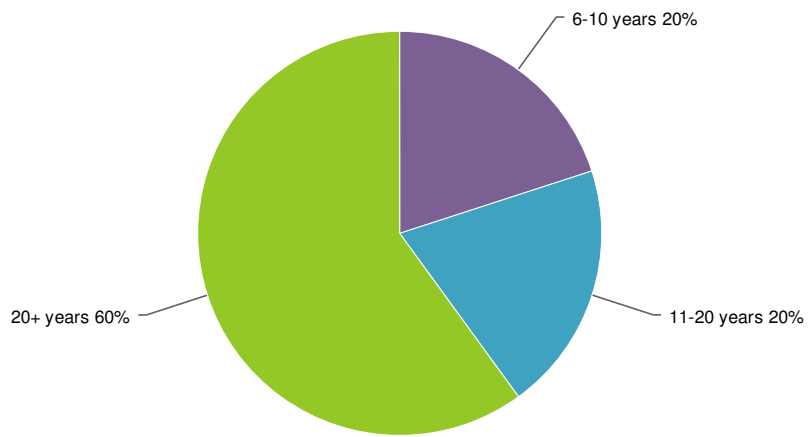


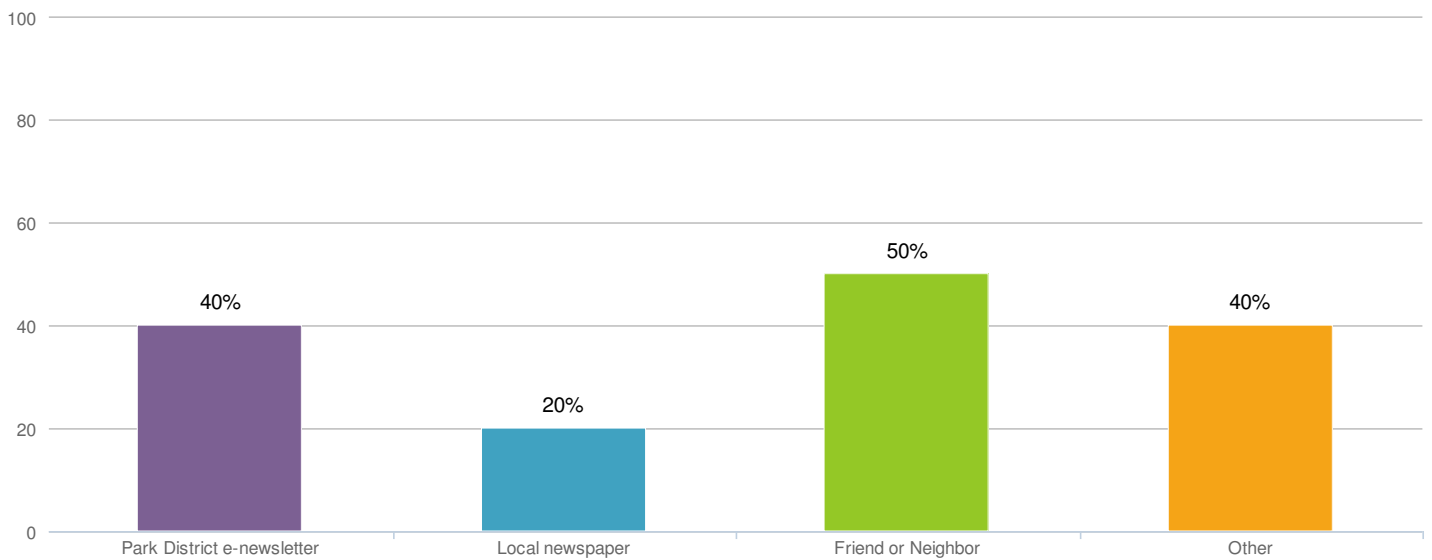
New Summary Report - 26 January 2016

1. How many years have you resided in the Village of Oak Park?



Value	Percent	Count	Statistics	
Less than one year	0.0%	0	Sum	154.0
1-5 years	0.0%	0	Average	15.4
6-10 years	20.0%	2	StdDev	5.9
11-20 years	20.0%	2	Max	20.0
20+ years	60.0%	6		
Non-resident	0.0%	0		
		Total		
				10

2. How did you learn about the Austin Gardens Site Planning process?



Value	Percent	Count
Park District seasonal brochure	0.0%	0
Park District e-newsletter	40.0%	4
Park District website	0.0%	0
Local newspaper	20.0%	2
Flyer delivered to residence	0.0%	0
Friend or Neighbor	50.0%	5
Park District Facebook page	0.0%	0
Other	40.0%	4
Total		10

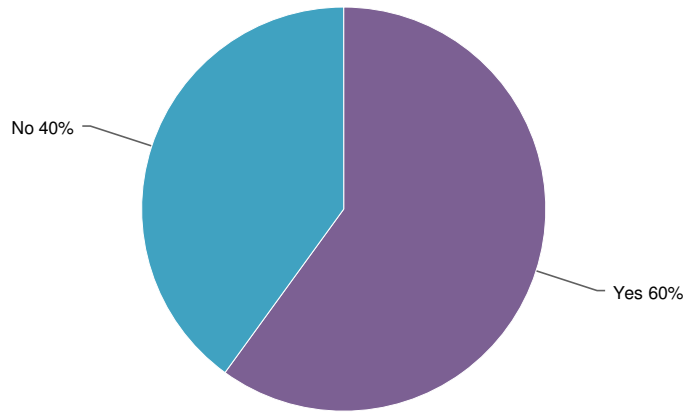
3. Are there any new programs or features that should be considered for Austin Gardens?

Count	Response
1	Adding tags to identify trees and plants.
1	No--it should remain a passive park
1	The entrances to the park seemed to be a point of contention. I would (ideally) like to see 2-3 larger openings with an archway over the gate. I would suggest then having the additional entry ways more utilitarian rather than "welcoming".
1	Nature based education including tree identification, natural area restoration, youth nature classes, sustainability classes for homes and work with school for their science classwork
1	The paving at the North East entrance needs to be addressed. When paved, spaces were left open for trees. The trees were deemed as invasive species and were removed leaving 2 boxed in plots of dirt. They create an uneven surface and provide people to loose their balance.
1	I am interested in the programming at the Environmental Center. I hope that the Park District staff will collaborate with local sustainability organizations on the programming. I also hope that the Environmental Center will be available for meetings and programs of sustainability organizations for free or at a modest cost in order to promote our joint goals.
1	If you should have a sculpture garden the sculpture should be interactive so children can climb it. I don't necessarily recommend a sculpture garden.
1	The land for Austin Gardens was donated by the Austin family to be a "GARDEN" not a park like the larger parks in Oak Park. Austin Gardens does not need to be a magnet for high traffic. It is an OASIS in what is becoming a very dense area of OUR village. Please leave it as a Wildlife Garden.

4. Are there any changes to current programs or features that should be considered for Austin Gardens?

Count	Response
1	Do not add any more programs to this GARDEN.
2	No
1	no. Would love the access to Lake Street through the park. SW corner needs raising so water doesn't pool. New trees need watering once put in.
1	The Festival theater is nice but it would be wonderful if the park could remain open to the public more during summer evenings. It is important to the community that the new building does not increase the busyness of the park and ruin the peacefulness that we relish in Austin Gardens.
1	The park needs to be open and more inviting; similar to what the Park District did with Mills Park. That is now a much more used park and presents itself as welcoming.
1	I'm pleased and excited about the features of the grounds and the environmental center. I think that it will be an important resource for the community especially if local sustainability groups are included in the programming and space usage.

5. Are you in support of expanding the current entrance at the Northwest corner of the park and the two entrances off of Forest Avenue to improve park access and provide a more welcoming feel?

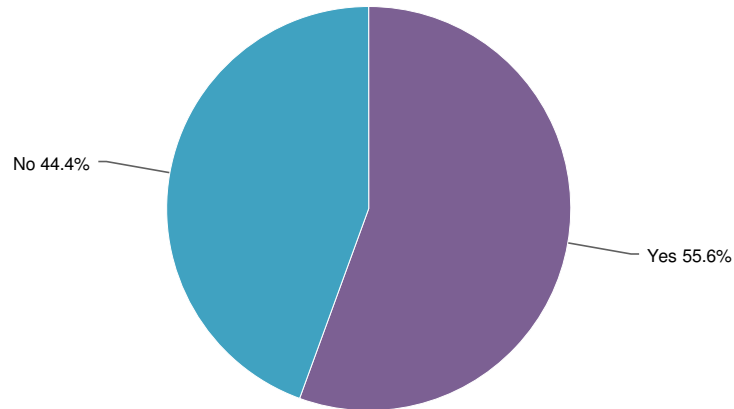


Value	Percent	Count
Yes	60.0%	6
No	40.0%	4
Total		10

6. Why are you not in support of expanding the current entrance at the Northwest corner of the park and the two entrances off of Forest Avenue to improve park access and provide a more welcoming feel?

Count	Response
1	Does not need it
1	I think the entrances function well as they are. The paving irregularities need to be addressed
1	The park is already welcoming, in the summer ones only have to take a glance and it's automatically draws people in

7. Are you in support of creating a new entrance into the park at the Southwest corner of the park off of the alley?



Value	Percent	Count
Yes	55.6%	5
No	44.4%	4
Total		9

8. Why are you not in support of creating a new entrance into the park at the Southwest corner of the park off of the alley?

Count	Response
1	What is it for? resident rarely walk through that alley, mostly service vehicles. If an entrance created off there it will only creates a getaway exit for criminals/vandals and a dangerous access to residents especially young children. Entrance off the alley only for service purpose only, and it's to be locked at all times
1	An Alley entrance out to Lake Street encourages dealing in the park because it allows for quick exit to an area with more pedestrian and vehicle traffic. There have been years where there was a very large quantity of drug dealing going on in Austin Gardens.
1	I think it will serve to allow people who are not up to good behavior, such as drug users or thieves an escape. I do not think it will help solve other problems. The building will probably help solve these issues.

9. Do you have any additional comments regarding future improvements to Austin Gardens?

Count	Response
1	Don't plan any future IMPROVEMENTS that do NOT improve the GARDENS!!!
1	I would like to understand how the nature building will be used.
1	No, the plan looks great
1	I am excited about the opening of the Education Center and learning about the sustainability efforts.
1	Regarding programming for the new Environmental Center, I think careful consideration should be given to create the right balance between expanding programming in order to take advantage of the new center and maintaining the unique passive environment of other areas in the park. This is clearly important to the senior neighbors, many of whom don't have the option to easily visit other parks. Some programs could be targeted to seniors, or grandparent/grandchildren events.
1	Thank you for hosting the public meeting this week. I learned a lot about the interests and concerns of neighbors of the park and residents of Brookdale. The meeting was managed respectfully and honestly. Thanks! Sally Stovall, Green Community Connections
1	The fence and gates are beautiful and give the park part of its feeling of being a place set apart. It is a place of quiet and green in an increasingly busy environment. The changes to the gates need to be thought about carefully. The entrances actually function well currently. I do not see a need to widen the entrance at the Ontario crosswalk. Perhaps the North- west entrance could be improved. Paving needs to be looked at at the North East entrance. Get rid of the "boxes" that used to house trees. The South west entrance to the alley should not be added until the effect of the new Environmental Education Centet is evaluated. Let's revisit it in 2020. The swinging gates are currently used by the Festival Theater to close off the park during their performances. I do not think you can get rid of the gates at the entrances because of this use. I wish it was possible for part of the park to remain open during Theater use. Maybe the North area but that would require some other kind of barrier to be used by the theater. Also, have there been any problems with the FT stage during the days. Kids climb and play on it. Has anyone ever gotten hurt? The "cloud" sculpture has metal bands that look sharp- anyone ever gotten hurt? We do not want accidents or law suits. I hope that increased use of the park by a preschool and day camp will be carefully thought through. Safety is essential. Also, there will be greatly increased auto and pedestrian traffic when the new tower opens. Drop offs for children, parking and safety for all using the park will be issues. Thank you for you care and attention and for hosting a meeting. We love Austin Gardens. We want it to remain the special place that it has been.
1	I like a passive park with no real organized activities except nature learning. I do enjoy hearing the children play midday that come from the schools. Try to create things that avoid drunks, drug users, etc.

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