

**2021 CAYS PARK SURVEY RESULTS
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

518 RESPONDENTS

- ***Phenomenal/maybe unprecedented response rate given that there are ~1200 homes in the Cays.***
- Virtually all respondents were Cays adults.
- Survey ran online from May 14 – June 1, 2021 and therefore captured both old opinions and new opinions about the Park that changed during the Covid-19 pandemic.

1. KEY QUESTION: PARK FUNCTION (Question 4)

- ***Most Cays residents want the park function to be primarily “Connections to Nature/Aesthetics” and “Passive Recreation.” They want far less emphasis on “Active Recreation” than exists at present.***
- “Connections to Nature/Aesthetics” was the most common choice as “#1 in importance to me.”
- “Passive Recreation” was the most common choice as “#2 in importance to me.”
- “Amenities” was the most common choice as “#3 in importance to me.”
- “Active Recreation” was the most common choice as “#4 in importance to me.”

2. KEY QUESTION: PARK SPACE ALLOCATION (Question 5)

- ***On average, Cays residents would prefer a park that has over 50% of park space allocated to “Non-Programmed Use” and less than 50% of park space allocated to “Programmed Use.” (Note: Virtually all City parks in the Village are 100% “Non-Programmed Use.”)***
- Option C.—which was leaving the tennis courts as is, devoting the space between the Fire Station and the tennis courts to field sports, and leaving the entire southern half of the park “Non-Programmed”—received far more votes than any other option. (53%) (Note: this option would still leave a large area for multiple soccer fields.)
- Option B.—leaving the tennis courts as is, and leaving the entire rest of the park “Non-Programmed”—received the second highest number of votes. (23%) (Note: this option would eliminate the soccer fields entirely.)

3. IMPORTANT QUESTIONS: PARK DESIGN ELEMENTS (Questions 6, 7, 8)

- ***Cays residents generally want a beautiful “centerpiece” park with ocean views, trees, drought resistant landscaping and nice walking paths for both day and evening use. Primarily they want to walk in the park, walk their dogs in the park, socialize with their neighbors, have picnics and participate in exercise groups.***
- ***A large portion of the Park should be turned into “a beautiful, aesthetic centerpiece of the Cays community, much as Spreckels Park serves as beautiful, aesthetic centerpiece in the Village.” (70%) (Q.6.)***
- Design areas especially worthy of further consideration: Ocean Views (70%), Trees (67%), Walking Paths (67%). (Q.7.)
- Landscaping choices should be made with drought tolerance in mind. (69%) (Q.6.)
- Key passive activities the park should be designed to accommodate: Daytime Walks (79%), Evening Walks (78%), Socializing With Neighbors (65%), Picnics (62%), Exercise Groups. (60%) (Q.8.)
- The park should become a truly community park where residents can gather. (72%) (Q.6.)
- The off-leash area for dogs should be separated from the rest of the park by a low fence or barrier of some kind that makes it clear where the off-leash area is located. (63%) (Q.3.)
- The park’s parking lot should not be reduced in size. (53%) (Q.6.)
- Note: Cays residents want to see professional renderings showing different ways park space could be allocated to engender different types of activities. (79%) (Q.6.)