

Chavez Park Public Forum Summary

Chavez On-Line Survey Comments

Tennyson Streetscape Improvement Project: Overview of Survey Results pertaining to Chavez Park

The Conceptual Design Phase of the Tennyson Streetscape Improvement Project included an on-line public opinion survey that contained questions regarding the overall vision for Tennyson Street. Threaded throughout the survey results are repeated comments regarding the existing condition of Chavez Park and the prominent role the park plays in neighborhood revitalization and the potential economic prosperity of Tennyson Street.

The complete survey results are included in this document, but a brief sampling of respondents' answers are listed here:

- Make Chavez Park area more user friendly
- Cesar Chavez Park needs to be addressed by Parks simultaneously. The park is in the center of the streetscape project, has an ugly chainlink fence and retaining wall and no lights. I suggest at least planning with consideration of how the park will be improved even if park improvements cannot occur simultaneously
- Improve Chavez Park!
- Chavez Park could use a gateway element and stage for community events
- The park in the middle of Tennyson currently acts as a division between the north and south ends of the street. It is a sort of "dead" zone.
- The sidewalk along the Park edge is crumbling
- The park edge is not well connected to the street - this stretch of the street really breaks up the continuity of the street and makes for less cohesiveness between the vibrant uses on either end of the block.
- The edge of Chavez Park is what I like least about Tennyson
- Keep and improve Chavez Park is one of my top three goals for Tennyson Street
- We need to look for opportunities to better integrate Chavez Park with Tennyson Street
- Renew the park!
- Get rid of the ugly metal fence at Chavez Park
- The park edge and the central portion of the corridor need to be redesigned to create a more attractive entry, gathering place and utilization of the park space
- Chavez Park is an eyesore in the middle of two portions of Tennyson Street that could otherwise be quite nice
- Incorporate the park into Tennyson Street so that it isn't a barrier
- Improve the park!
- The park needs to be the center of the street!
- I'd like to see the edge of Chavez Park opened up so that there is a plaza to congregate and steps to sit on and that this piece becomes the heart of the street, a destination and a place for a lot of unprogrammed activity

Compilation of Survey Comments

5. How often do you use Caesar Chavez Park?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Daily		2.6%	10
Weekly		15.2%	59
Monthly		23.2%	90
About once per year		22.4%	87
Never		36.6%	142
		answered question	388
		skipped question	23

6. How do you use the park?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Basketball		4.3%	11
Baseball		0.8%	2
General recreation		21.1%	54
Special events		15.6%	40
Playground		48.0%	123
Just to relax		22.3%	57
Walk the dog		33.6%	86
Other		7.4%	19

7. If you seldom use the park it is because:			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Lack of amenities		33.3%	89
Difficult to access from Tennyson		10.9%	29
Feels unsafe		12.7%	34
Other		59.9%	160
		If "Other", please specify: Show replies	195
		answered question	267
		skipped question	144

8. What improvements would you like to see for the park?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Shade Pavilion		50.9%	168
Better accessibility from Tennyson Street		36.7%	121
Plaza for Community Events		49.1%	162
Additional Lighting		39.4%	130
More/Different Playground Equipment		40.3%	133
More furnishings: picnic tables, benches, etc.,		52.4%	173
Other		22.1%	73
		If "Other", please specify: Show replies	93
		answered question	330
		skipped question	81

9. Would you be willing to volunteer on projects to help improve the park?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		55.7%	201
No		44.3%	160
		answered question	361

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