

San Antonio Park Survey Analysis - Key Trends and Consensus

Survey Overview

Total Respondents: 110

Language Distribution: English (63), Cantonese (22), Spanish (20), Mam (5)

Major Findings & Strong Consensus Areas

1. Clear Preference for Option B (68% overall)

- **Strong consensus across all language groups** except English speakers
- Spanish: 90% chose Option B
- Cantonese: 91% chose Option B
- Mam: 100% chose Option B
- English: 51% chose Option B (more split)

Key reasons for Option B preference:

- Better/bigger exercise/fitness area
- More games and activities for children
- Cleaner design without dogs (safety concern)
- More organized layout

2. Overwhelming Support for Fitness Area Over Dog Park

- **81% prefer fitness area** when forced to choose between dog park vs. exercise area
- Spanish speakers: 80% fitness area, 0% dog park
- Cantonese speakers: 82% fitness area, 0% dog park
- Mam speakers: 100% fitness area, 0% dog park
- English speakers: 43% fitness area, 19% dog park, 33% want both

3. Safety and Cleanliness Are Top Priorities

Barriers to current park use:

- Violence and drunk people (consistent across Spanish and English responses)
- Dirty conditions and broken equipment
- Drug use and homeless encampments

- Lack of security

What would increase usage:

- Better security and safety measures
- Cleaner facilities and working equipment
- More games and activities for children

4. Strong Support for Accessible Design

- **Option B preferred for 17th Street accessible path** (48% vs 32% for Option A)
- Particularly strong among Cantonese (55%) and Mam (100%) speakers

Community Priorities by Feature

Most Valued Elements:

1. **Sliding equipment** - 78% support (highest across all activities)
2. **Traditional swings** - 75% of Spanish speakers, 78% of English speakers
3. **Nature/natural elements** - 54% overall preference for sensory play
4. **Mosaic seatwalls and restroom murals** - Top choices for public art

Preferred Reductions (if necessary):

1. Rubber surfacing area (33% of English speakers willing to reduce)
2. Number of swings (25% of Spanish speakers)
3. Play structure for ages 2-5 (25% of English speakers)

Language Group Differences

Spanish-Speaking Community:

- Strongest preference for Option B (90%)
- High value on exercise areas and children's games
- Concerned about dog safety around children
- Want more security and cleanliness

Cantonese-Speaking Community:

- Strong preference for Option B (91%)
- High usage rates (32% use daily)

- Value fitness facilities and rope/net play
- Want clean, safe environment

Mam-Speaking Community:

- Unanimous support for Option B (100%)
- Strong focus on children's safety and cleanliness
- Want area "clean without animals"
- Interested in community activities like weaving areas

English-Speaking Community:

- More divided on options (51% Option B vs 49% Option A)
- Higher interest in dog parks (though still minority)
- More open to "wanting both" options
- Diverse range of suggestions and concerns

Key Consensus Points Across All Groups

Universal Agreement:

1. **Current park needs major improvements** - safety, cleanliness, equipment
2. **Children's play areas are the top priority**
3. **Fitness/exercise areas are more valuable than dog parks**
4. **Nature elements and trees are important**
5. **Accessible design is essential**

Safety Concerns Consistent Across Languages:

- Drunk and disorderly behavior
- Drug use and homeless encampments
- Broken/unsafe equipment
- Need for better lighting and security

Recommendations Based on Consensus

High Priority (Strong Multi-Language Support):

1. **Implement Option B design** - clear preference across most groups
2. **Prioritize fitness/exercise area over dog park**

3. **Focus on safety and security improvements**
4. **Include accessible path Option B design**
5. **Maintain traditional swings and sliding equipment**
6. **Incorporate nature/natural play elements**

Address Community Concerns:

1. **Enhanced security and lighting**
2. **Regular maintenance and cleaning protocols**
3. **Water fountains** (requested across multiple languages)
4. **More picnic tables and seating**
5. **Public art focusing on mosaic elements and murals**

Consider Language-Specific Needs:

1. **Multilingual signage and wayfinding**
2. **Cultural elements reflecting community diversity**
3. **Community programming spaces** (weaving area mentioned by Mam speakers)

Conclusion

The survey reveals strong consensus around prioritizing children's safety and play, fitness facilities for families, and creating a clean, secure environment. While there are some differences between language groups, the overwhelming preference for Option B and fitness areas over dog parks provides clear direction for the design process. The community's primary concerns center on transforming the current park from a space perceived as unsafe and neglected into a vibrant, family-friendly community asset.