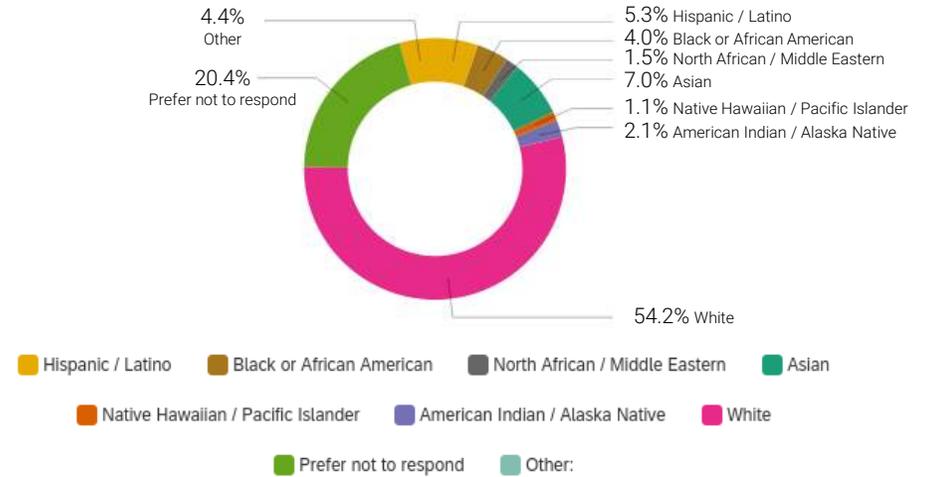
- **Safety and Security**  
*Comments and concerns raised around homelessness in the park, improving lighting and views through the park, and making the park feel safer for everyone, remove parking on Nagle, opening the park as soon as possible.*
- **Park Programming**  
*Considerations around a dog park, uses for the Shelter House, turning the adjacent street into a pedestrian only street, creating a larger plaza, bringing in food trucks and vendors, looking at city-wide programs available in addition to opportunities at Cal Anderson Park.*
- **BIPOC / LGBTQIA+**  
*How do we center the needs of these communities and their concerns? Would a specific focus on the BIPOC and LGBTQIA+ community exclude concerns of residents living near the park who may not identify similarly? Provide a safe space for BIPOC and LGBTQIA+ voices to be heard, balance focus on BIPOC and LGBTQIA+ with existing uses, programs, and events.*
- **Health and Human Services**  
*How will currently available services in the park be continued, or expanded to meet the growing needs of the Capitol Hill community, particularly to support those experiencing homelessness. Can the Shelter House support these services? Identify services available in the community with better signage and wayfinding.*
- **CHOP / CHAZ**  
*Develop strategies for public art, conversation circles, and garden programs, ideas for short term and long term improvements, community-driven opportunities, doesn't need to be limited to one installation and integration into overall park is important.*
- **Operations and Maintenance**  
*Repair or replace elements of the park that were damaged by the protests, maintain the park to a higher level of standard, address safety and security items related to maintenance, work with and be transparent with the community before significant activities, consider effect of police presence before action is taken.*

# Survey #2 Results

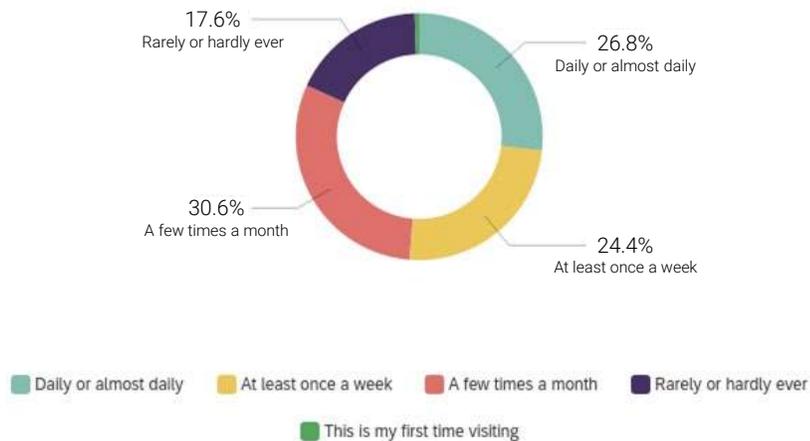
What is your relationship to the park?



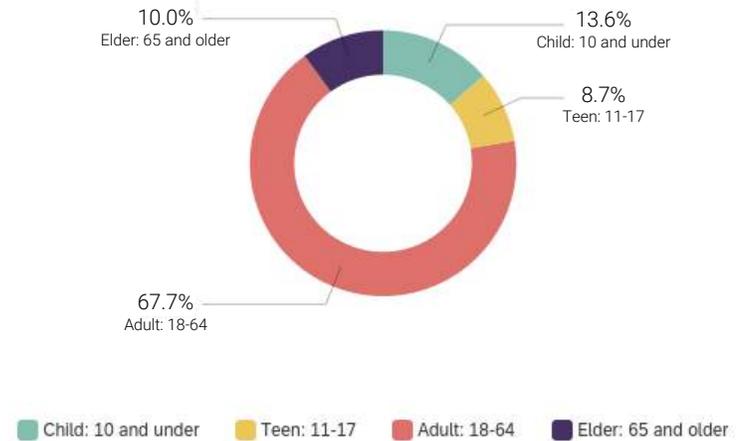
Which of the following best describes how you identify yourself?



Pre-COVID, how often did you generally visit the park?



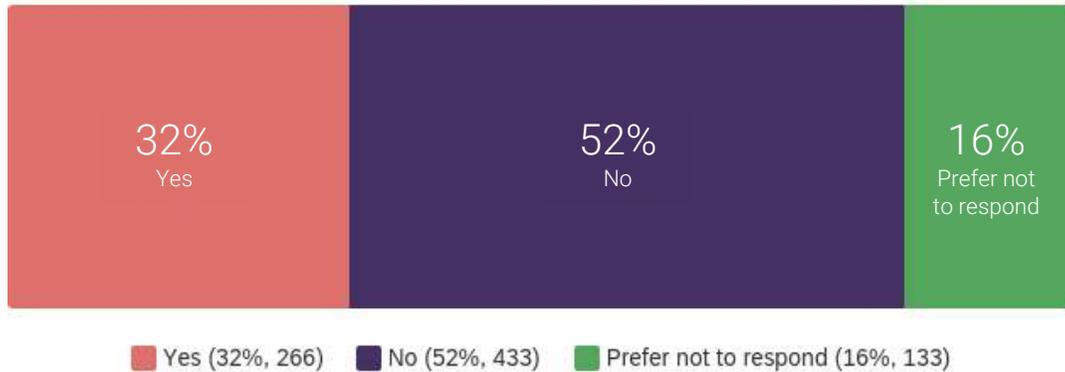
When you go to Cal Anderson Park, what are the ages of the people you visit with?



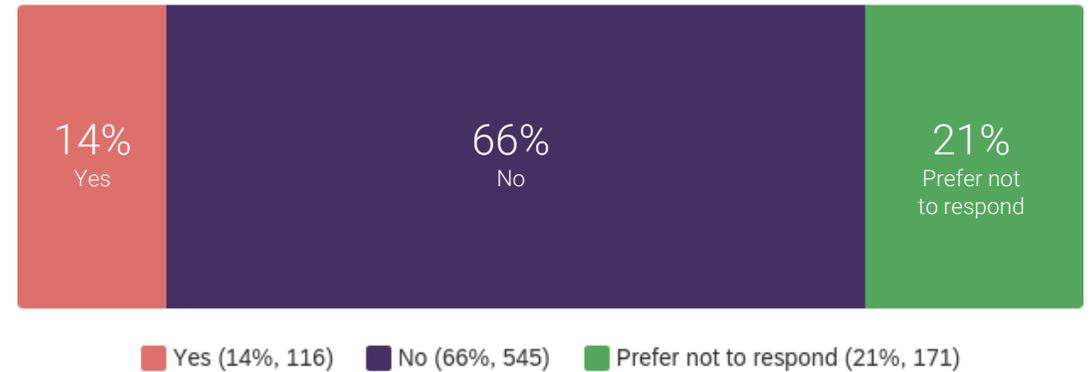
# Survey #2 Results

Do you identify yourself as part of this community?

### LGBTQIA+ Community

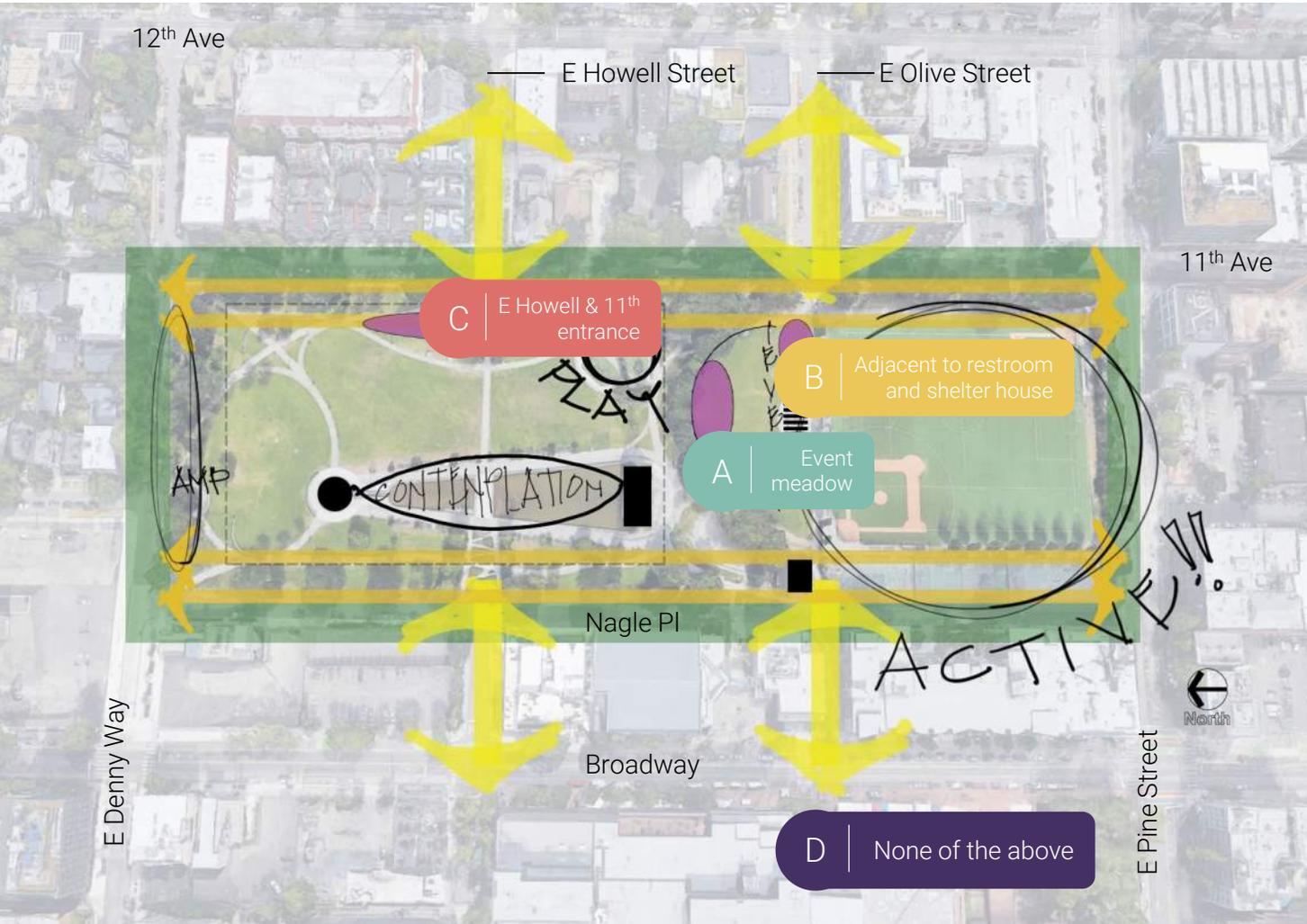


### BIPOC Community

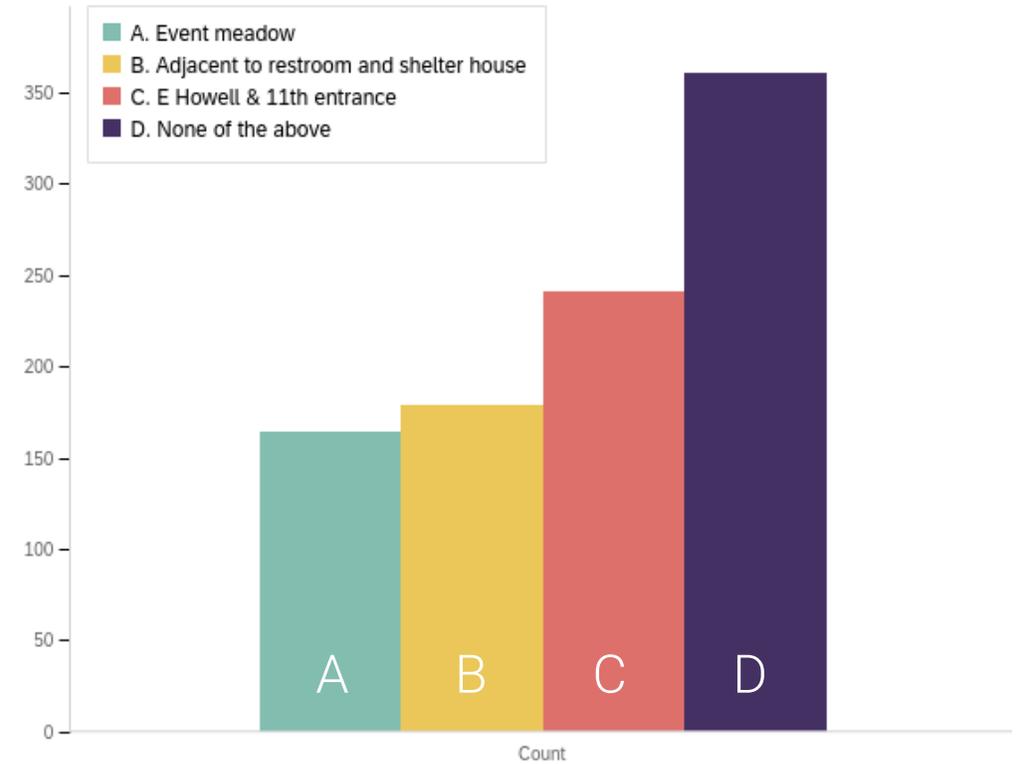


# Survey #2 Results

What is the best location for a community garden?  
 Select up to 2 preferred options.

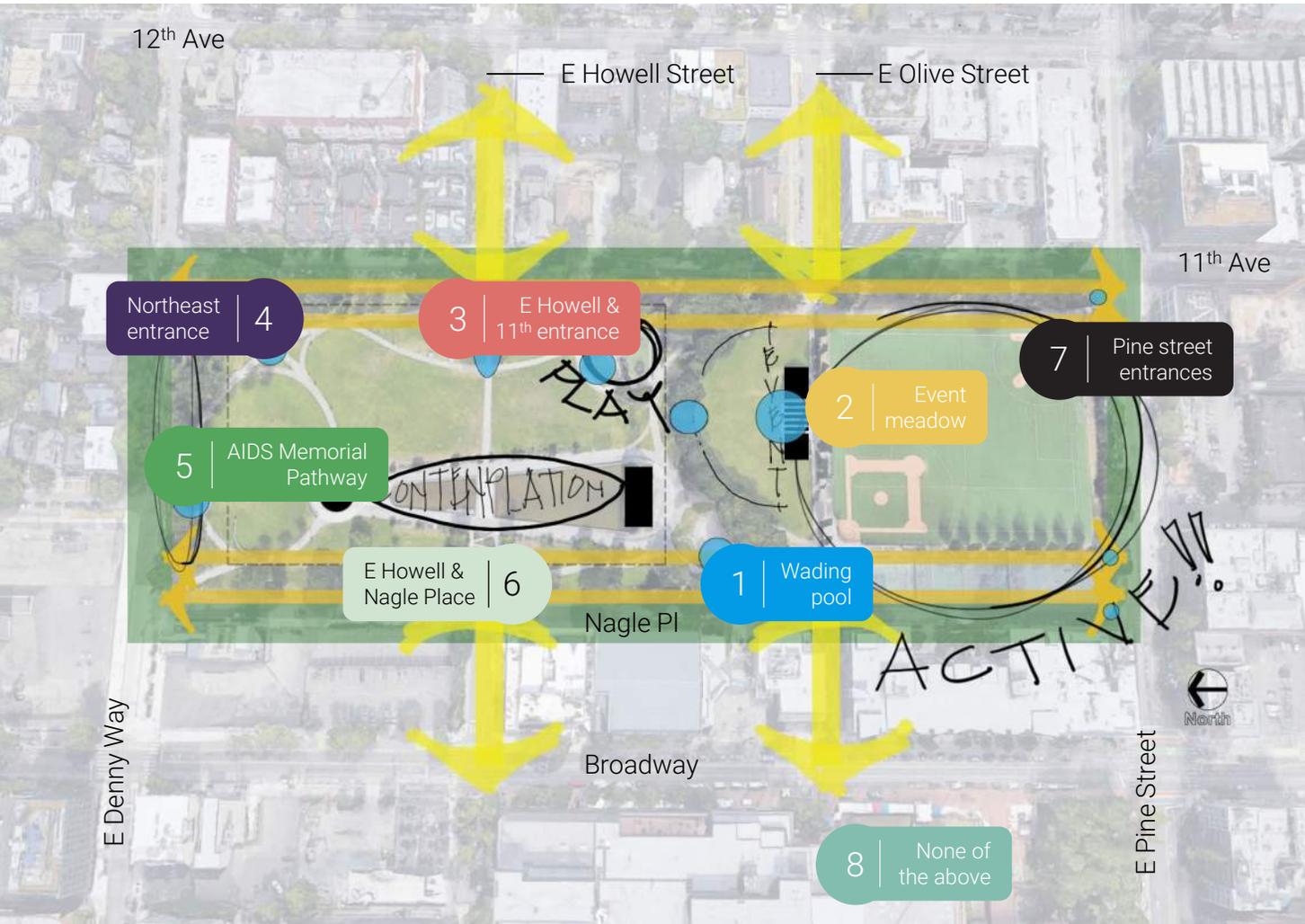


# What is the best location for a community garden program?

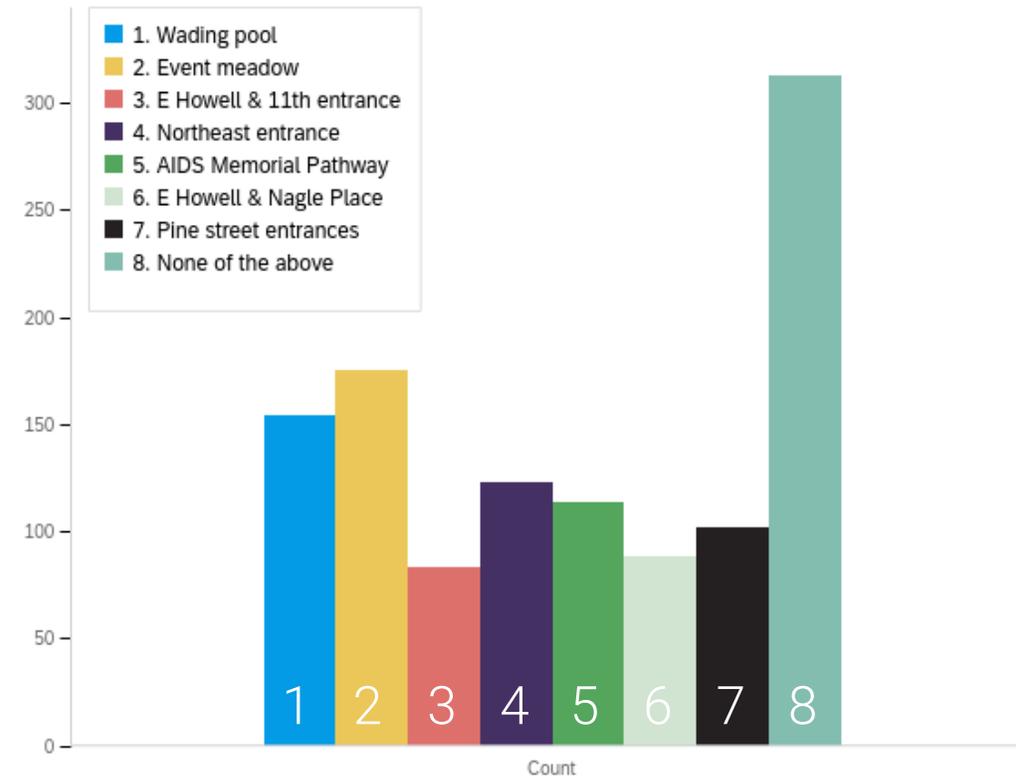


# Survey #2 Results

What is the best location for a conversation corner?  
 Select up to 3 preferred options



# What is the best location for a conversation corner?



# Survey #2 Results

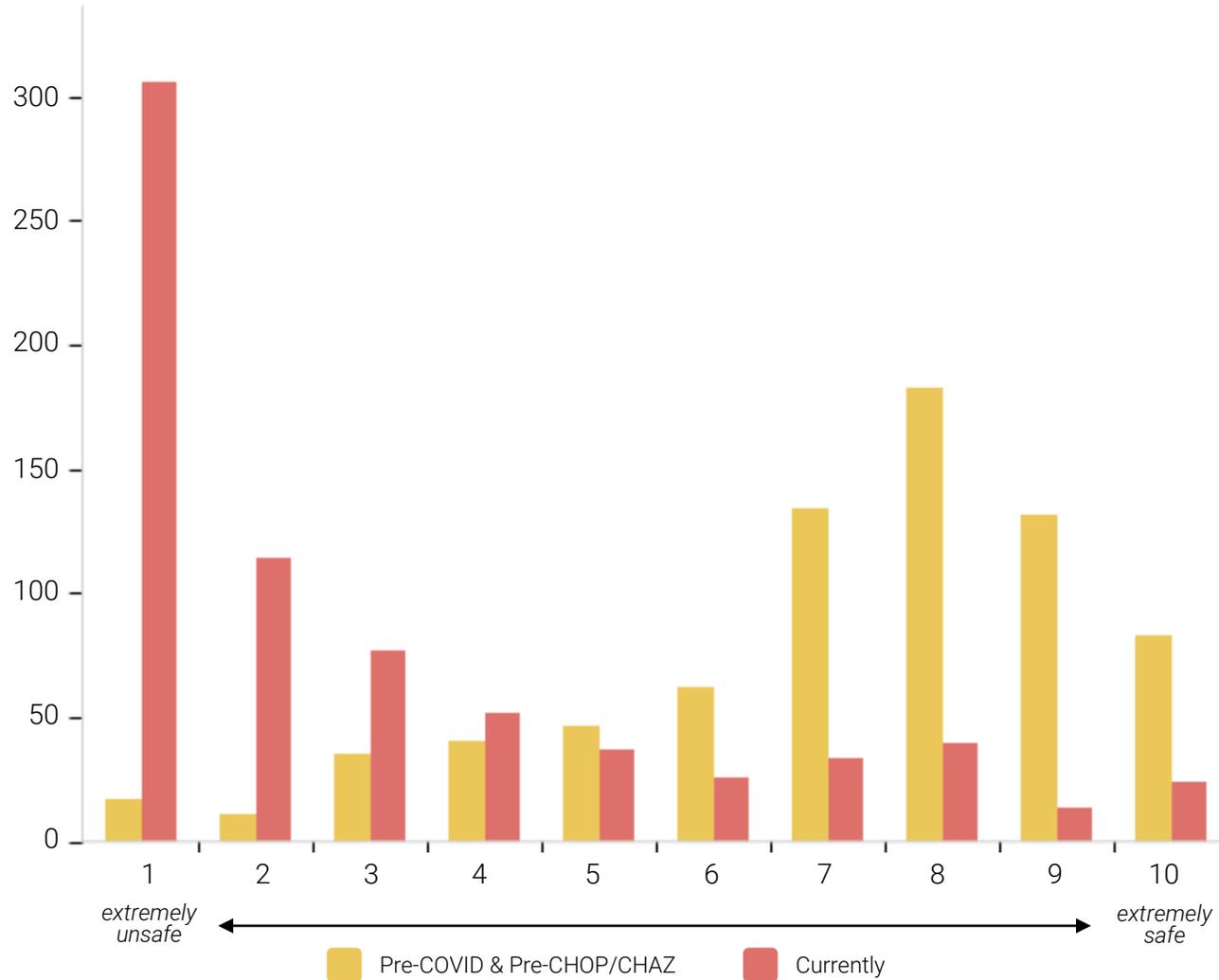
From the standpoint of activation, what activities and services do you believe would best serve park users?

## Random sampling of responses

- *“Education activities like a learning garden, historic signage, public information for services, art exhibitions, large and small group areas, security and service patrols, restrooms”*
- *“Being able to use the park and feel safe – in any capacity. The park was lovely before – no need to ‘reimagine it’ – just make it a park again.”*
- *“Clean public restrooms, public fitness classes/open fitness events, park stewards who are members of the community and trained in conflict de-escalation and how to direct people to city and county services who are available to resolve conflicts in the park without police intervention (paid position).”*
- *“(1) Sweeping out the homeless encampments so that people can safely enjoy the park without fear of needles, feces, and the mentally unstable. (2) Increased police presence to protect from individuals who would harm bystanders or destroy property. (3) Additional protection for existing buildings to prevent contamination of Cap Hill's water supply from people who would break in.”*
- *“Enforcement of leash laws, full calendar of activities using the park house and meadow during spring, summer, fall. Work with the 11<sup>th</sup> Ave church that provides a longtime lunch program, organize park clean-up days where residents can participate, sharps disposals at various parts of park.”*
- *“Having a shelter house and garden are great beginnings projects/services to have. It's important to acknowledge all the users of the park. Not just the ones with secure housing. The garden and shelter house are perfect for getting to know people in the neighborhood. The city has abandoned those suffering from mental illnesses, drug addiction, and people experiencing homelessness. The shelter house has given me hope that when the city doesn't support exploited/vulnerable people the community will step up.”*
- *“Summer movie nights. Cafe tables and chairs and games infrastructure, like found in Occidental and Westlake Parks (cornhole, ping pong, chess, etc.). Food and beverage sales kiosks (this is a common and very welcome feature in European parks).”*

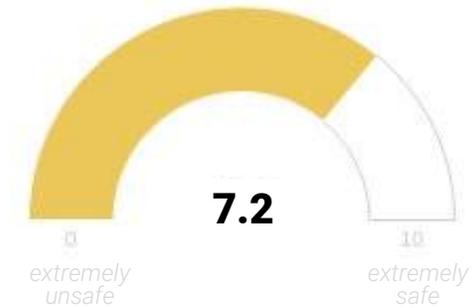
# Survey #2 Results

On a scale of 1-10, 1 being extremely unsafe and 10 being extremely safe, how safe do you feel in the park?

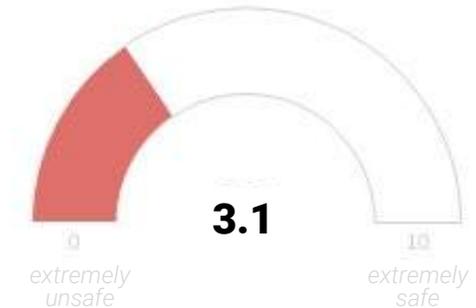


## Average Scores

Pre-COVID & Pre-CHOP/CHAZ



Currently





# Survey #2 Results

Do you have any other questions or comments related to this specific project?



## Random sampling of responses

- *"If we come out of this experience without a renewed respect for unhoused community members and a resolution to integrate them, respectfully and with their own agency, into the neighborhood of Capitol Hill, then we have completely missed the point. We have a shot at a better world and making a neighborhood that is a better home to all of us."*
- *"When will we see more frameworks being proposed around the health and safety of park goers? What is being considered for the illegal inhabitants of the park who are trashing the city with no recourse? What is being done to protect local businesses from being vandalized?"*
- *"The city needs to better explain why CHOP/CHAZ is something to be memorialized. I support BLM but CHOP was an anarchist occupation that had little to do with BLM."*
- *"I think it's great you're looking at ways to expand the park to accommodate various needs. The neighborhood is only continuing to grow, so with more people and less space, this park is really important."*
- *"Restoring the cleanliness of the park is far more urgent and important than building 'conversation circles' or relocating the community garden. The park layout is not the problem."*
- *"I wish there was more input from local restaurants, local businesses, and local civic groups like the gay community groups were more represented."*
- *"Do you have any plans to address the homeless situation? Making a couple glossy new amenities will not solve the homeless issue, most probably worsening it; If it appears to passers-by that everything is fine and improving, the issues will lose their urgency and notability, and no change in the right direction will ever take place."*

# Programming & Physical Improvements

Immediate Action Items + Long Term Vision



art program



conversation corner



garden program



health & human services



safety & security

# The Art Program

## Short Term

1. Preservation of CHOP/CHAZ art in the park
2. Restoration of existing historic tile art
3. Repairing fountain artwork

## Long Term

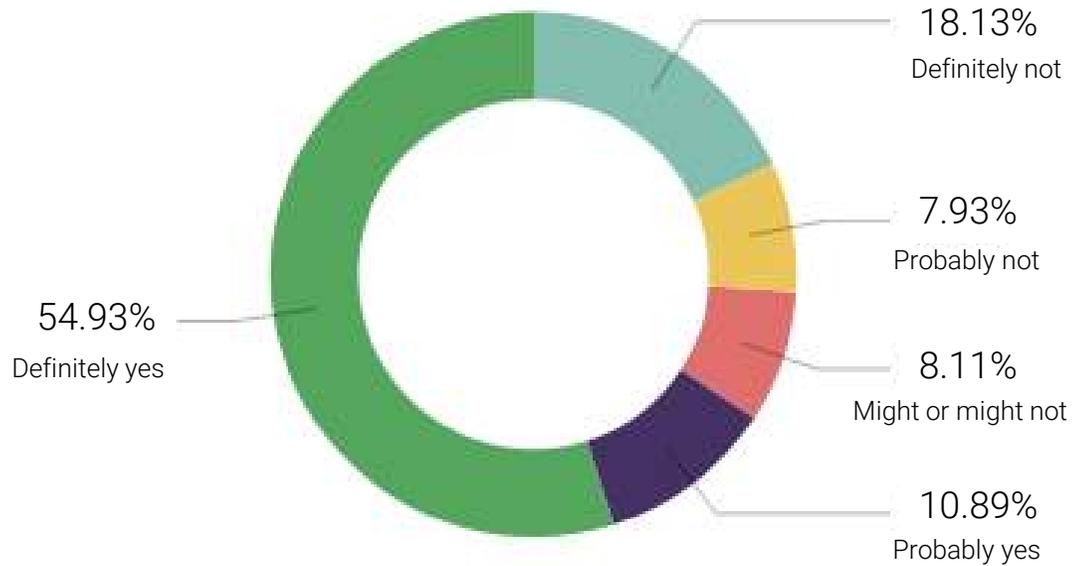
1. Invitation to curate temporary exhibition of art in the park
2. Potential new artwork funded through existing foundation or grant programs
3. Expanded arts education programming in the park including the Shelter house



# The Garden Program

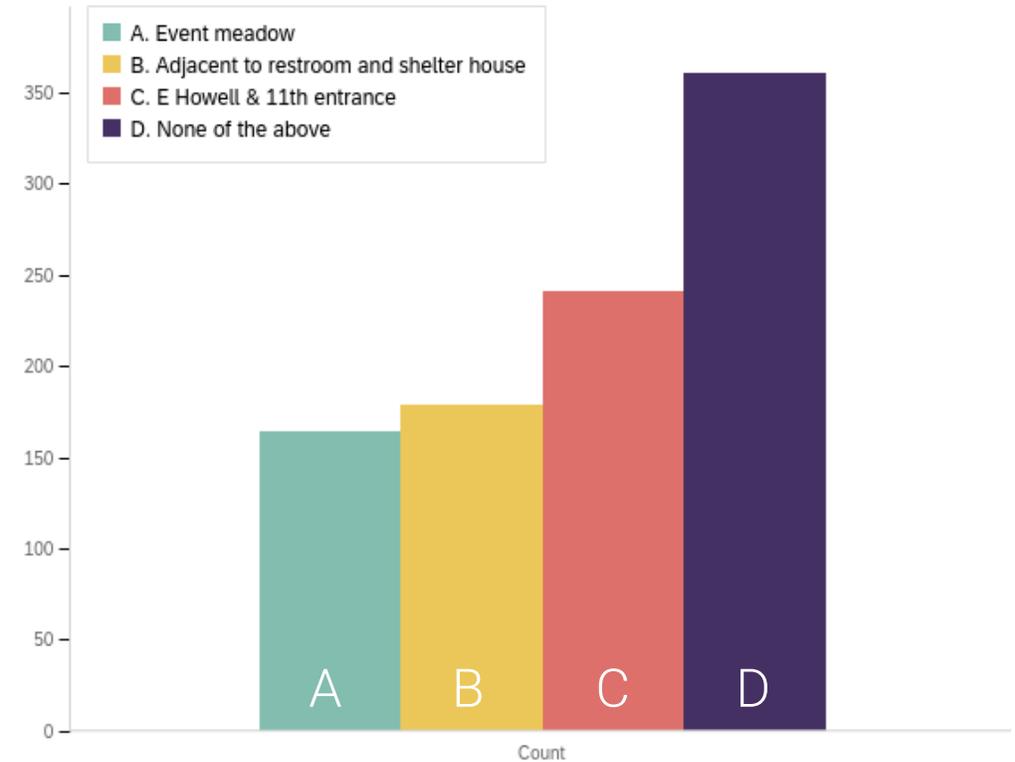
## Survey #1

How much would you support the idea of retaining a community garden program?



## Survey #2

What is the best location for a community garden program?



# The Garden Program

## Short Term

1. Document & educate on existing garden resources in the neighborhood
2. Document & educate on city-wide BIPOC program resources & opportunities
3. Develop design criteria for garden program within Cal Anderson Park
4. Develop partnership to implement, operate and maintain a demonstration garden program at Cal Anderson Park



# Garden Program Partner Opportunity

## Black Star Farmers

Digging through the dirt to grow roots for a better society



### Mission

Black Star Farmers (BSF) is a Black and Indigenous lead foundry for the radical reclamation of land and food sovereignty for Black, Indigenous People of Color (BIPOC) through education, conversation, and volunteerism in a safe, joyful, and intentional community.

### Vision

We envision a Seattle where Black and Indigenous led urban farming cooperatives provide organic produce, plants, and traditional medicines to their communities.

### Values

Food Justice, Land Access, Cooperation, Equality, Biodiversity, Restoration

# Garden Program Partner Opportunity

## Collaborators

- Plant Based Food Share Seattle
- Capitol Hill Eco District
- Hip Hop Is Green
- Nurturing Roots
- Black Farmers Collective
- The Common Acre
- Na'ah Illahee Fund
- Sustainable Seattle (S2)
- YES Farm
- Beacon Hill Food Forest
- MLK FAME Community Center
- *AND OTHERS.....*



MLK FAME Community Garden

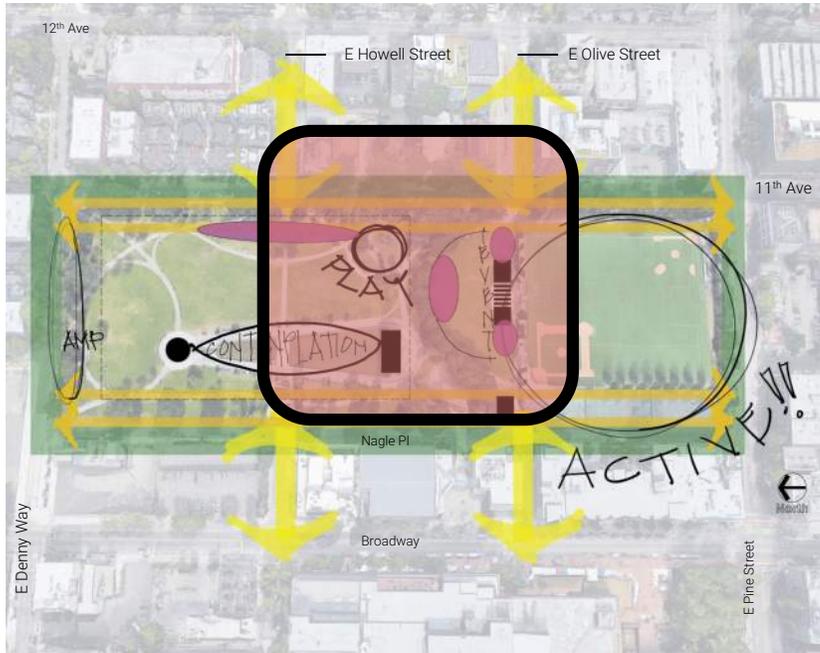
# The Garden Program

## Long Term

1. Develop a demonstration garden program at Cal Anderson Park
2. Identify other locations within the city to advance food security for the BIPOC community



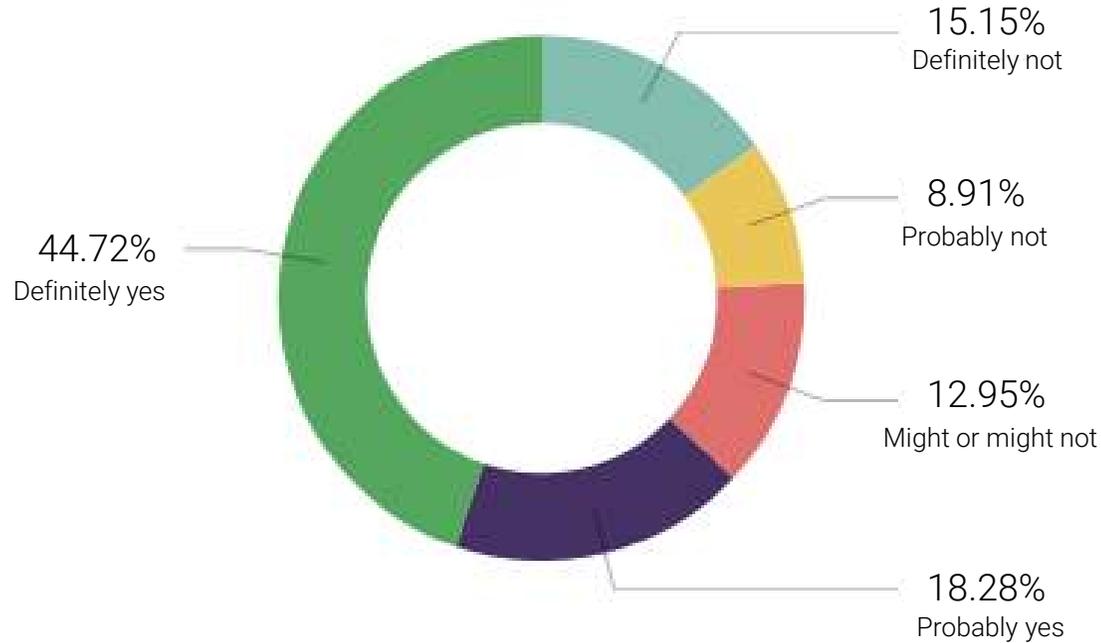
# Demonstration Garden Location(s)



# The Conversation Corner

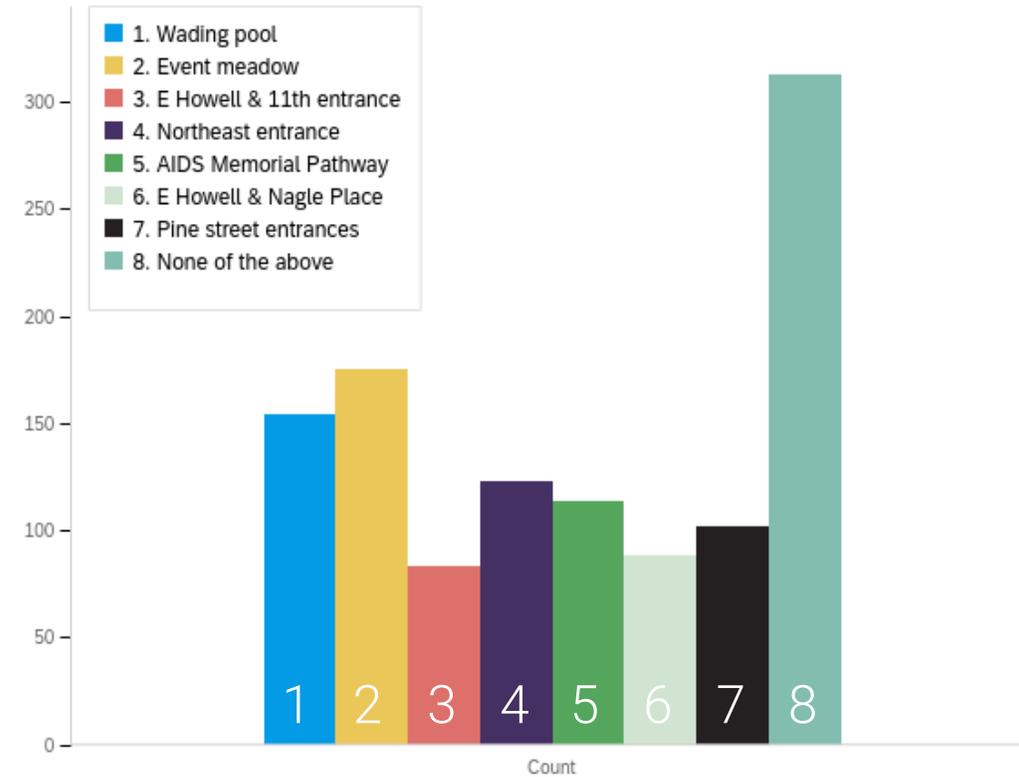
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# The Conversation Corner

## Short Term

1. Establish a pilot conversation circle with movable tables and chairs at plaza by restroom & shelter house
2. Identify location for a pilot conversation circle along or near Pine street
  - a) Potential location at previously existing benches
  - b) Individual seating, oriented to support interaction
3. Engage SDOT in use of right-of-way
4. Explore the potential for festival streets at Nagle & 11<sup>th</sup>



# The Conversation Corner

## Long Term

1. Establish parklets along the park edge
2. Develop programming partners for future conversation circles
3. Renewing the function of Pine Street as a festival street



# Health & Human Services

## Short Term

1. Assess the needs for human services within the neighborhood
2. Map existing human services available
3. Identify partner organizations
4. Develop a schedule/program to support partner organizations
5. Implement programs upon reopening of park

## Long Term

1. Monitor, evaluate, and refine



# Safety & Security

## Short Term

1. Arborist review & implementation of vegetation management prioritizing CPTED principles
2. Condition assessment of existing lighting & immediate repairs
3. Consideration to close Nagle parking access and improve access to entrances
4. Identify additional partners for programming activation of the park
5. Formalize relationship with park community oversight groups



# Safety & Security

## Long Term

1. Implement the remaining recommendations of lighting and CPTED studies (*enhance entrances, improve maintenance, increase programs and activation, etc.*)
2. Funding for park concierge
3. Refine permitting process to support community-driven programs
4. Implementing recommendations from community oversight group



# Public Comment

# What questions do you have?

**Submit your questions in the Zoom Q&A**

OR

**You can also submit your responses to Poll Everywhere**

Join by Text: text 2020CAP to 22333

Join by Web: Go to [PollEv.com](https://www.poll Everywhere.com) & enter 2020CAP

# Next Steps

Public process is not done....

- Website will remain running, keep checking for when the next phase will start
- If you have not been receiving project updates and would like to get on our email list, email us at [2020CalAnderson@seattle.gov](mailto:2020CalAnderson@seattle.gov)
- Project recommendations and approvals – present to review boards, including Seattle Design Commission and Seattle Landmarks Preservation Board

**Go to the Seattle Parks & Recreation website for more information about this project as it unfolds**

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