

Initial Report






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1. Demographic Questions First, we'd like to learn a little bit more about you and your household. Excluding yourself, how many individuals in the following age groups live in your household?

#	Question	None	1	2	3	4	5+	Total Responses	Mean
1	Under 5 years old	62%	23%	12%	2%	0%	0%	365	2
2	5-9 years old	66%	22%	11%	1%	0%	0%	334	1
3	10-17 years old	64%	22%	10%	3%	1%	0%	349	2
4	18-24 years old	83%	13%	3%	0%	0%	0%	300	1
5	25-34 years old	53%	32%	13%	1%	0%	1%	347	2
6	35-44 years old	52%	32%	16%	0%	0%	0%	350	2
7	45-64 years old	48%	33%	18%	1%	0%	0%	384	2
8	65 years or older	71%	18%	11%	0%	0%	0%	316	1



Statistic	Under 5 years old	5-9 years old	10-17 years old	18-24 years old	25-34 years old	35-44 years old	45-64 years old	65 years or older
Min Value	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Max Value	6	4	5	5	6	3	6	4
Mean	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	1
Variance	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0
Standard Deviation	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Total Responses	365	334	349	300	347	350	384	316

2. What is your age?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Under 17 years old		0	0%
2	18-24 years old		8	1%
3	25-34 years old		152	25%
4	35-44 years old		164	27%
5	45-64 years old		205	33%
6	65 years or older		84	14%
	Total		613	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	2
Max Value	6
Mean	4
Variance	1
Standard Deviation	1
Total Responses	613

3. What is your gender?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Male		218	36%
2	Female		384	63%
3	Other		4	1%
	Total		606	

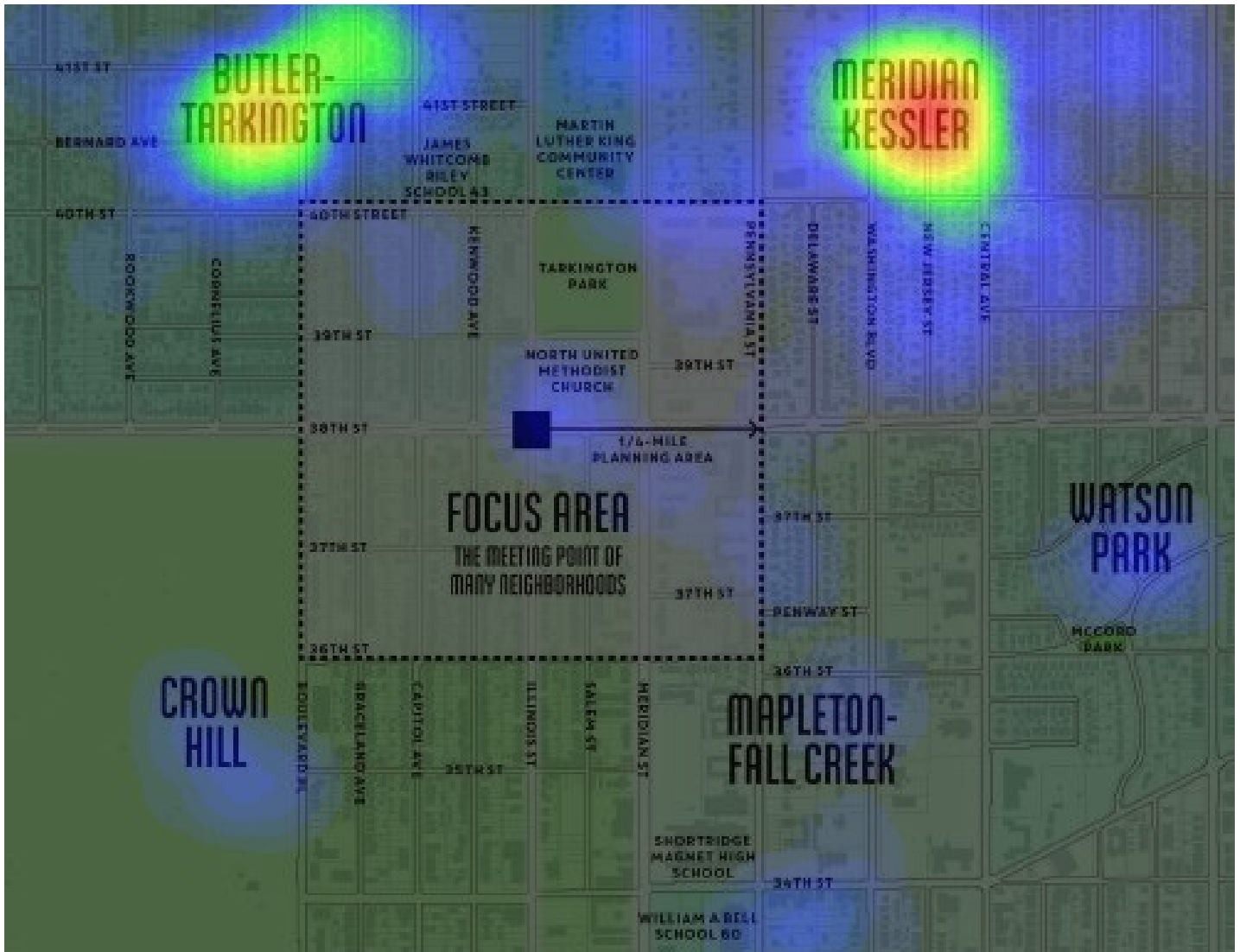
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Max Value	3
Mean	2
Variance	0
Standard Deviation	0
Total Responses	606

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Statistic	Value
Total Responses	536

5. Please click on the map below to indicate in which neighborhood you live. If you do not live in any of the areas indicated on the map, please skip ahead to the next question.



Statistic	Value
Total Responses	304

6. Please share with us the area/neighborhood where you live.

Text Response
Butler Tarkington
Keystone-Monon
St. Joseph
Spirit Lake Condominiums after 26 years in Meridian-Kessler home.
Butler Tarkington
South BroadRipple 54th and Broadway St.
Sobro
Crown Hill
Meridian Kessler
Mapleton Fall Creek
Nora
Mapleton Fall Creek - Specifically Union Park Place/Corydon
Meridian Kessler
Meridian Kessler
MK / Zone 2
Meridian Kessler, south of 52nd street
Butler Tarkington - Blue Ridge & Boulevard
Meridian Kessler Zone 1 (39th & Delaware)
Tarkington towers
Zone two MK
Near IPS 43, on Capital Ave
mapleton-fall creek
Meridian Kessler, 39th and Central area
Zone 2
I live at 41st and Cornelius in the Butler/Tarkington area.
Washington Park
Broad ripple
B-T
Meridian Kessler
43rd & Broadway
Butler/Tarkington
Butler Tarkington
Central & 40th
Meridian Kessler Zone 2
Meridian Kessler. 40 North on Meridian Condos
40th and Meridian, 40 North on Meridian Condos
SoBro
meridian kessler
I grew up in butler tarkinton
Highland Park/Holy Cross
Meridian Street-BTNA side
Windermere - Fishers. Previous Butler-Tarkington resident (2008-2015).
Broad Ripple
Lawrence
Historic Meridian Park
Broad Ripple
Westfield centennial
Irvington
butler tarkington
Meridian Kessler
Meridian Hills
54th and Meridian

Broad Ripple
Meridian Kessler
I live in southern Broad Ripple just south of Chatard
Geist
Broad Ripple
Butler T
Market East downtown Indy, although I used to live in just south of Kessler Blvd and Keystone Ave.
Butler-Tarkington
SoBro, near St. Joan of Arc
Broad Ripple
Traders Point
Butler Tarkington
Old Town Speedway
Mapleton Fall Creek 32nd and Meridian
Meridian Kessler - South ish, within reach of Tarkington park on foot.
Stadium Lofts in old Bush Stadium on 16th Street
Camel
Clearwater Cove 82nd & Dean Rd
41/Illinois
Sobro
MKNA
Clifton on the River
Meridian-Kessler/SoBro
Broad Ripple
Warleigh
Meridian Street between 40th and 43rd
Fox hill
Butler-Tarkington. Tarkington Tower
Chatham Arch
Meridian Kessler neighborhood
Meridian Kessler
Zone 6 of MK
Nora
Meridian Kessler Zone 2
Golden Hill
Meridian Kessler
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Meridian Kessler Zone 1
Warleigh
Meridian Kessler Zone 2
Meridian Kessler zone 2
Meridian Kessler
MKNA
Mapleton Fallcreek
Butler Tarkington 43rd and meridian
Pike Township, Normandy Farm
Meridian Kessler Terrace

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Statistic	Value
Total Responses	280

7. In the last year, have you visited Tarkington Park?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Yes		293	49%
2	No		301	51%
	Total		594	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	2
Mean	2
Variance	0
Standard Deviation	1
Total Responses	594

8. How frequently do you visit the Tarkington Park?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Multiple times a day		10	3%
2	Once daily		12	4%
3	At least once a week		32	11%
4	At least every other week		33	11%
5	Monthly		33	11%
6	At least 4 times a year		78	27%
7	Fewer than 4 times a year		93	32%
	Total		291	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	7
Mean	5
Variance	3
Standard Deviation	2
Total Responses	291

9. Tell us more about your use of Tarkington Park today. Do you (select all that apply):

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Use the playground		152	38%
2	Use the shelter for picnics, reunions, or other functions		70	18%
3	Other		183	46%
4	Engage in informal or structured athletics		124	31%










Other	
Community meetings	
Volunteer Project	
informal	
None, we avoid it due to safety concerns	
running, walking dogs, tennis	
Currently not using it	
Walk the dog. Sit in the yard when it's nice.	
Relaxation	
None	
tennis	
a place to walk dog	
Walk dog, wander through with friends	
explore to envision where new devel. will be	
Youth group games from North Church	
Sunbathing	
Don't use	
Walk dog	
Dog park	
none	
meetings Great Places	
Dog walking	
Tarkington towers walking dog	
Have not used	
Neighborhood Tours or events	
It has been closed	
n/a	
Tennis courts	
tennis courts	
tennis courts	
Take dog for walks	
attend meetings	
none	
Just to visit it	
I use other parks instead such as Canterbury	
none	
walking	
Just like green space	
Don't use it though I pass it often	
attended groundbreaking events	
observe nature	
walk dog around grounds	
Relax and Read	
Walking with family	
running, tennis	
none	

Tennis Courts
none, as yet
take a walk
None
Do not use
Work
pet walking
Pick up trash
tennis courts
Walk my dog
born and raised there
None
enjoying outdoors
None
Do not use, but drive by daily
tennis & grass
Tennis
walking or lunch
None
Never used
No use at this time
none
walking and watching
Nonw
Haven't used it yet
walking
Tennis
Take dog
Walk
Never been there
exercise
Walk my dog, sit in the park
It's under construction, so I don't go there
none
walked
My daughter likes to go "treasure hunting" because there is so much trash, and she enjoys finding the interesting tidbits.
love the idea of music or plays or just walking the dog through
Community gathering
Political Rally
Tennis courts
Take a casual walk from my worksite.
Haven't used due to safety concerns
Enjoy nature
walking
we dont use the park currently due to the unsafe stigma, incredible amount of trash at nearby business, and unpredictable citizens that wander in the area.
attend public meetings nearby and head over before or after
Kids used to play jr tennis there
nature walk
n/a
have not used thus far, just moved here last May 2015
Tennis
Walk the dog
Haven't visited yet
General play
Walk dog

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Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	4
Total Responses	397

10. What informal or structured athletic activities do you engage in at the park?
Please select all that apply.

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Football		36	31%
2	Basketball		33	28%
3	Baseball		4	3%
4	Soccer		11	9%
5	Frisbee		23	20%
6	Volleyball		6	5%
7	Tennis		53	45%
8	Running		25	21%
9	Other		16	14%

Other
Taekwondo
dog walking
Walking
Hurling
Biking
Walkung
Ultimate Frisbee
Walking
Tai-Chi, walking, stretching
Yoga
ect.
We need a football field for the Indy Steelers, our youth neighborhood team.
We need a home football field for our neighborhood team.

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	9
Total Responses	117

11. When would you and your household be most likely to buy food and/or beverages in the park? (Select up to 3)

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Weekdays before 11am		51	9%
2	Weekdays from 11am-3pm		118	22%
3	Weekdays after 3pm		209	38%
4	Weekends before 11am		107	20%
5	Weekends from 11am-3pm		356	65%
6	Weekends after 3pm		238	43%
7	Other		52	9%

Other
likely never
Weekends
None
Not convinced the cafe is a n'hood need
Coffee shop
Depends of the type of food and service available
Never
Never
No food--will bring trash & litter
most likely not at all, except for the bathroom
never
may not use it
happy hours
Would not use
Not likely ever use it
None
The park is in a rough area. Would be tough to get me there
Weekends before 11a. And weekdays before 11a. Breakfast and coffee
none
wouldn't buy at the park, would use other community businesses
Farmers market. Morning coffee
Not sure
I work from home so it would depend on what was offered
Early morning coffee during the work week, after work during work week - all hours on weekends!
depends on food served
Probably never
Must evaluate safety b 4 attending.
probably wouldn't
none
not often because pricing would not be in my budget
na
Not
probably not
5-8 pm
Depends on what you serve
not often
Various times
once
Not
Bever

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1

Max Value	7
Total Responses	548

12. For which of the following occasions are you and your household most likely to use food service offerings in the park? (Select up to 3)

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Meeting friends or colleagues for breakfast		133	24%
2	Grabbing morning or afternoon coffee		215	39%
3	Lunch with family, friends or colleagues		266	48%
4	Getting a snack while kids play in the park		229	42%
5	Having appetizers and/or drinks with friends or colleagues		212	39%
6	Buying snacks/beverages during a performance or athletic event		201	37%
7	Other		38	7%

Other
All of the above
Post-tennis snack or drinks
likely never
Weekend breakfast
Not really likely to use food service
snacks after a run
Just hope it's affordable, healthy & geared toward current park users
To go lunch
after tennis beers
event
Never
Never
No Food!
None
never
Football games
Would not use
Not likely
would go to the nearest Starbucks or like business
Burger on weekend afternoons
I wouldn't
Not
coffee shop is not lunch
Snacks during a bike ride.
Purchasing snack items
Never
Probably never

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	7
Total Responses	549

13. How often would you and your household be likely to use food/beverage options in the park?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Multiple times per week		60	11%
2	Once a week		96	17%
3	Once or twice a month		244	43%
4	Rarely		129	23%
5	Never		35	6%
	Total		564	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	5
Mean	3
Variance	1
Standard Deviation	1
Total Responses	564

14. What type of food/beverage offering would you and your household most like to have at the park? (Select up to 3)

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Coffee shop		185	34%
2	Cafe (coffee, tea, pastries, and cold sandwiches)		315	58%
3	Food trucks		214	39%
4	Ice cream, smoothie, or frozen yogurt shop		255	47%
5	Restaurant with beer/wine		226	41%
6	Restaurant without beer/wine		49	9%
7	Pizzeria		81	15%
8	Other		34	6%
9	Concession-type food		65	12%

Other
cafe with hot food
none
Healthy fresh food
Local, healthy light meal or snacks
healthy food options
Don't see us using the park. Hope it's for families; no alcohol
Need spirits too-beer and wine is too limiting
Healthy option
Fresh options it's not a restaurant its a park why take away from usable outdoor space to replace it with fatty unhealthy food?
None, I do not view this as a good investment of resources
something small but offers beer and wine or spirits would be very cool
vegan
Brunch/Luncheon Cafe
does not apply to me
starbucks type with wine & beer
NONE
vegan
Cafe Patachou-like option
Doesn't matter to me
Local, non-processed
vegan
Bring our own healthy snack & water.
Like Star Buck
Actually, all of the above except NO alcohol
love food trucks, but expensive and random times/days, prefer healthy low-cost
vegan

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	9
Total Responses	547

15. What recreational activities would you and your household be most likely to participate in at the park? (Select up to 5)






#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Youth basketball		118	22%
2	Adult basketball		67	12%
3	Youth football		79	15%
4	Youth soccer		117	22%
5	Youth tee-ball/baseball		90	17%
6	Youth tennis		97	18%
7	Adult tennis		147	27%
8	Adult aerobics		107	20%
9	Martial arts		48	9%
10	Dance		77	14%
11	Zumba		80	15%
12	Yoga		223	41%
13	Other		59	11%
15	Walking/running		352	65%
16	Chess		59	11%
17	Ping-pong		46	8%
18	Ice skating		127	23%

Other
frisbee golf
Skateboard
Youth Soccer
activities for my Grandchild
Kite flying
none
concerts
Board Games
Hurling
??
I like Bryant Park in NYC
jogging
Bocce, pickle ball
Adult Rec Leagues (Circle City Athletics, for example, would attract young professionals and recent college graduates
People watching
Bocce Ball
adult soccer
A track for running
boot camp classes
Jazzercise
Need outdoor exercise equip
Bocce Ball
playground
The area desperately needs an outdoor ice skating rink.
Sand Volleyball
A vendor called California's Finest
None
Adult soccer
Take grandchildren to the above choices
Tai Chi
Pilates
dog walking

Pickleball
concerts
Gymnastics, skateboarding
Youth baseball and soccer
Bocce, Shuffleboard, Horseshoes
picnic
Kite Flyin
Would not be a participant
pickleball
child'a playground
Bike rally
basketball
community picnic
Water aerobics
dog park
roller skating
kickball, adult soccer
other kind of movement not quite these
swimming
nature walks

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	18
Total Responses	544

16. How often would you and your household be likely to participate in recreational options at the park?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Multiple times per week		112	20%
2	Once a week		155	28%
3	Once or twice a month		187	34%
4	Rarely		82	15%
5	Never		19	3%
	Total		555	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	5
Mean	3
Variance	1
Standard Deviation	1
Total Responses	555

17. What kind of performances, shows, or events would you attend at the Tarkington Park stage? (Select up to 3)







#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Classical music		169	31%
2	Jazz or bluegrass		343	62%
3	Gospel or soul		117	21%
4	Opera or musicals		71	13%
5	Theatre/ drama		242	44%
6	Dance		92	17%
7	Other		48	9%
8	Movies in the park		380	69%

Other
none
New (up and coming) musicians (Wild Feathers, Anderson East, Shakey Graves, etc.)
Geared towards kids
Pop, contemporary, country
Local/Small bands
indie music
rock/contemporary music
reggae
Band concerts like town band concerts on cape cod
pop music
Rock music
Rock music
all good and possible
Neighbor area kid bands
concerts
No events---just green space
Big Screen broadcast of Colts games (like Cincinnati)
rock & americana music
Children's band
blues, jazz, classical or theater
rock
Independent music festival
rock/folk music
Rock music
indie rock
fun music
Local bands like you would see at Après Jacks
Rock/folk
None
general concerts/music
Summer concert series featuring alternative, acoustic, hip hop and folk artists
Rock / Indie
Small concerts with bands? Some light rock would also be nice. Theatre/drama is also a good idea.
Blues
alternative rock, any live music
Local/Youth anything
Concerts of touring acts
Shakespeare in the park
Outdoor Speaker Series
indie pop/rock
Acoustic singer/band

Nothing after dark, would disrupt sleep time of neighborhood
any of these!
none

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	8
Total Responses	550






18. What other kinds of arts/culture offerings would you and your household be most likely to participate in at the park? (Select up to 3)

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Ceramics/ pottery		167	32%
2	Painting/ art classes		207	40%
3	Dance classes		126	24%
4	Youth art programs		231	45%
5	First Fridays (cultural gathering first Friday of every month)		385	75%
6	Other		40	8%

Other
none
performances
Exercise classes
Photography
Religious
A community garden/urban farm (talk to Growing Places Indy) could provide a beautiful green space and educational opportunity for youth and adults, and could contribute to a farmers market in the future; Growing Places also offers affordable/free/donation yoga classes open to everyone, which would be an affordable option for residents that don't have the income to pay for a studio package--the park would be a wonderful location for such a program
music festivals with featured artists
would like to see dance performance, also
writing
story telling for families
Cultural Awareness Sessions
dog park, farmers market
Entrepreneur classes
Art fair
None
Arts and crafts fairs
Dog park
none
speakers, authors
Concert Bands
none
Cooking/Food Classes
all the above
instrumental music instruction
None
no other
Author signings
try MLK Center for these
art performances
cooking classes
community awareness
music lessons if winterized building is added
none

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	6
Total Responses	515

19. How often would you and your household be likely to attend or participate in arts and culture programming at the park?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Multiple times per week		66	12%
2	Once a week		106	19%
3	Once or twice a month		289	52%
4	Rarely		78	14%
5	Never		12	2%
	Total		551	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	5
Mean	3
Variance	1
Standard Deviation	1
Total Responses	551

20. What other program offerings would you and your household like to see in the park? (Select up to 5)

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Art classes for kids		181	34%
2	Workshops for adults		180	33%
3	Youth after-school programming		167	31%
4	Youth summer camps		180	33%
5	Reading and/or tutoring program		127	24%
6	Area to host birthday parties		161	30%
7	Farmers' market (Saturday mornings)		441	82%
8	Mobile library		113	21%
9	Weight loss programs		63	12%
10	Senior citizen programs		142	26%
11	Support groups		43	8%
12	Neighborhood Book Club		81	15%
13	Healthy eating		142	26%
14	Other		23	4%

Other
neighborhood gatherings
Religious
Anything for youth, even though there are none in my household, the neighborhood needs the services
Youth related activity ages 8-17
nature walks
Splash pad
Youth drama classes
Dog training
dog park
LIVE MUSIC FOR KIDS!
Music Classes
Dog park? Pay for use?
Work out gym
tennis lessons
Free Access to Stage
Whatever is held there, there should be a police presence
neighborhood association meetings
Movies in the Park
nature walks
try MLK center for thses
Bridge
workout center
nature walks

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	14
Total Responses	539

21. Are there any concerns that would keep you and your household from using Tarkington Park?

Text Response
None
I'm concerned that items being put in the park have not been well thought out which is the main concern. The cafe it currently being built with no group committed for it which doesn't make sense and will increase costs for more of a build out. Also, given the current state of many parks, who is going to maintain all of these new items with limited city budgets. Is there a maintenance fund for these items and is it all being done for an initial flash with the hope that "if you build it they will come"?
Yes, I wouldn't want to expose my family to the type of people who congregate along 38th Street. What's to prevent these same people from loitering at the new park?
Bike accessibility & crossing 38th Street
Crime, or we'd love it. Enjoy tennis, dining out, and activities in safe locations. We almost moved to Tarkington Tower because we feel it has excellent security. The Starbucks did not survive on the corner there. It's a shame, and the plans are ambitious in a crime area.
trash and often unmowed grass
safety and security, parking
Bad neighborhood
We have to cross 38th St to get there (with 2 small children), so making the areas around the park more walkable and pedestrian-friendly would be great.
Safety
Too many structured use areas like football fields and additional sports fields that are only minimally used and not applicable to the vast majority of park users.
NO
None.
Only if it weren't pet friendly. I have two therapy dogs I take everywhere with me.
Clenliness and security of the park
It would have to be safe.
Safety issues
Crime in the 38/meridian , 38/ill area
I would want the park to be well-lit and kept clean.
Reputation, whether deserved or not, for crime - especially after dark.
Right now the park is rather dirty and unkempt. It needs to be clean and well-maintained before I would want to bring my kids there. Also, we live within walking distance but east of Meridian. There needs to be a safer way to cross Meridian.
Potential for crime
Would like a hawkeye installed at 44th and Meridian to make pedestrian crossing safer.
Noise/crime/unsupervised youth
Safety, cleanliness of the park.
While I know it will be better once the park is completed, I am still concerned of my safety, especially in the evening. The are is improving, but I am still uncomfortable to walk myself in the evenings/dusk.
Crossing Meridian at 40th Street
Crime
none that I can think of at this time.
We haven't used it as much bc we have witnessed people passed out from drinking. Sleeping on picnic tables. Really dirty and unkept play grounds. It needs to be clean. Safe. And we'll kept
It is difficult crossing Meridian St. at 40th St. to get to the park, so it would be great to have a stop light there. There are occasionally homeless sleeping in the pavilion, but none have ever been aggressive.
Safety
No
Not having a stop light to safely cross at 40th & Meridian.
For walking purposes, crossing over Meridian St at 40th St. Currently not a safe intersection for people who live east of the park.
Lack of crosswalks / lights for pedestrians and bicyclists along 40th - especially across Meridian
Getting safely across Meridian St. We need a "hawkeye" crossing at Meridian and 40th like there is at the Alice Carter Place park at 57th and Meridian. Please address this issue, or I predict the park will go largely unused by those of us in the neighborhood immediately to the east of the park.
Security, unsupervised kids, upkeep of the park facilities
Crossing meridian @ 40th street is challenging. A stoplight or pedestrian bridge would be wonderful. The bridge is most enticing, as it can serve as a gateway or marker for out "great place."
Need a safe cross walk at 40th and meridian. Currently there is no safe walkway to the park.
Broken glass has been an issue in the past that keeps me from walking my dog or riding my bike around the park.
none
There needs to be a safe way to cross Meridian St. at 40th. I've noticed the very smart one at Alice Carter Park.
Right now safety we moved into north butler Tarkington last July and I currently would not feel safe taking my family to the park in its current state and the recent history of crime
Safety
Safety issues. Crime.

Car safety
Safety & upkeep
Safety
Dangerous to cross Meridian at 40th without a light. Neighborhood drug use and crime,
Love it and am excited about the growth
We don't have kids & outside a few potential art/culture programs (maybe a yoga class) I'm not sure we'll use the park. I support its improvements & just hope they'll focus on long time resident/youth needs rather than a focus on what (gentrifying) newcomers want.
Crime
Traffic crossing meridian st
safety
crime
Safety/Security
safety---will it be safe and how will we know?
Yes, crime!
Fenced area for play - current playground is open and allows kids to run off. Prefer safe zone for play areas, particularly next to a busy streets like Illinois and Meridian.
Not during daytime. Would want to ensure safety during evening events.
There aren't currently many activities available there
Crime activity and parki g
I have little extendible funds to purchase food it to pay for activities. The park must recognize my desire for activities and lack of expendable income.
Safety and security. Vandalism , loiterers, drug dealers, unruly kids and adults
SAFETY. SECURITY
Distance from our home
currently limited offerings. Looking forward to the improvements.....
crime, insufficient lighting, areas for people to hide
Just the fact that I may not be in Indianapolis for much longer due to job opportunities.
Visible on foot law enforcement presence in the evening would be good.
parking, until the Red Line goes in
No.
No activities for African Americans. I grew up in the area and we had youth sports activities, baseball, football,and a youth center. This next generation needs to have access to the same programs. If not the neighborhood will be back to a crime riddled mess. Putting the youth in jail with no rehabilitation just increases anger in these kids. Invest in there education and not in there incarceration, it would cost less money.
Security, security, security. Many people are simply scared to go there because they have seen the drug dealing etc. that has taken place in broad daylight for years. To be honest, unless there are several IMPD officers present, we would not stop there with our kids.
I see this effort as a great way to help revitalize this neighborhood. Making sure that this part is very walkable an pedestrian friendly (getting to the park) is a significant concern with 38th St and Meridian going right by it.
Safety/ violence is my #1 biggest concern. Especially for the kids sake. I'm excited about the park improvements. That would be the only thing that would keep me from frequenting the park... I hope there is a plan to keep the park safe for our kids and families
Please consider the noise level. I live in the condos off of 40th and Meridian. Currently, one of things I love most about living here is how quiet it is. Please do not make loudspeakers and loud noise a part of the development or highly consider what choices you make and the impacts they will have for the local neighbors. Hearing classical music or jazz is lovely; Hearing loud announcements, loud music, loud sound effects from movies sounds dreadful to me. Parks should be peaceful and fun. Thank you.
Lack of parking
Crime
We do not live very close but we do travel to the area often and would use the park more if it felt more like a destination
We need to make sure there is a good plan for upkeep in place.
being so close to a well-documented rough crime area just south of 38th, it would be important to have on site security to discourage car break-ins or other criminal activity that would surely discourage widespread use of the park...
Not incorporating and expanding on the many uses that neighborhoods already used the park for like sports. Open fields and areas are being unearthed and it concerns me as to whattheywill be replaced with. Youth should be the primary focus of a majority of the considerations in redevelopment of the park. Also once facilities are constructed easy access for the neighborhood residents to organize and come up with their own ways to maximize its use.
Safety and parking.
Safety - the presence of dangerous high-speed traffic on at least three sides of the park. Lack of safe bicycle routes to the park due to dangerous vehicle traffic. Pollution from excessive vehicle traffic. Lack of anything else to do or anywhere else to go near the park. Crime and unruly behavior.
No, but there should be some major attraction besides a playground. We've had experience with Hermann Park in Houston. There is, besides a playground, a zoo, a train, a performance space, and a pond that serves as a center for water-birds. So that makes several things to do once you get to the park -- a major draw to people. Of all these (plus, of course, the playground) I think the pond makes most sense. Something to walk around and talk to the kids about nature at.
personal mobility issues
no
Safety, security
I won't use the park as it's not close to my home.
Safety, cleanliness.
No

safety due to proximity to a high crime area, notoriously 38th street

Have a diverse variety of options for all neighborhood residents, including north and south of 38th.

Safety is the biggest concern. Building genuine relationships with the police officers assigned to the area will go a long way to open lines of communication and address any concerns. It's important that people be able to enjoy the park and feel protected without feeling "policed." I would love to help create a piece of public art/mural in plain site of the park (hello, Department of Public Words!) I imagine a colorful display that brings life to the park even in the dead of winter.

Traffic speed around the park. Safely lit areas for night time use. Ease of access by car or transit.

Safety

Lack of maintenance.

crime/violence/safety

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Total Responses	378

22. Is there anything else you would like us to know about how you and your household currently use Tarkington Park, would use Tarkington Park in the future, or what offerings/programs you would like to see there?

Text Response
Would love to see the area become more pedestrian / bike friendly, slower car speeds, narrower streets. Would love to see the adjacent businesses interact with the park more - sidewalk cafes, etc. Can't want to see the cafe component.
It would be nice to have walkways with benches and street lights as more of a neighborhood park rather than a "destination" place.
live music, performances
I hope the park would offer activities that enhance the lives of people in the neighborhood, not just activities that people living outside of it desire.
Love the idea of the cafe to meet other families and chat/enjoy food and drink while our kids play. I also LOVE the idea of a Farmers Market and anything related to helping food access within this food desert... as well as programming for children.
Having a cafe with coffee and beer/wine would be great. There are very few options in that immediate area and would draw new users to the park. Outdoor music, much like Symphony on the Prairie on a smaller scale, would be an awesome addition to Midtown and something unique that isn't offered in many other neighborhoods. A dog park would be awesome, but not critical. Walking paths, well landscaped open space, and lighting would greatly enhance the existing amenities already in the park.
Right now anything in the park will be nice.
Gardening, bee keeping, dog obedience or how to train your pet to be well behaved in public places.
Not currently using the park because of perceived problem with safety.
Trees are an integral part of making a park a welcome and pretty place to spend time. Not to mention creating shade and cool spots for the hot days of summer. I hope you will keep the healthy mature trees that are already a part of Tarkington and add more to walking trails and grassy areas for picnicking or just having a seat in the shade. We also would love a new playground to spend time at, but again some shaded areas of the playground are key to using it in the hot summer months!! Trees trees trees!!
There is no easy access to the park from the east side of meridian street- need a stoplight & crosswalk for crossing
We don't use it frequently now except for tennis in the summer because there's not much there to do. I feel like if there were a cafe, more structured programs, and perhaps a dog park, we would use it much more frequently.
Would like to see water features which could be used by children to cool off in the summer
Build it - Build it Great - don't stop dreaming - go against the status quo - landmarks take vision.
N/A
Excited to have this within walking/biking distance! And, grateful it will be revitalizing the neighborhood.
I would like to see security
Safe way to cross meridian. Needs to be a stop light at 40th. Difficult for families to cross. Another barrier to going. We love to walk, bike and be outside. Water parks are another big attractions. We are also a multi racial family.
We love the playground and swings. It is nice to have the multi-level of equipment to grow with her age. It would be wonderful to have a farmers market and concerts like other parks offer.
We look forward to using the splash park area.
Would love to see concerts or other musical events.
Offerings for pets/pet owners
Walking paths for dog. Splash park.
I would love to see a fenced "dog park" area like there is in Broad Ripple park. That would get me to come to the park several times a week.
Would LOVE to see better traffic control at the 40/Meridian intersection, to facilitate pedestrians and those with small children trying to cross the street to get to and from the park from Meridian-Kessler.
my family will use the playground most right now, but I would really like to see a space that everyone can utilize. Safely crossing meridian is a huge concern.
I would like to see wild flowers and trees to walk around and look at. This would draw me most.
Support MLK center as well
Kite flying !!! Lessons, contests, etc.
Please allow dogs
Would be nice if traditional open park areas for lounging or playing frisbee could be retained. Also playground space.
Will there be a dog park?
When will the dog park open?
na
Tarkington Park is a gem in our neighborhood. We need to make sure the programming is constant. The cafe needs to be more than just snacks and sandwiches. Outdoor dining is critical and will bring in more business. I would like to see a 5-7:30 offering of drinks and dinners or appetizers
We are looking forward to the new playground option and having the "alternative" style jungle gym. We will definitely visit it for a change of pace from the traditional play areas in our current Fishers neighborhood.
Make sure there are a variety of diverse offerings for all ages and socioeconomic groups.
Make this a fun & safe place that draws people from surrounding neighborhoods.
Dog park
N/A
Biggest difficulty would be getting across Meridian st near 38th st safely.
More parking, stop light on 40th and Meridian for park traffic, Safe environment for everyone.
First step to improving the neighborhood. Good grocery farmers market senior citizen

My office is directly across the street from the park and anything to improve the part and its frequent use would be of great benefit personally plus increased foot traffic would benefit our business.

It would be nice to use the park for community events and celebrations like art fairs and festivals.

If I lived in close proximity to Tarkington Park, I would see it as an invaluable amenity to the area. I would frequently use it for all different things and I see it as an improvement that will only lead to more positive, equitable development in the surrounding neighborhoods. I hope to see the dead trees replaced in the future, and perhaps an all-weather turf soccer/football field (if it could fit)

Nope.

Invest in our youth.

I think just to keep the programming universal for all the different age groups represented in our neighbor hood. I live right across the street from the park and I have 80 year old and 8 year old neighbors.. So lots of arts, sports, adult learning and activities. I do not think we need alcohol. It seems like it would be an added liability..

How do you intend to advertise programs? Specifically, I'd love to do yoga in the park and play adult tennis with others. I wonder how I will be informed of these opportunities? Thank you.

Neighborhood/people cohesion stuff: e.g., crime watch, spring and fall plant exchanges, car pools, alley cleanup days, etc

Parks need to be beautiful and well maintained with quality rest rooms. Sufficient funds are needed to keep the park active and to keep landscaping p in a way that attracts people to enjoy the green space.

The park needs to remain a focus for the residents that live closest to it and to offer good programming for them.

probably would ride bike to the park...hopefully there would be plenty of bike racks.

Innovative programming for youth. More coaches and mentors available for youth sports. Open mixed use space. Fresh food options. Healthy food options and focus on small business we would not like to see a pink berry or orange leaf open up here!

Bike-ability is important.

The park has great potential, and we'd love to use the park more if there were more amenities, like those being built and those planned. However, if it's too dangerous to ride our bikes there with our kids then we'll mostly avoid going there.

Well, better look at the space previous.

no

Wish the time options to select would've included quarterly.

No

I have never used it since I'm closer to Broadripple park amenities but I do drive by tarkington park every day back and forth on my way to work which might cause me to stop

I want to see plentiful bike racks, even bike shelters (see Portland), knowing I can bike to the park on any given day and have access to a safe place to lock up. As a young professional, I know that recreational sports leagues, movies in the park, jazz or bluegrass music, art classes, an urban garden/farmers market, and yoga classes would be a strong draw for my generation. The park should be a place for everyone, though! Your location is IDEAL for youth after-school programs and summer camps which are crucial for the neighborhood youth. Creating a "walkable" area (read "Walkable City" by John Speck), where parents can enjoy a hot coffee, healthy lunch, and free wifi while their children play or participate will pay off. A place to grab appetizers and a beer after a game would be ideal for those without children, and could attract Butler students. I teach fitness at Butler University, and partnering with the university could be a great way to promote the use of the park and get the most out of the space--attracting more students, more local business, and bringing a community together. The sustainability of the building materials and how they are integrated into the natural landscape is very important to me as well and I hope great consideration and thoughtfulness are put into this aspect of planning for the sake of long term viability.

Parking

Consider how grandparents might use the park.

We enjoy walking around the park. We would love to see benches and walking paths put into the park. We have watched the construction since it started and we are very anxious to see how it will all turn out and be used. The cafe is a wonderful idea, but will it be self-sustaining? Thank you.

Bike parking, Blue Indy and access to the Red Line will be helpful to get there from downtown where we live.

I don't use Tarkington Park now. But I'm excited about the potential it can offer the community. We need great, SAFE areas for our children to play and people to come together as community (outside a church setting).

more music! more arts! this area of town is desperate for a live music/arts/culture scene!

We went to use the playground at Tarkington Park about a month ago and had to leave due to the drug use (2 different cars parked with marijuana use right next to children's playground) and presence of a man who we perceived to have some mental health issues climbing on the playground equipment. What is the plan for cleaning up/dealing with these kinds of issues?

We don't currently use the park, and look forward to the opportunity to utilize the park as we are so close!

I would like to have a field where multiple activities take place.

N/A

Would love to see a dog park! Outdoor concerts and movies would be fun, and a good coffee shop is a must! But - we will only start using the park if it's safe and free of crimes/drugs/shady people.

Tarkington Park is close enough, that if there were programs that I am truly interested in and the price is within my budget, I would give it a try.

No

Love the idea of being able to meet neighbors for coffee or a cocktail and/or enjoy some live music or performance.

Create a relationship with the Martin Luther King Community Center. We use the tennis courts and park area for our personal training sessions.

not that I can think of at present.

I think it's important to allow the use of the park in ways that aren't exclusive to a certain demographic, especially at the expense of others. Hopefully, the survey and resulting plans reflect the diversity of the neighborhood.

I am very glad the park is being upgraded as a community focus area.

A well maintained dog park and a massive rock climbing wall like the new one in Chicago's new public park downtown.

I don't have offering request, but am hoping that old tree stumps get ground down to turf level to help with the overall aesthetic appearance of the site.

Dog park?

When my son was in gradeschool they used the park for football practice. He is nearly out of high school now and we have neve used the park as a family simply for the safety factor. It is very close to 38th which I do not consider safe. I hope there will be a presence that will enable those who would like to use the park to feel and be safe. We definitely need a neighborhood park that is used by all residents. I would hope vagrants and those begging would be discouraged from the park.

I will very disappointed to see anything less than a hot food restaurant in the new facility. Additionally, if the park continues to be maintained as a Dandelion field study with no major shade trees, walking paths, lighting, and comfortable bench seating, it will continue to be of little use to the surrounding neighborhoods.

My children play football at park so it would be really nice to have a football field at the park.

Youth athletics, youth centered activities, weight loss programs,

Has to be clean and safe. I would feel less comfortable using it if some long-standing programs, like youth football, don't have a place to practice. I don't want my enjoyment to impinge on other programs.

No

It would be nice to see more police patrolling the area.

there was nothing about splash pad... that and playground will be our primary reasons for visiting.

No

We drive by it daily and I always wish we could go there, but it never looks safe or inviting.

Tarkington Park has a great history and needs to be bought back to life and used to its maximum potential

Not sure where the dog park stands in the phases of the development but it would be something that would draw me there more than anything. Being able to walk there is much better than driving into Broad Ripple.

No

We will always use the Arlington Park

None

We are not likely to use the park but support programming for wholesome entertainment, educational, physical fitness and health lifestyle.

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Total Responses	240

23. Closing Thank you for participating in this survey! If you would like us to contact you regarding Tarkington Park programs and offerings in the future, please enter your email address below. Have a great day and we hope to see you at the park!

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