



Reservoir Committee of Envision Arlington

Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020
Time: 7:30 - 9:00 PM
Location: Zoom

Minutes

Attendance: Michael Ratner, George Stephans, Stephan Miller, Catherine

1. Check-ins and Observations from around the Res.
 - It is dry and the water is low everywhere.
 - There are ducks and geese-
 - The Sunny Garden is dry
 - Golden rod and a purple Bee Balm were blooming in the Sunny Garden.
 - New Kiosk in the Lexington Park created by Owen Emsbo-Mattingly, Eagle Project from Troop 119
2. Review previous meeting notes. Reviewed and voted on Notes- Could be reviewed again if we did not meet quorum
3. Updates:
 - a. Reviewed Reservoir Masterplan
Two Public meetings since our last meeting.

Public Meeting #1

July 28th

Public Meeting #2

August 11th

Permitting

September – October

Construction Documentation

September – November

Construction Phase

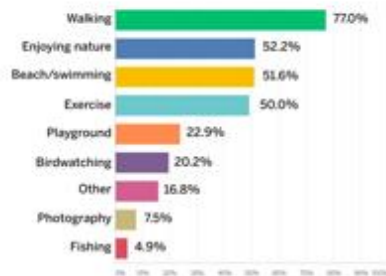
October 2020 – October 2021

**Phase work to open beach for 2021 season

Project Completion

November 1, 2021

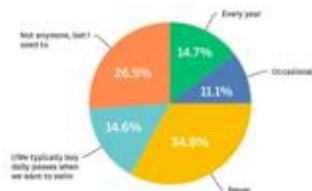
Why do you come to the Res?



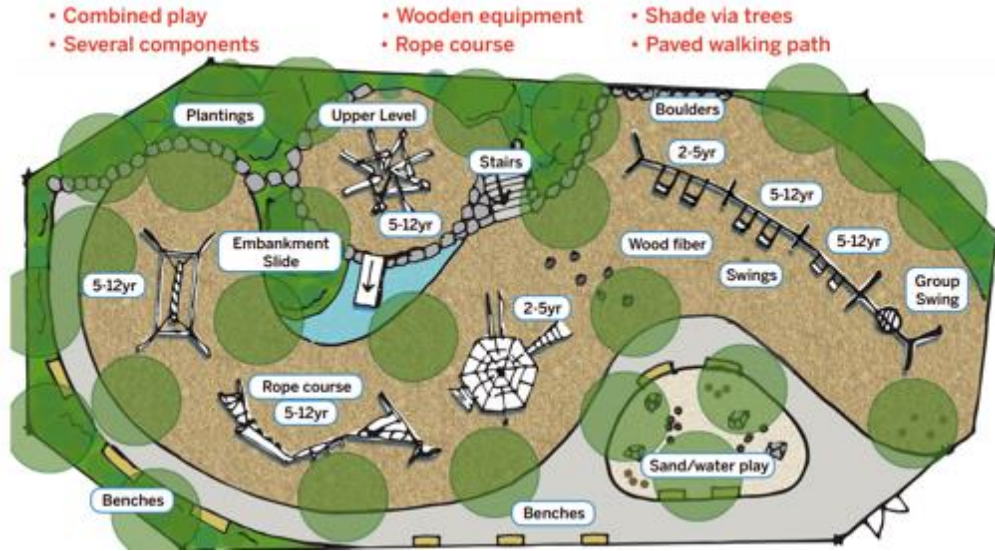
Other responses (write ins):

- Dog walking 81
- Jogging/running 10
- Bicycling 7
- Watching cross-country races 6

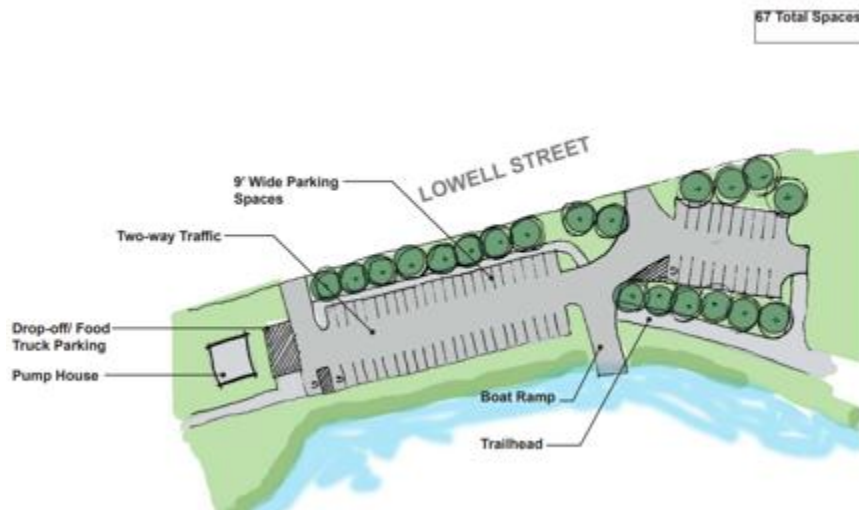
Do you typically buy a seasonal pass for the beach?



b. Playground Option 2 was selected- separating by age areas and a tricycle path



c. Parking Option 3 was selected. With the walkway on the inside near the reservoir and one-way traffic through the lot. 67 spaces



d. Beach Option 3 was selected

BEACH AREA CONCEPTS - FEEDBACK

PUBLIC MEETING #2
August 11, 2020

- Preferred option:
- Allows access to berm for year-round walking
 - Centralized playground with access to Lowell Street sidewalk
 - Access to playground for non-beach-goers
 - Maximize beach area
 - Reconsider retaining walls at trees
 - Location of picnic pavilion
 - Location of volleyball



- e. Accessible path pilot- no news
 - f. Water Chestnut harvesting $\frac{3}{4}$ or the area looks complete or all the higher water areas. The low water areas may make it difficult to harvest.
4. Ending Nature Deficit Disorder – We will review the materials more thoroughly and would like to know how they are engaged with the AMC nature education program or how they would integrate best with the Reservoir specifically. We would consider a short explanation of their work and a link to their website for more specific activities
 5. Garden report. Watering need? Yes, seedlings- blue flags Very Dry but there are flowers in the sunny garden. The shade garden seemed to be doing well.
 6. Workday – Aug 29 9 to 12
Watering, Light weeding-Bindweed
 - 7.
 8. Other Notes

Could one of the scout troops maintain the kiosk? No, scouts usually cannot commit to longer term maintenance projects.

Could there be another kiosk at the Rawson entrance or the Lowell entrance near the playground? There is some concern about who will maintain these structures and keep postings up to date.

Could we share splits from the Water St Park Herb Garden? Onions, sage, mint Lavender or other fragrant herbs?

Not discussed by group but for committee overview of Reservoir Plan

TRAIL MATERIALS



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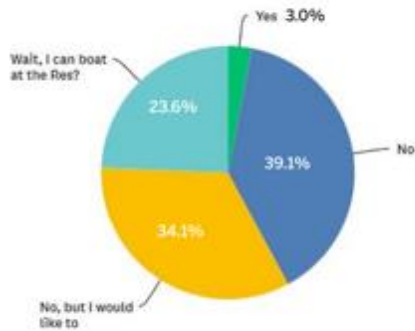


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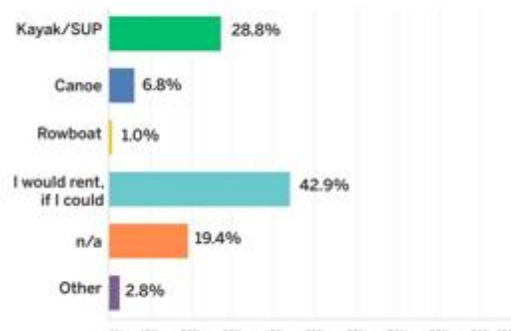
PUBLIC MEETING #1
July 28, 2020

Boating at the Res...

Do you boat at the Res?

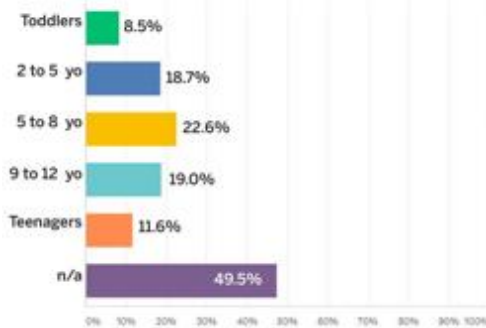


What kind of boat do you (or would you) bring to the Res?

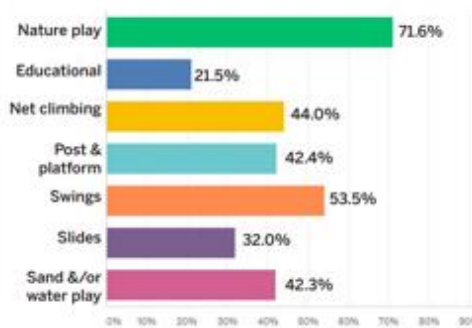


*Most popular write-in response was small sailboats

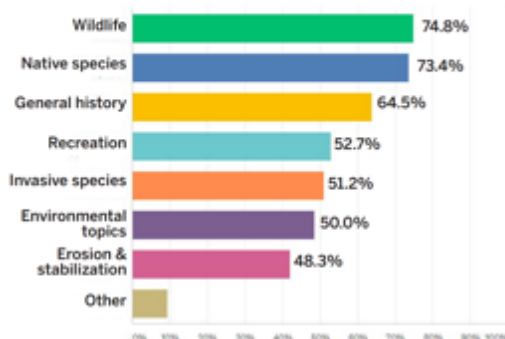
What age are the children that you bring to the playground?



What type of playground would you like to see?



Interpretive signage



Other responses (write ins):

- Dog rules 15
- Less signage, more nature 9
- No signage, please 7
- Mile markers 5
- Wayfinding to destinations 5