



MacLaren
Community Park
Survey
Summary of Findings

Background

The project team, inclusive of the County of Los Angeles, Raw International, Lee Andrews Group, Ed Reyes and Tony Torres developed a community survey to engage El Monte residents on core issues related to the proposed development of a park at the MacLaren Hall site. Feedback on the survey was also sought from Office of Supervisor Hilda L. Solis and the City of El Monte.

Approach

The project team pursued a hybrid-approach to soliciting feedback from El Monte residents. This approach included surveying residents in-person and conducting the survey online.

Canvassing

Canvassing took place in the City of El Monte from Thursday, September 24th through Wednesday, September 30th. Communities within a ½ mile radius of the MacLaren Community Park Project site were canvassed. Additionally, the canvassing team sought feedback from residents in other parts of the City. **257 in-person surveys were collected.**

Online

The Community Survey became available via Survey Monkey on Thursday, September 24, 2020 and was live until Friday, October 9th. The survey was posted on the MacLaren Community Park website. It was promoted via social media, to the Community Advisory Committee Members and to past workshop participants. The project team also coordinated with the City of El Monte, Mountain View School District, El Monte City School District, El Monte Union High School District, and with community-based organizations. **A total of 228 surveys were completed online.**

The overall total of surveys collected is 485.

Overview of Results

Question 1: How long have you lived at your current address?

52% of overall respondents have resided at their current address for 9+ Years. For those within walking distance of MacLaren, 47% have resided at their current address for 9+ Years. 55% of those not within walking distance have resided at their current address for 9+ Years.

Question 2: Do you own or rent your current residence?

73% of overall respondents rent their current residence. For those within walking distance of MacLaren, 73% rent their current residence. 73% of those not within walking distance rent their current residence.

Question 3: What age groups reside in your household?*Overall*

- 45% have an elementary school aged child in the household
- 36% have a high school aged child in the household
- 27% have a middle school aged child in the household
- 26% have a toddler in the household
- 12% have someone over the age of 65 in the household

Walking Distance

- 44% have an elementary school aged child in the household
- 41% have a high school aged child in the household
- 26% have a middle school aged child in the household
- 26% have a toddler in the household
- 15% have someone over the age of 65 in the household

Not Walking Distance

- 51% are between ages of 19-34
- 45% have an elementary school aged child in the household
- 32% have a high school aged child in the household
- 28% have a middle school aged child in the household
- 24% have a toddler
- 10% have someone over the age of 65 in the household

Question 4: What is the park in your community that you currently go to?

Consultant Team analyzing data on this question.

Question 5: Is your current residence within walking distance of the MacLaren site?

45% (219) of respondents reside within walking distance of the MacLaren site. 55% (267) of respondents do not reside within walking distance of the MacLaren site.

Question 6: What would be your main method of getting to MacLaren Park?

58% of overall respondents would drive as their main method of getting to MacLaren Park, followed by 36% of overall respondents who would walk. For those within walking distance of MacLaren, 77% would walk, followed by 18%, who would drive. 90% of those not within walking distance would drive.

Question 7: In place of the existing wall on the Gilman side of the new park, what would you prefer?

Overall

- 36% of overall respondents would prefer See Through Fencing with Gates
- 33% of overall respondents would prefer No Barriers – Open Visibility of the Entire Park
- 25% of overall respondents would prefer Landscaped Hedges and Shrubs
- 7% answered other
 - Of the 34 participants that responded other, 25 preferred to keep the wall or the way it is

Walking Distance

- 46% would prefer See Through Fencing with Gates
- 27% would prefer No Barriers- Open Visibility of the Entire Park
- 16% would prefer landscaped hedges and shrubs

Not Walking Distance

- 37% would prefer No Barriers- Open Visibility of the Entire Park
- 33% would prefer landscaped hedges and shrubs
- 27% would prefer See Through Fencing with Gates

Question 8: Would you prefer that this park have set hours of operation?

81% of overall respondents prefer that the park have set hours of operation. For those within walking distance of MacLaren, 83% prefer set hours for the park. 80% of those not within walking distance prefer set hours for the park.

Question 9: Should additional off-street parking be provided for the park?

70% of overall respondents are in favor of additional off-street parking on both Gilman and Durfee. For those within walking distance of MacLaren, 65% are in favor of additional off-street parking on both Gilman and Durfee. 75% of those not within walking distance are in favor of additional off-street parking on both Gilman and Durfee.

Question 10: Where should walk-in and bike access to the park be located?

81% of overall respondents are in favor of walk-in and bike access on both Gilman and Durfee. For those within walking distance of MacLaren, 78% are in favor of walk-in and bike access on both Gilman and Durfee. 82% of those not within walking distance are in favor of walk-in and bike access on both Gilman and Durfee.

Question 11: Which of the park features would you or your family most likely use?

- The top three choices for overall respondents were: Picnic Tables, Benches and Splash Garden.
- The top three choices for those within walking distance were: Picnic Tables, Splash Garden and Benches
- The top three choices for those not within walking distance were: Benches, Picnic Tables and Splash Garden

Question 12: Which of the following activities would you or your family like to see in the park?

- The top choice for overall respondents was Soccer
- The top choice for those within walking distance was Soccer
- The top choice for those not within walking distance was Soccer

Question 13: What type of sports activities should the park support?

75% of overall respondents supported all of the above. For those within walking distance of MacLaren, 73% supported all of the above. 78% of those not within walking distance supported all of the above.

Question 14: Have you participated in any Community Workshops regarding the proposed park?

83% of overall respondents have not participated in any Community Workshops. For those within walking distance of MacLaren, 76% have not participated in any Community Workshops. 89% of those not within walking distance have not participated in any Community Workshops.

Question 15: Would you be interested in attending future community workshops regarding the proposed park?

57% of overall respondents would be interested in attending future community workshops. For those within walking distance of MacLaren, 63% would be interested in attending future community workshops. 53% of those not within walking distance would be interested in attending future community workshops.

Question 15: Would you consider volunteering on a local neighborhood organization to improve security measures for the park?

43% of overall respondents would consider volunteering on a local neighborhood organization. For those within walking distance of MacLaren, 53% would consider volunteering on a local neighborhood organization. 66% of those not within walking distance would not consider volunteering on a local neighborhood organization.

Key Findings

- A majority of respondents have resided in their current place longer than 9 years
- A strong majority of respondents are renters
- The highest propensity of children is elementary school aged
- Driving and walking are the most popular forms of getting to MaClaren
- Nearly 1 in 5 of those residing within walking distance would drive to MaClaren
- See Through Fencing was the most supported option with respect to the wall
- Those residing within walking distance and those not residing within walking distance differ on their preferred option with respect to the wall (walk: 46% see through fencing; no walk: 70% no barrier + landscaping)
- Set hours of operation are strongly supported
- Additional off-street parking on both Gilman and Durfee is supported, although at a lower level by those residing within walking distance of MaClaren site. (walk: both sides 65%, Durfee only 18%, no additional 13%; no walk: both sides 75%, Durfee only 9%, no additional 12%)
- Walk-in and Bike Access on both Gilman and Durfee is strongly supported
- Picnic tables, benches and water fountain are the top three features respondents would like to see
- Soccer is the most popular activity that respondents would like to see followed by basketball and walking path
- There is strong support for the following sports activities: organized play, instructional/recreational programs, and free play
- There remains an opportunity to engage residents as 57% have indicated interest in attending future community workshops