

Wilkes Street Park Redesign Survey 1 Results

- 43 respondents
- Survey was available for four weeks
- Survey was available in English and Amharic
- Survey posters were posted in the park, email listservs were sent out twice, paper surveys were distributed to residents in the surrounding homes, survey link was posted on the project page, and I went through the survey with two community members over the phone

Survey takeaways:

1. 91% walk to the park
2. 79% live less than half a mile from the park
3. 51% use the park weekly, 23% use it daily
4. 86% of users use the park as a transportation route; 16.28% use it to relax; 11.63% use it to play; 4.65% use it to socialize; 6.98% use it for other (part of a walking route sometimes with and without my dog; as a transportation route and social meeting point; walk my dog)
5. Ranking
 - a. **Access to nature**
 - b. **Landscaping**
 - c. **Play features**
 - d. **Historic and cultural heritage**
 - e. **Central lawn**
 - f. Community gathering area
 - g. Seating area
 - h. Outdoor fitness area
 - i. Educational elements
 - j. Picnic tables
6. Traditional play equipment – naturalistic play equipment (76 – more naturalistic play equipment)
7. *Mainly a big open space – various park amenities and uses (45 – mainly a big open space)*
8. *Traditional city seating – nontraditional city seating (54 – nontraditional city seating)*
9. Landscape with plantings – paved areas (17 – landscape with plantings)
10. *One main shared use path – multiple paths (52 – multiple paths)*

Q11 What public art have you seen that you have enjoyed?

Old town King Street murals Simpson Park waterfront modern
installations see art fountains Waterfront Park
Mirror Mirror sculptures public art DC

Q12 What about it did you enjoy?

people site part created park new space Also installations interaction
art bright colors way community different added temporary helps

Q13 What would you like for the artist to know about Wilkes Street Park?

Will Old Town art also area please space locals park
something community residents heritage please consider S
history

Q14 What would you like for the artist to know about this community?

historic Old Town culture mostly blocks please art live diverse need
community lot park people area t Will Also history African American
vibrant

15. 46.34% of respondents prefer online meeting, 39% prefer either in person or online (14.63% prefer in person and 12% prefer neither). Other options people were interested in email updates and/or polled/surveys.

Q16 Is there anything else you would like to tell us about this future park?

area bike path may looking make bike see pedestrian park
lights city project community park design buildings night

- Bike and bike paths were incredibly important to respondents
- Want the park to reflect the community
- Overall excitement for park redesign
- Need to remember this is a primary transportation route for pedestrians and bicycles
- Safety is a concern – want the park and path to feel safe
- Veterans Memorial rock is important to community
- Desire to preserve existing trees