



CITY OF ALLEGAN
Public Spaces Commission
Allegan City Hall
231 Trowbridge Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Wednesday, October 11, 2023 6:30pm

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Attendance**
- 3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**
- 4. Public Comment**
- 5. Parks & Recreation**
 - a) Mahan Park Improvement Grant
 - b) Review Community Recreation Survey
 - c) Other Comments
- 6. Oakwood Cemetery**
 - a) Cemetery Ordinance Review
 - b) Other Comments
- 7. Trees**
 - a) Other Comments
- 8. Downtown Improvement Project**
 - a) Other Comments
- 9. Other Discussion Items**
 - a) Other Comments
- 10. Comments from City Staff & Board Members**
- 11. Adjournment**

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**CITY OF ALLEGAN
PUBLIC SPACES COMMISSION**

**City of Allegan City Hall
231 Trowbridge Street, Allegan MI 49010
Wednesday, September 13, 2023 6:30pm**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm

2. Attendance

Present: Chair Judi McCall, Vice Chair Paula Mintek, Bill Morgan, Korree Johnson, Cyndi Reed, Peter Savage, Eddie Quiñones-Walker

Absent: Carl Canales

Others Present: Joel Dye, City Manager

Parker Johnson, Downtown Manager & Assistant to the City Manager

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion by Eddie, supported by Cyndi, to approve the minutes from July 12, 2023.
Motion carried 7-0.

4. Public Comment

5. Parks & Recreation

a. City of Allegan Parks Tour

i. Dye and P. Johnson took the board members on a guided tour of 10 City of Allegan parks.

6. Other Discussion Items

Comments from City Staff & Board Members

7. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:57pm.

Respectfully submitted,

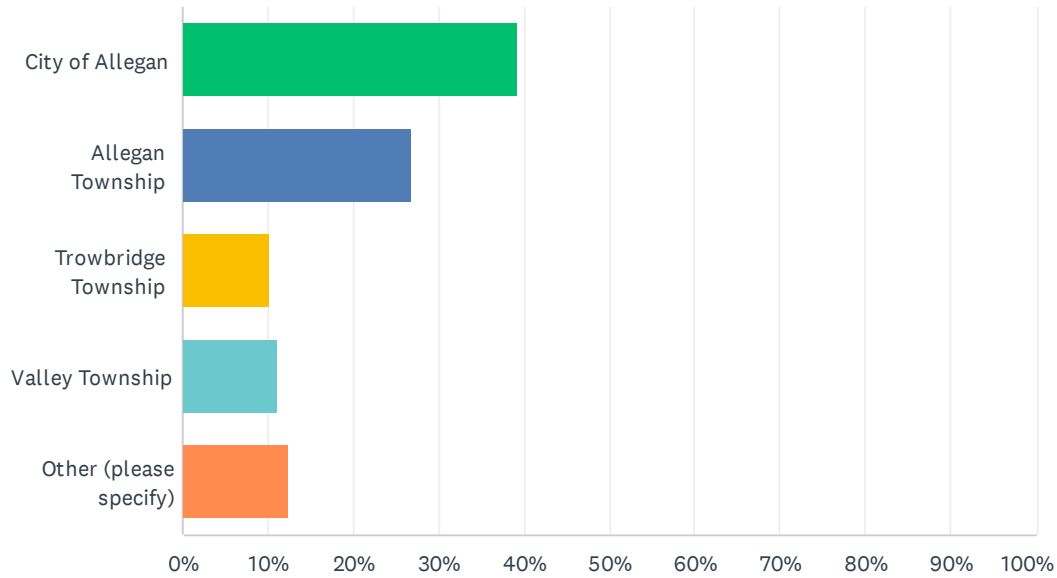
Parker Johnson

Downtown Manager & Assistant to the City Manager

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Q1 Where is your primary household located?

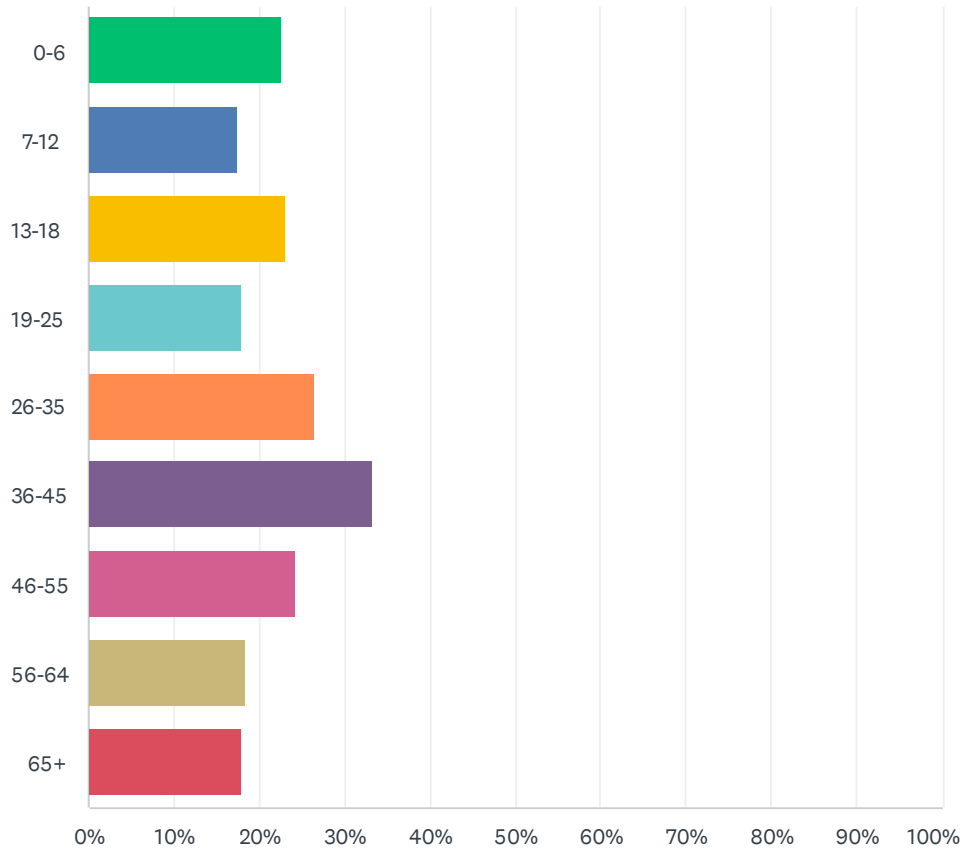
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
City of Allegan	39.32%	92
Allegan Township	26.92%	63
Trowbridge Township	10.26%	24
Valley Township	11.11%	26
Other (please specify)	12.39%	29
TOTAL		234

Q2 Which of the following age groups does your household consist of? Please select all that apply.

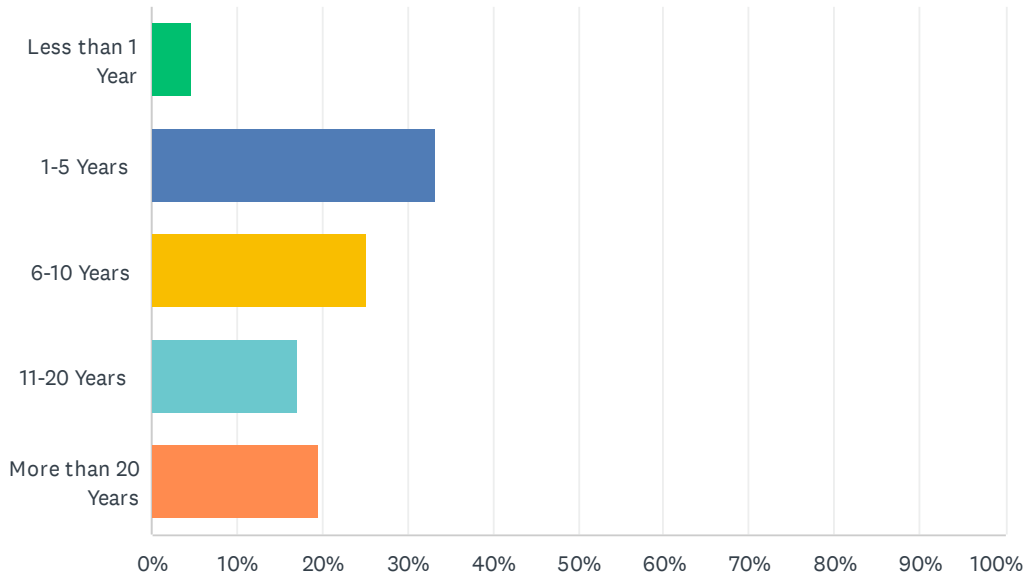
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0-6	22.65%	53
7-12	17.52%	41
13-18	23.08%	54
19-25	17.95%	42
26-35	26.50%	62
36-45	33.33%	78
46-55	24.36%	57
56-64	18.38%	43
65+	17.95%	42
Total Respondents: 234		

Q3 How long have you lived at your current residence?

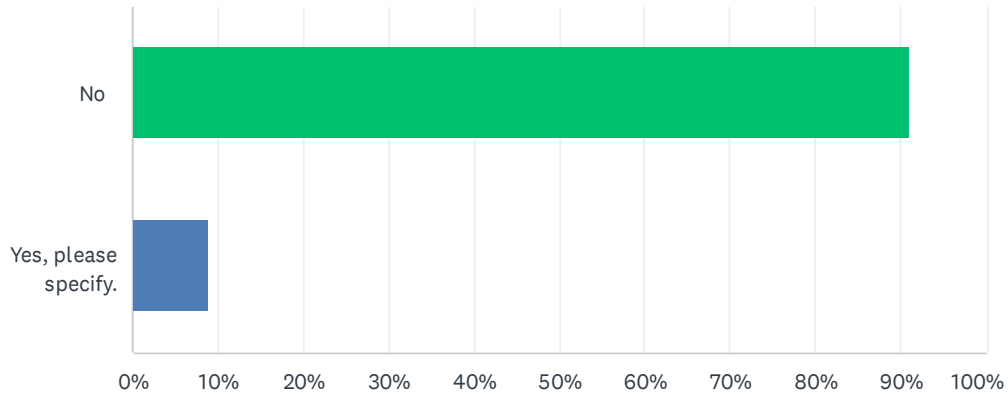
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than 1 Year	4.70%	11
1-5 Years	33.33%	78
6-10 Years	25.21%	59
11-20 Years	17.09%	40
More than 20 Years	19.66%	46
TOTAL		234

Q4 Does anyone in your household have special needs for park amenities?

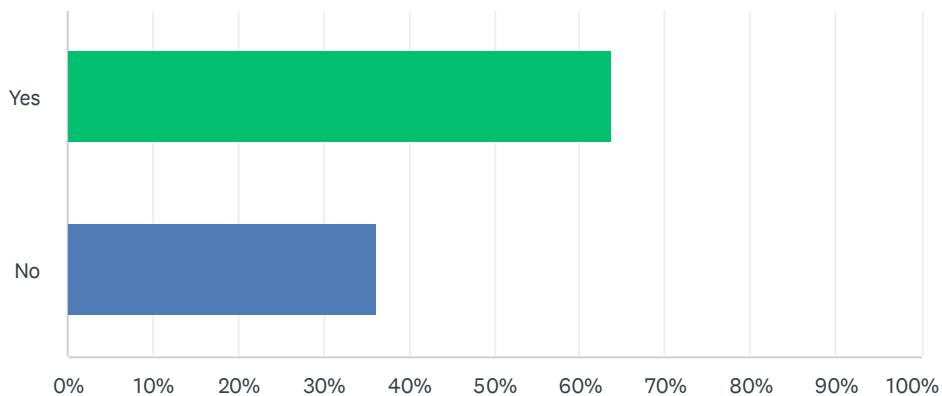
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No	91.03%	213
Yes, please specify.	8.97%	21
TOTAL		234

Q5 Do you think the City of Allegan Parks are accessible to everyone, including those requiring special needs for accessibility?

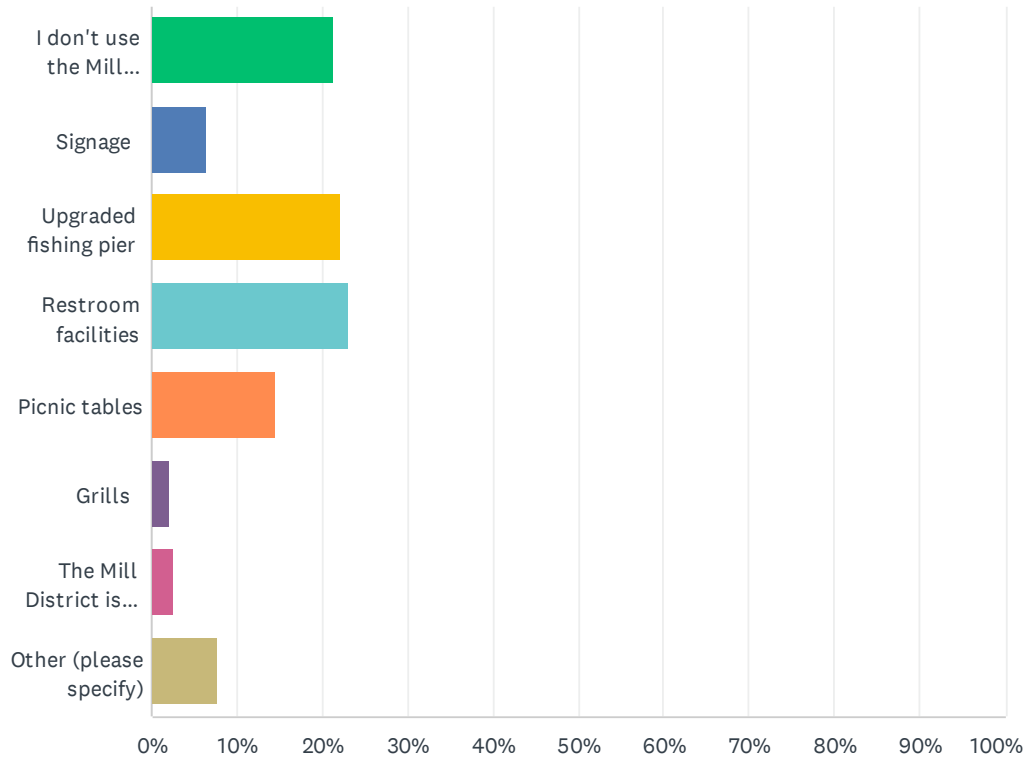
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	63.79%	148
No	36.21%	84
TOTAL		232

Q6 Which of the following would you like to see as an addition to the Allegan Dam, Canoe Portage, and Surrounding Park?

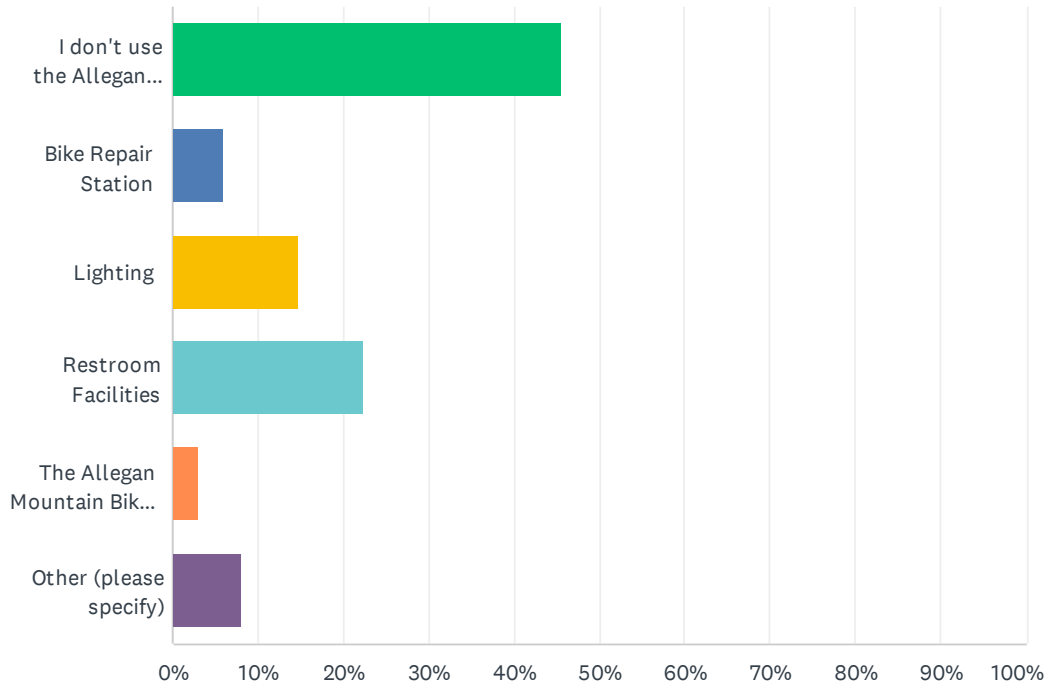
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I don't use the Mill District/no opinion	21.37%	50
Signage	6.41%	15
Upgraded fishing pier	22.22%	52
Restroom facilities	23.08%	54
Picnic tables	14.53%	34
Grills	2.14%	5
The Mill District is great and does not need anything additional.	2.56%	6
Other (please specify)	7.69%	18
TOTAL		234

Q7 Which of the following would you like to see as an addition to the Allegan Mountain Biking Trailhead Park?

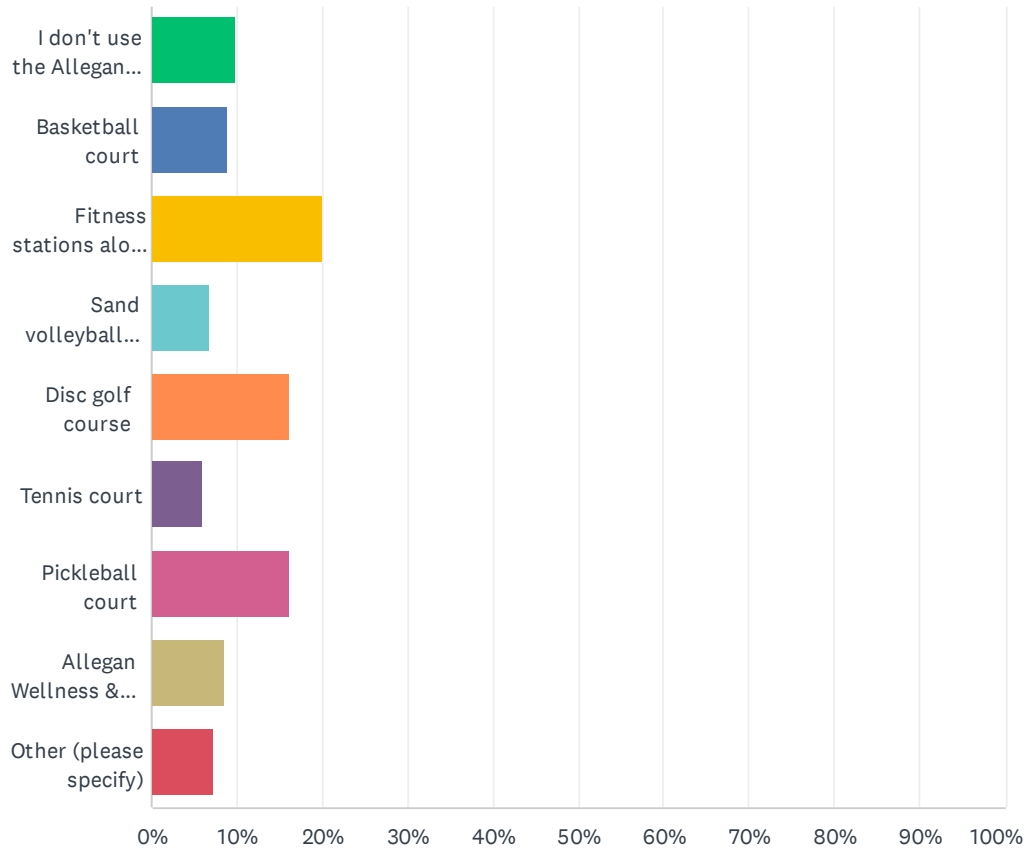
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I don't use the Allegan Mountain Biking Trailhead/no opinion	45.69%	106
Bike Repair Station	6.03%	14
Lighting	14.66%	34
Restroom Facilities	22.41%	52
The Allegan Mountain Biking Trailhead is great and does not need anything additional.	3.02%	7
Other (please specify)	8.19%	19
TOTAL		232

Q8 Which of the following would you like to see as an addition to Allegan Wellness and Sports Complex?

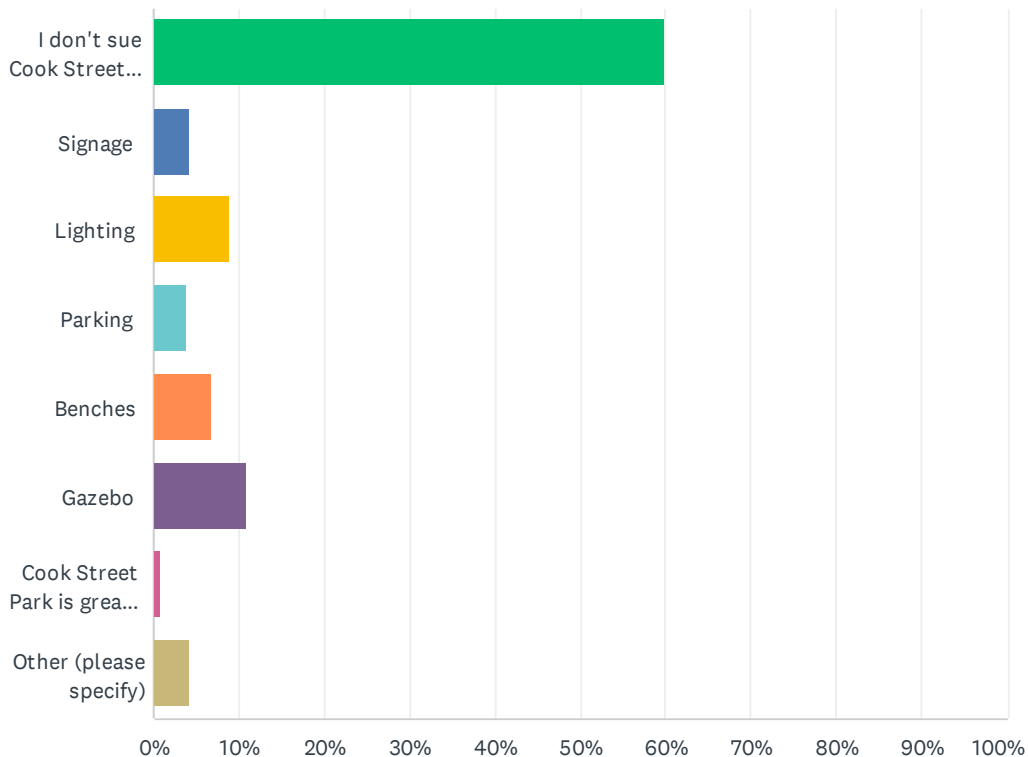
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I don't use the Allegan Wellness & Sports Complex/no opinion	9.83%	23
Basketball court	8.97%	21
Fitness stations along walking trail	20.09%	47
Sand volleyball court	6.84%	16
Disc golf course	16.24%	38
Tennis court	5.98%	14
Pickleball court	16.24%	38
Allegan Wellness & Sports Complex is great and does not need anything additional.	8.55%	20
Other (please specify)	7.26%	17
TOTAL		234

Q9 Which of the following would you like to see as an addition to the Cook Street Park?

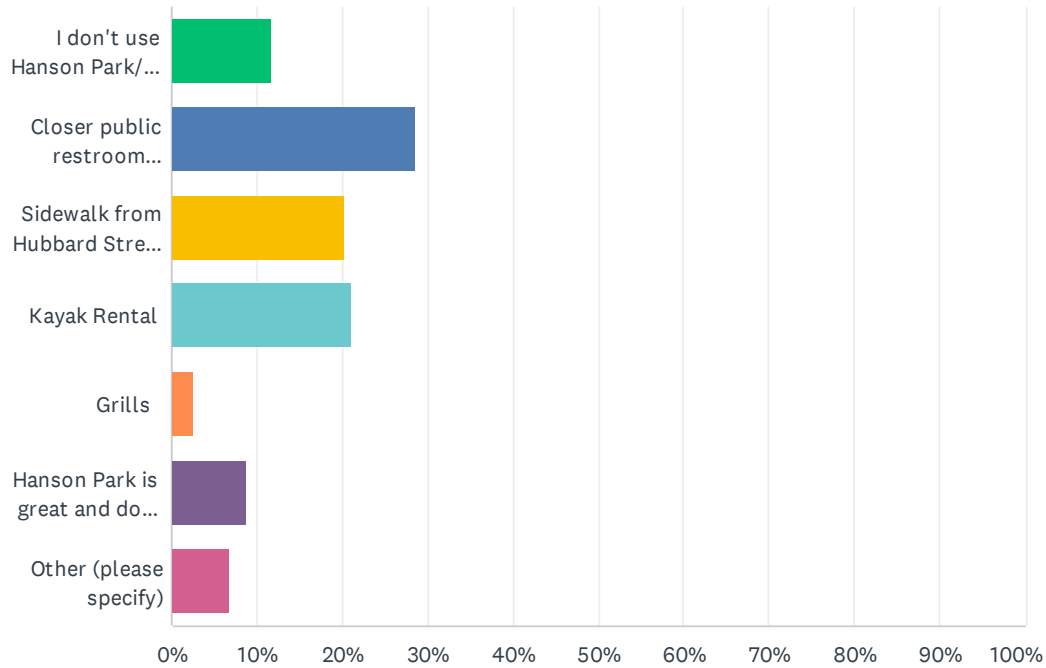
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I don't see Cook Street Park/no opinion	59.91%	139
Signage	4.31%	10
Lighting	9.05%	21
Parking	3.88%	9
Benches	6.90%	16
Gazebo	10.78%	25
Cook Street Park is great and does not need anything additional.	0.86%	2
Other (please specify)	4.31%	10
TOTAL		232

Q10 Which of the following would you like to see as an addition to Hanson Park?

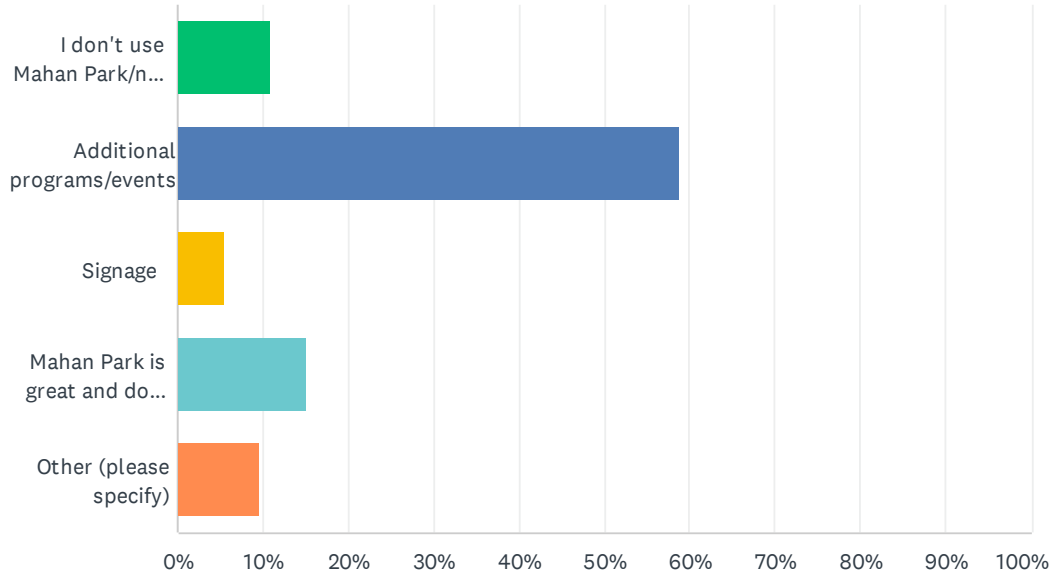
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I don't use Hanson Park/no opinion	11.69%	27
Closer public restroom facilities	28.57%	66
Sidewalk from Hubbard Street to Park	20.35%	47
Kayak Rental	21.21%	49
Grills	2.60%	6
Hanson Park is great and does not need anything additional.	8.66%	20
Other (please specify)	6.93%	16
TOTAL		231

Q11 Which of the following would you like to see as an addition to James E. Mahan Park?

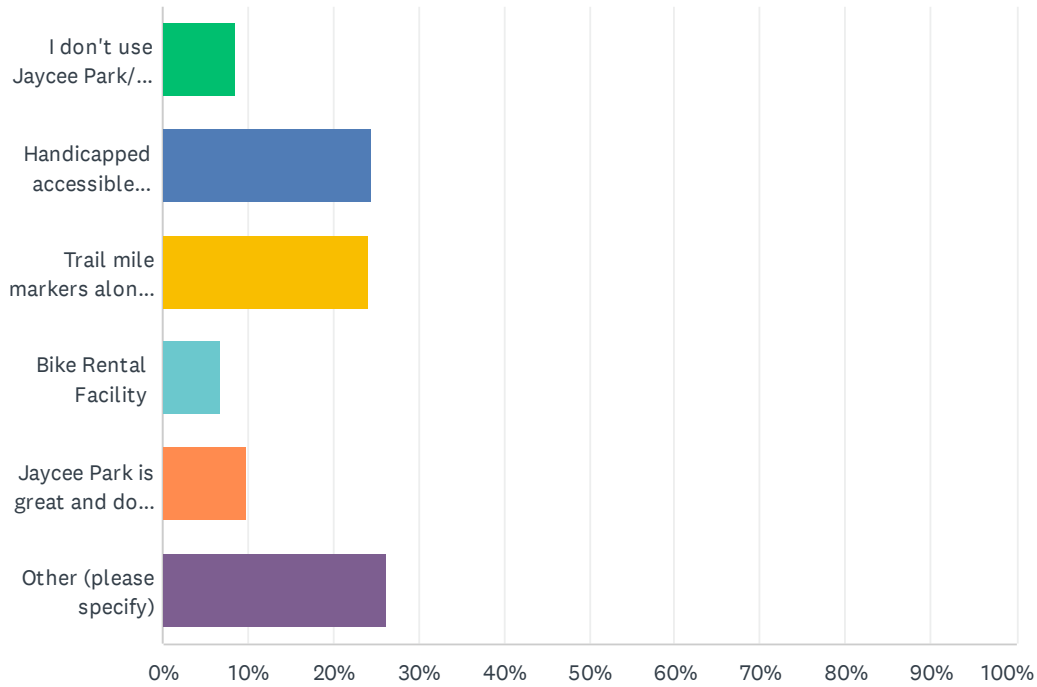
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I don't use Mahan Park/no opinion	10.82%	25
Additional programs/events	58.87%	136
Signage	5.63%	13
Mahan Park is great and does not need anything additional.	15.15%	35
Other (please specify)	9.52%	22
TOTAL		231

Q12 Which of the following would you like to see as an addition to Jaycee Park?

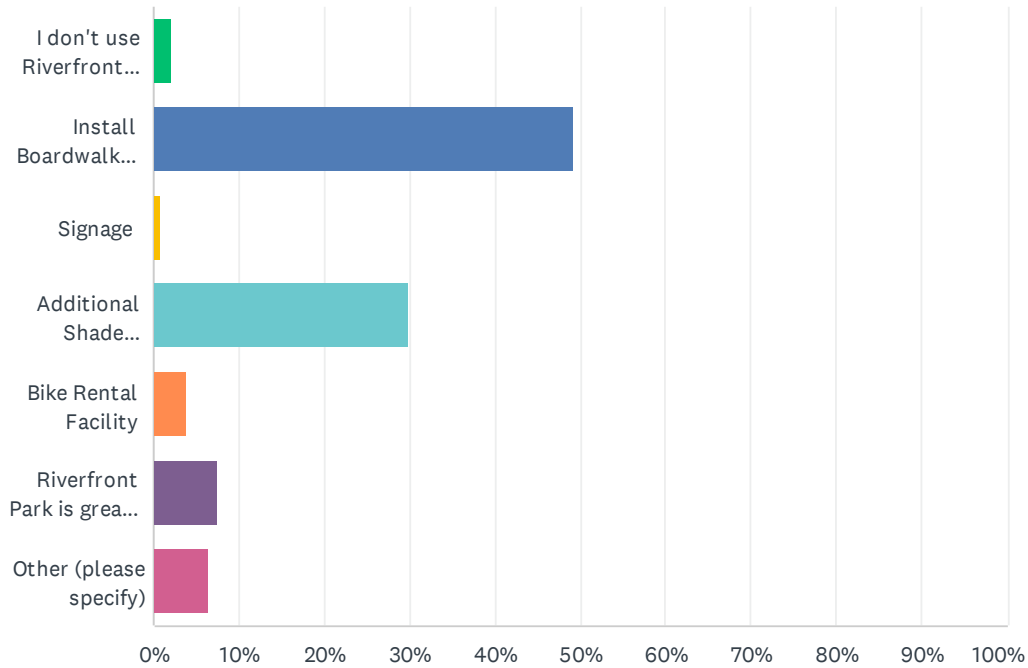
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I don't use Jaycee Park/no opinion	8.58%	20
Handicapped accessible playground	24.46%	57
Trail mile markers along trailwalkway	24.03%	56
Bike Rental Facility	6.87%	16
Jaycee Park is great and does not need anything additional.	9.87%	23
Other (please specify)	26.18%	61
TOTAL		233

Q13 Which of the following would you like to see as an addition to Riverfront Park?

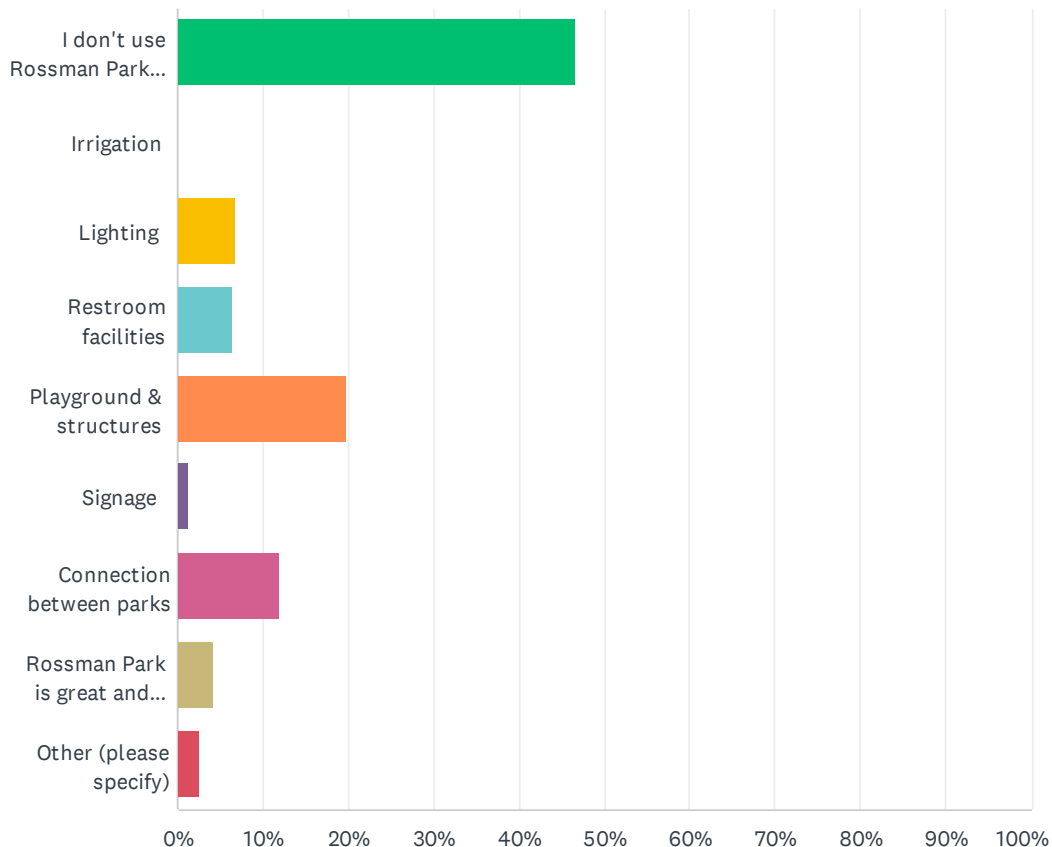
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I don't use Riverfront Park/no opinion	2.16%	5
Install Boardwalk parallel to Marshall Street to create Boardwalk Path Loop.	49.35%	114
Signage	0.87%	2
Additional Shade Structures	29.87%	69
Bike Rental Facility	3.90%	9
Riverfront Park is great and does not need anything additional.	7.36%	17
Other (please specify)	6.49%	15
TOTAL		231

Q14 Which of the following would you like to see as an addition to Rossman Esplanade Park?

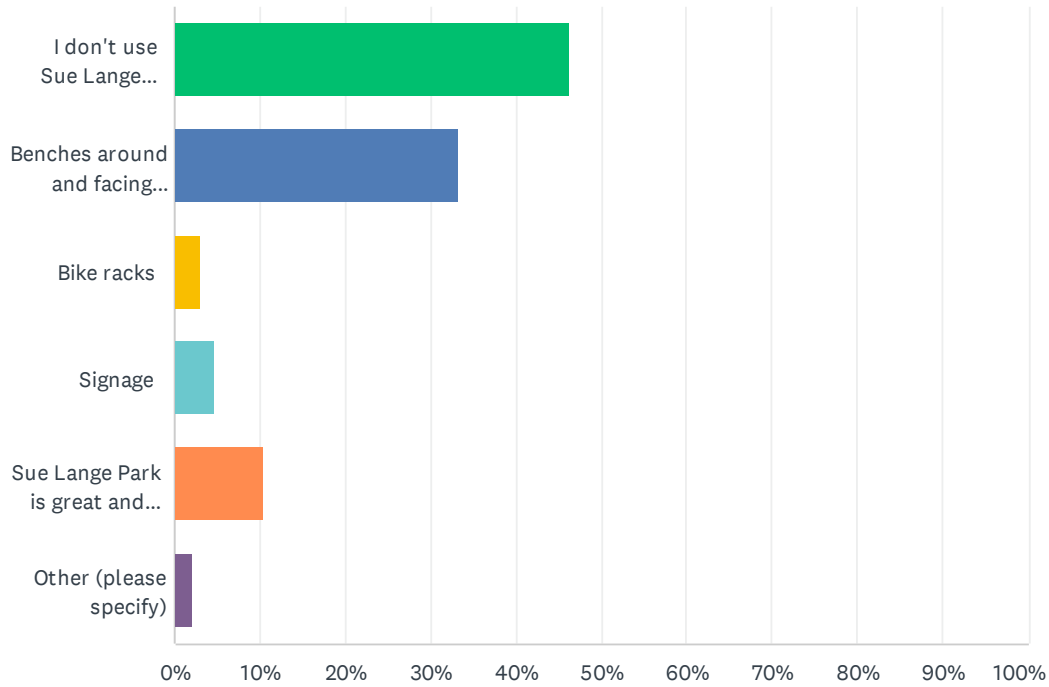
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I don't use Rossman Park/no opinion	46.78%	109
Irrigation	0.00%	0
Lighting	6.87%	16
Restroom facilities	6.44%	15
Playground & structures	19.74%	46
Signage	1.29%	3
Connection between parks	12.02%	28
Rossman Park is great and does not need anything additional.	4.29%	10
Other (please specify)	2.58%	6
TOTAL		233

Q15 Which of the following would you like to see as an addition to Sue Lange Memorial Park?

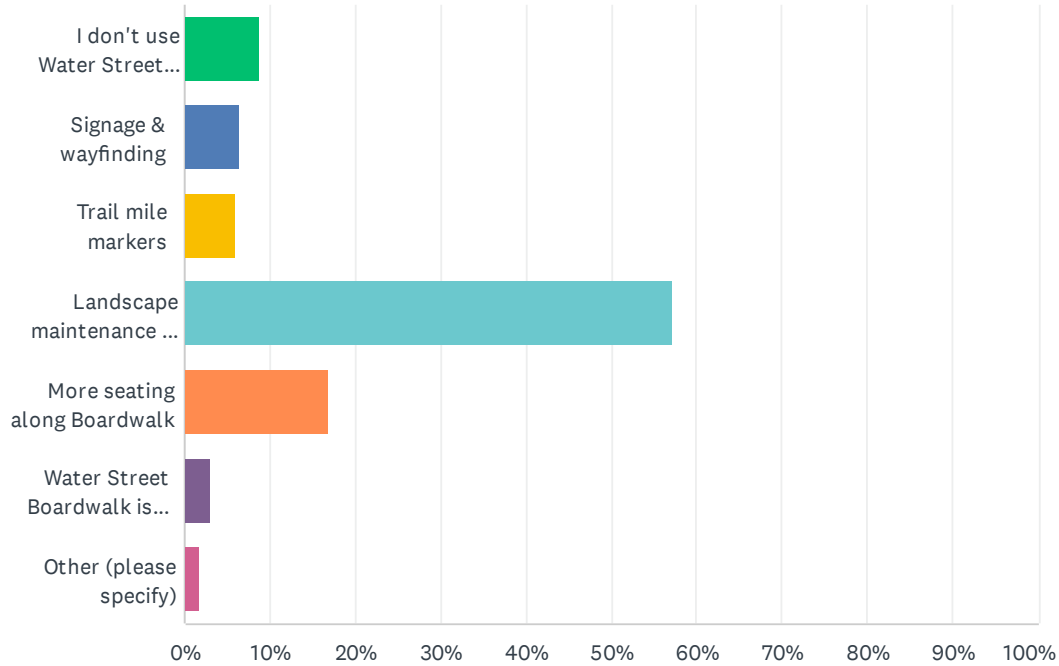
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I don't use Sue Lange Park/no opinion	46.32%	107
Benches around and facing fountain	33.33%	77
Bike racks	3.03%	7
Signage	4.76%	11
Sue Lange Park is great and does not need anything additional.	10.39%	24
Other (please specify)	2.16%	5
TOTAL		231

Q16 Which of the following would you like to see as an addition to Water Street Boardwalk?

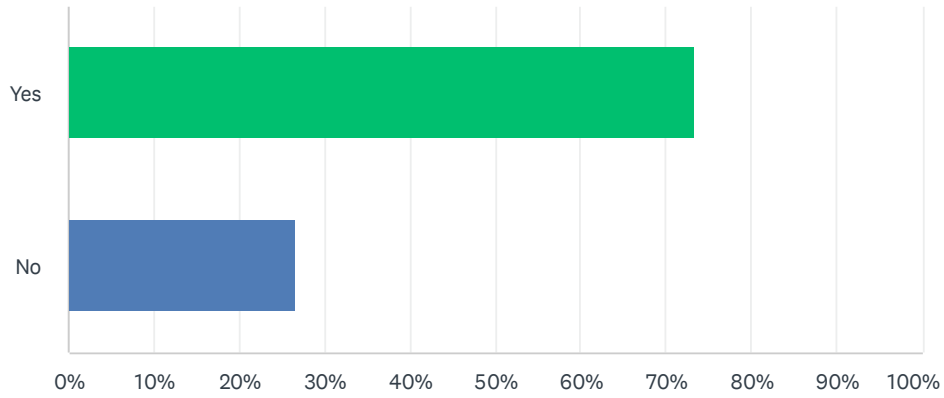
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I don't use Water Street Boardwalk/no opinion	8.66%	20
Signage & wayfinding	6.49%	15
Trail mile markers	6.06%	14
Landscape maintenance to enhance views of river	57.14%	132
More seating along Boardwalk	16.88%	39
Water Street Boardwalk is great and does not need anything additional.	3.03%	7
Other (please specify)	1.73%	4
TOTAL		231

Q17 Would you favor an improved bike network (mixture of non-motorized and on-road facilities) through the City of Allegan?

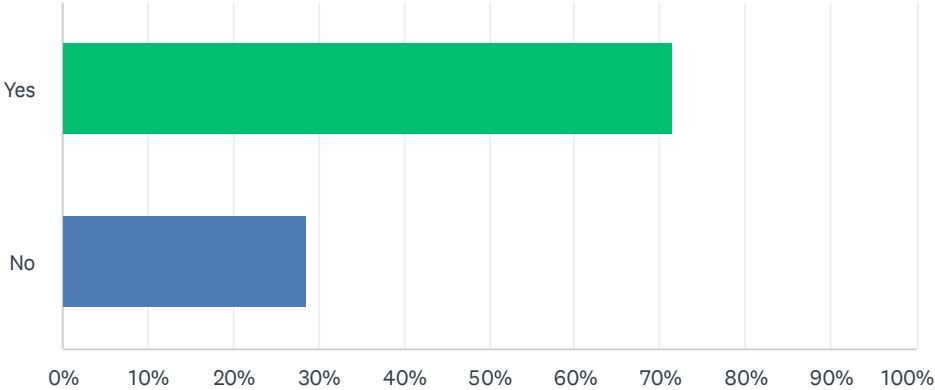
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	73.28%	170
No	26.72%	62
TOTAL		232

Q18 Would you be willing to support a parks fund that is financed through a millage?

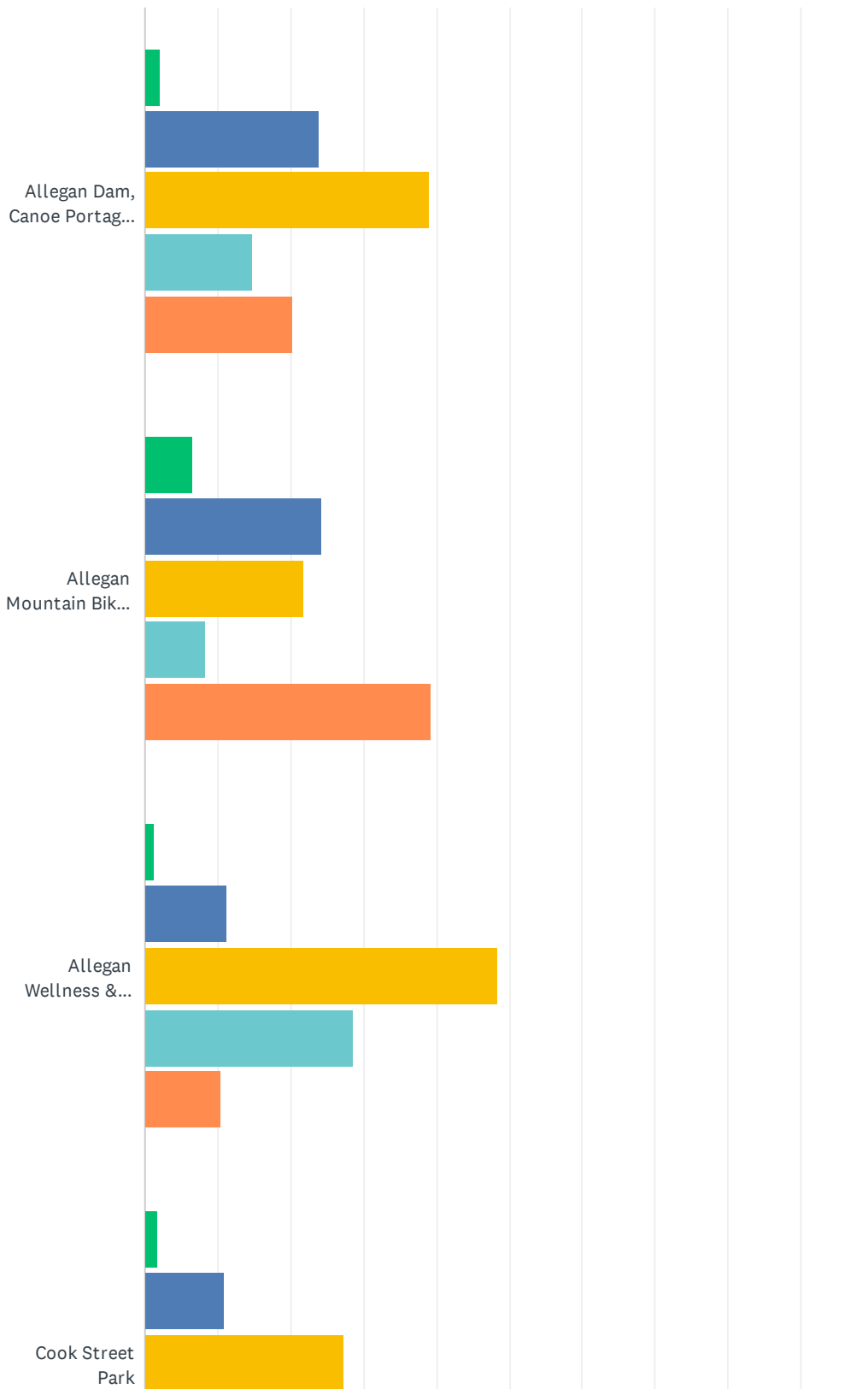
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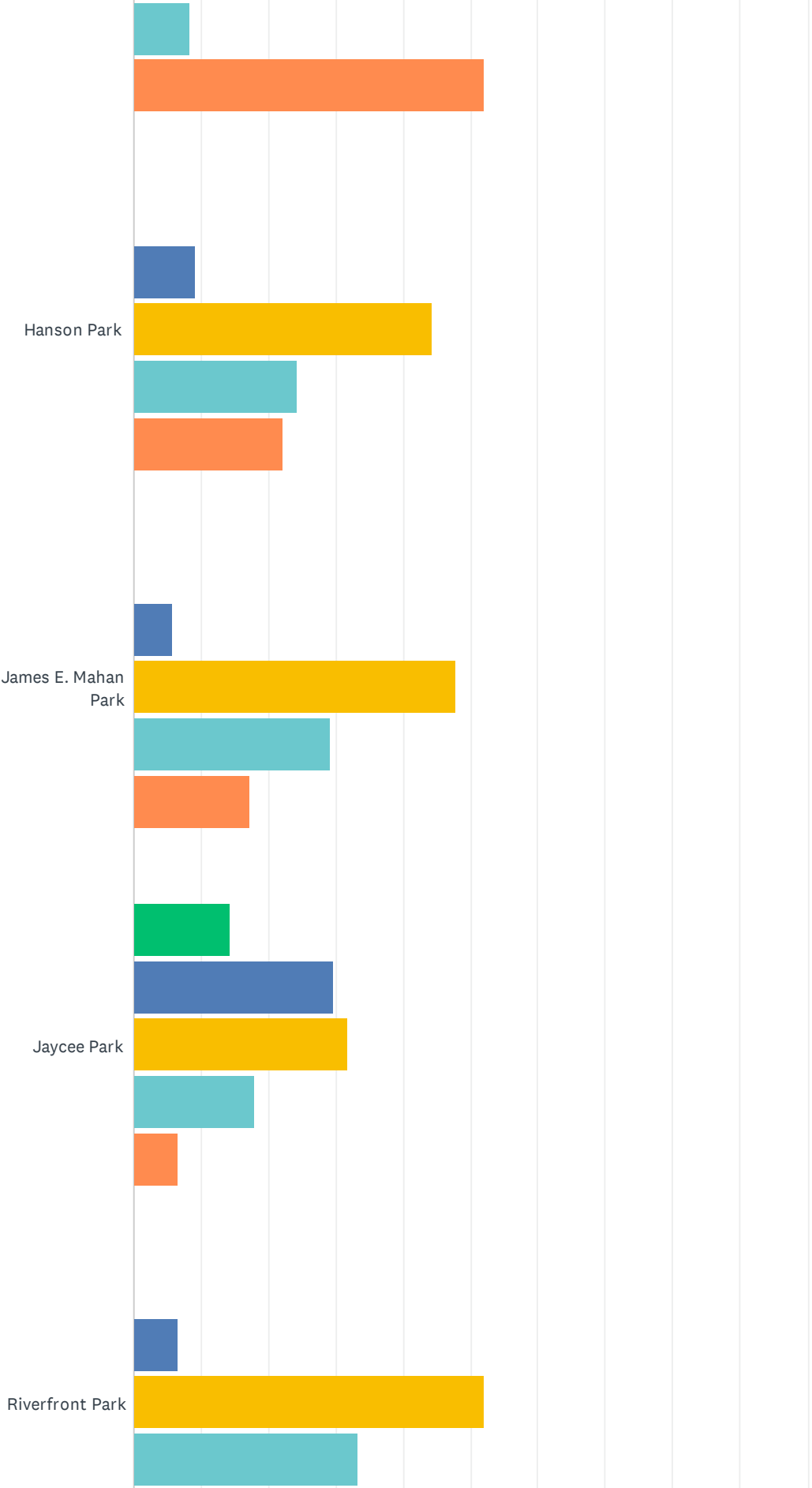
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	71.43%	165
No	28.57%	66
TOTAL		231

Q19 Please indicate the level of personal safety you feel in each park during the day.

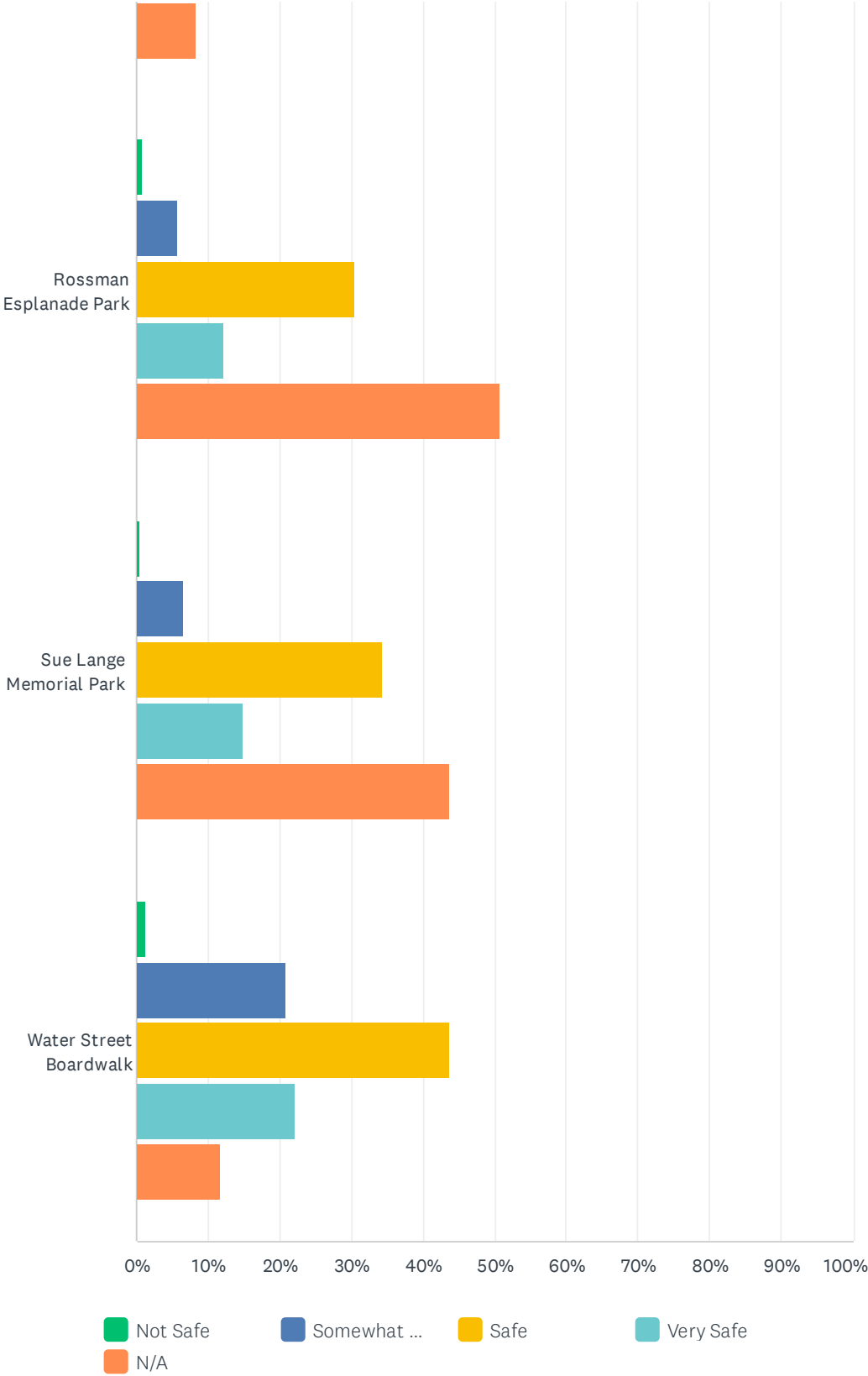
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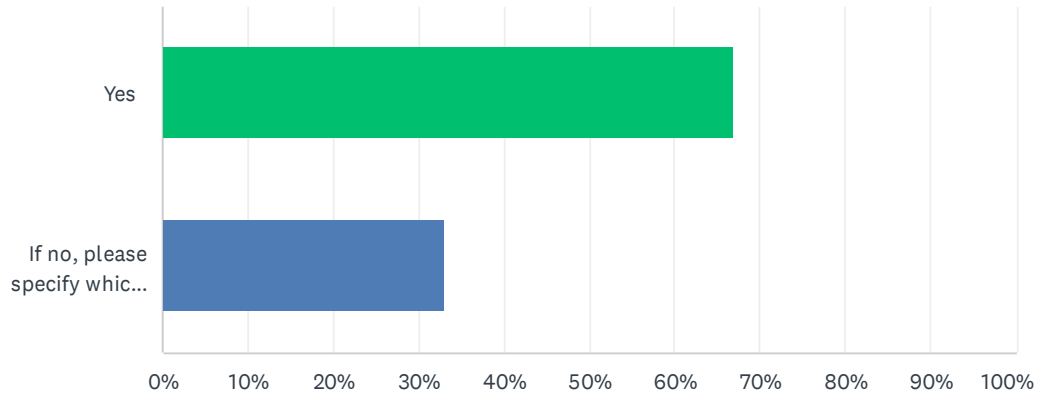


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	NOT SAFE	SOMEWHAT SAFE	SAFE	VERY SAFE	N/A	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Allegan Dam, Canoe Portage, and Surrounding Park	2.16% 5	23.81% 55	38.96% 90	14.72% 34	20.35% 47	231	2.83
Allegan Mountain Bike Trail	6.52% 15	24.35% 56	21.74% 50	8.26% 19	39.13% 90	230	2.52
Allegan Wellness & Sports Complex	1.30% 3	11.26% 26	48.48% 112	28.57% 66	10.39% 24	231	3.16
Cook Street Park	1.73% 4	10.82% 25	27.27% 63	8.23% 19	51.95% 120	231	2.87
Hanson Park	0.00% 0	9.13% 21	44.35% 102	24.35% 56	22.17% 51	230	3.20
James E. Mahan Park	0.00% 0	5.75% 13	47.79% 108	29.20% 66	17.26% 39	226	3.28
Jaycee Park	14.35% 33	29.57% 68	31.74% 73	17.83% 41	6.52% 15	230	2.57
Riverfront Park	0.00% 0	6.55% 15	51.97% 119	33.19% 76	8.30% 19	229	3.29
Rossman Esplanade Park	0.87% 2	5.68% 13	30.57% 70	12.23% 28	50.66% 116	229	3.10
Sue Lange Memorial Park	0.44% 1	6.61% 15	34.36% 78	14.98% 34	43.61% 99	227	3.13
Water Street Boardwalk	1.31% 3	20.96% 48	43.67% 100	22.27% 51	11.79% 27	229	2.99

Q20 Do you feel that there is adequate organized youth recreation opportunities?

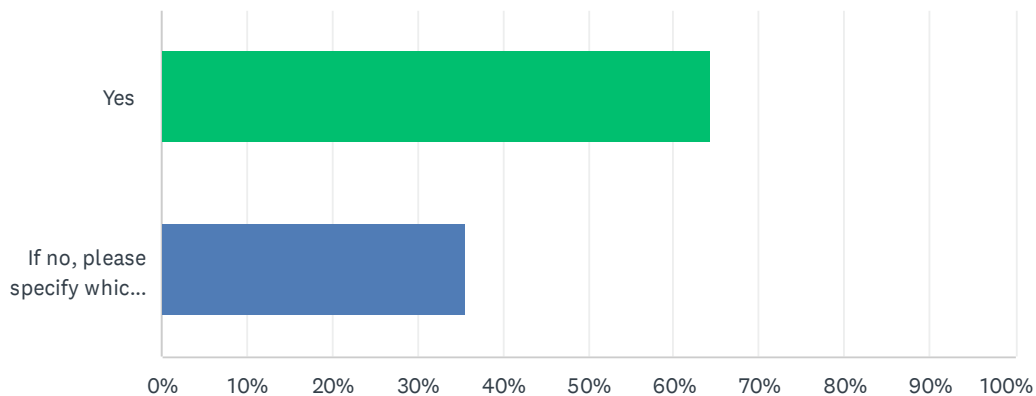
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	66.96%	152
If no, please specify which youth sports you would like added.	33.04%	75
TOTAL		227

Q21 Do you feel there are adequate organized adult recreation opportunities?

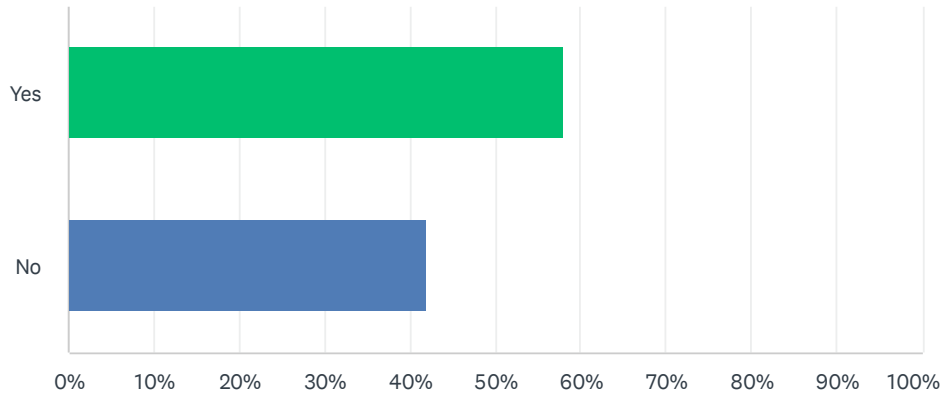
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	64.47%	147
If no, please specify which adult sports you would like added.	35.53%	81
TOTAL		228

Q22 Would you be willing to support a recreation fund that is financed through a millage?

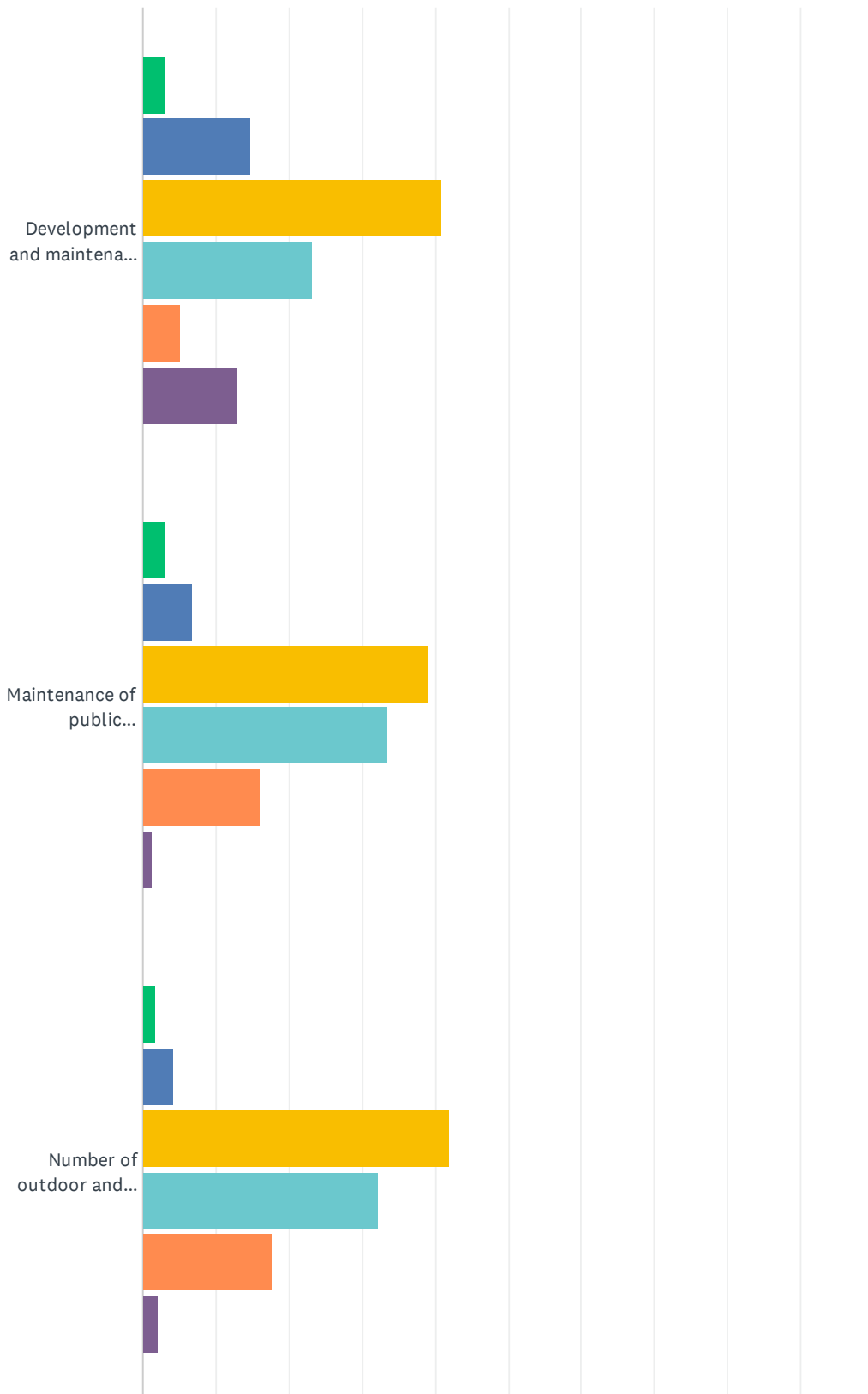
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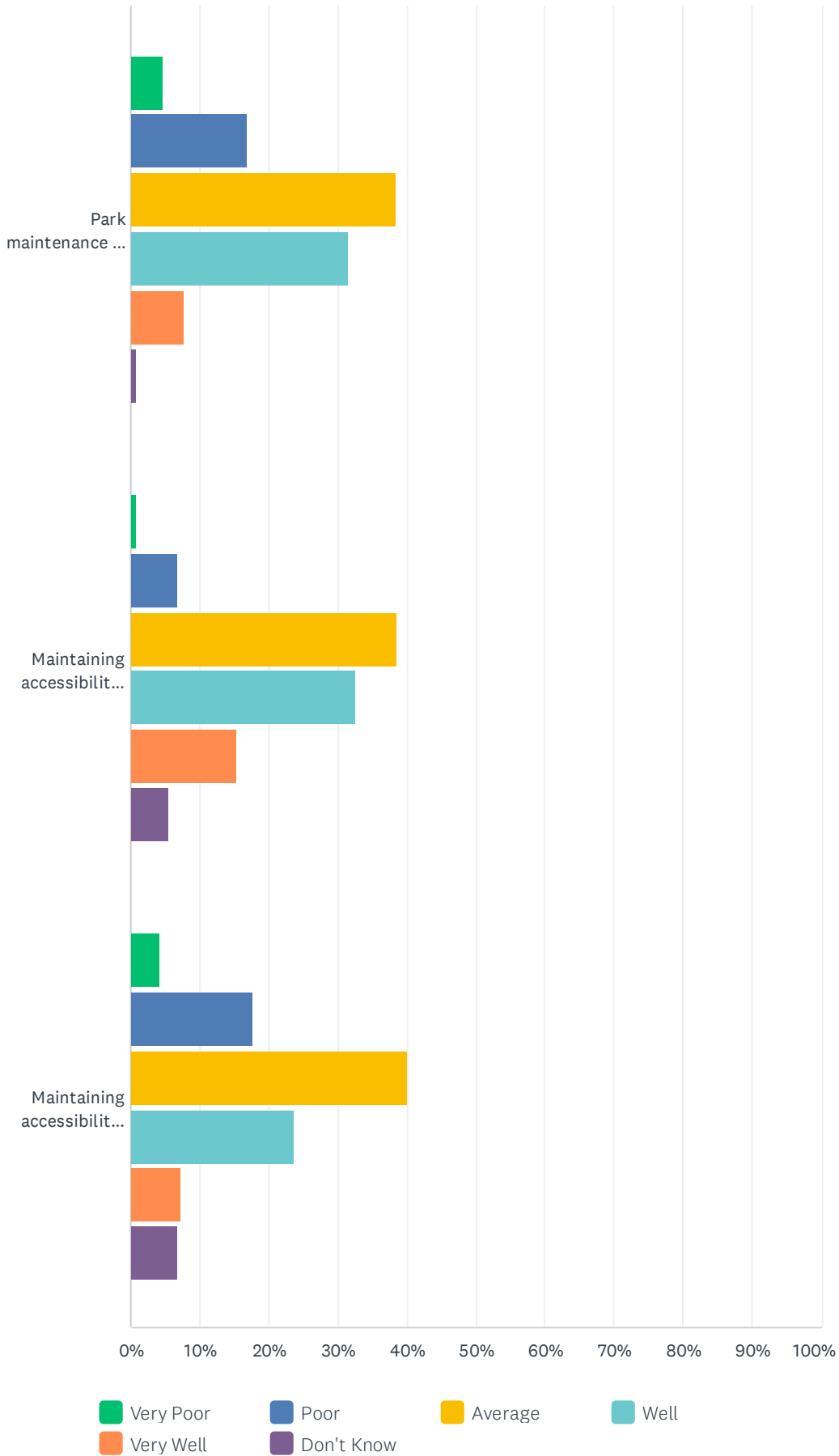
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	58.01%	134
No	41.99%	97
TOTAL		231

Q23 From your own experience, please indicate how well you think the City has provided each of the following services:

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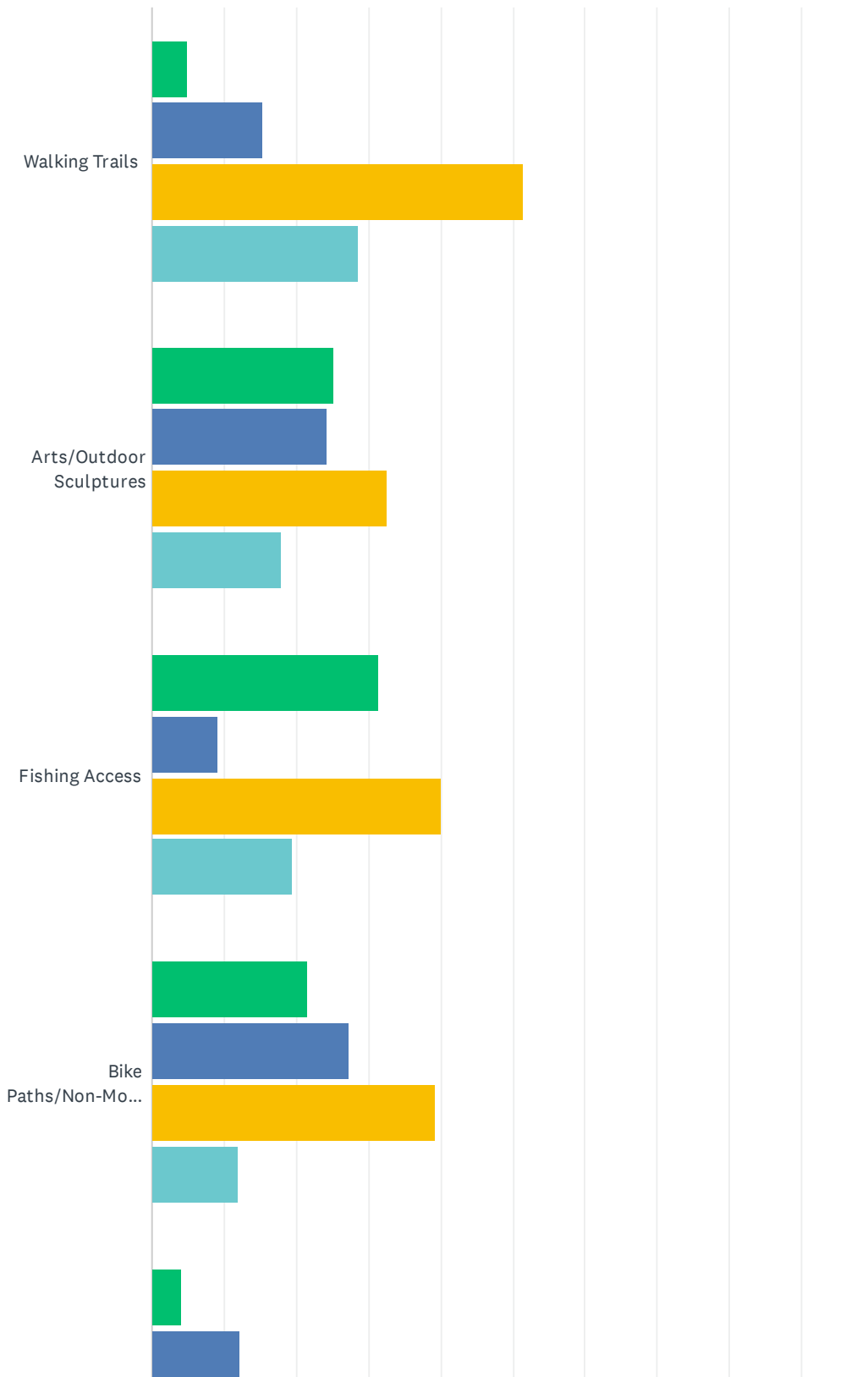


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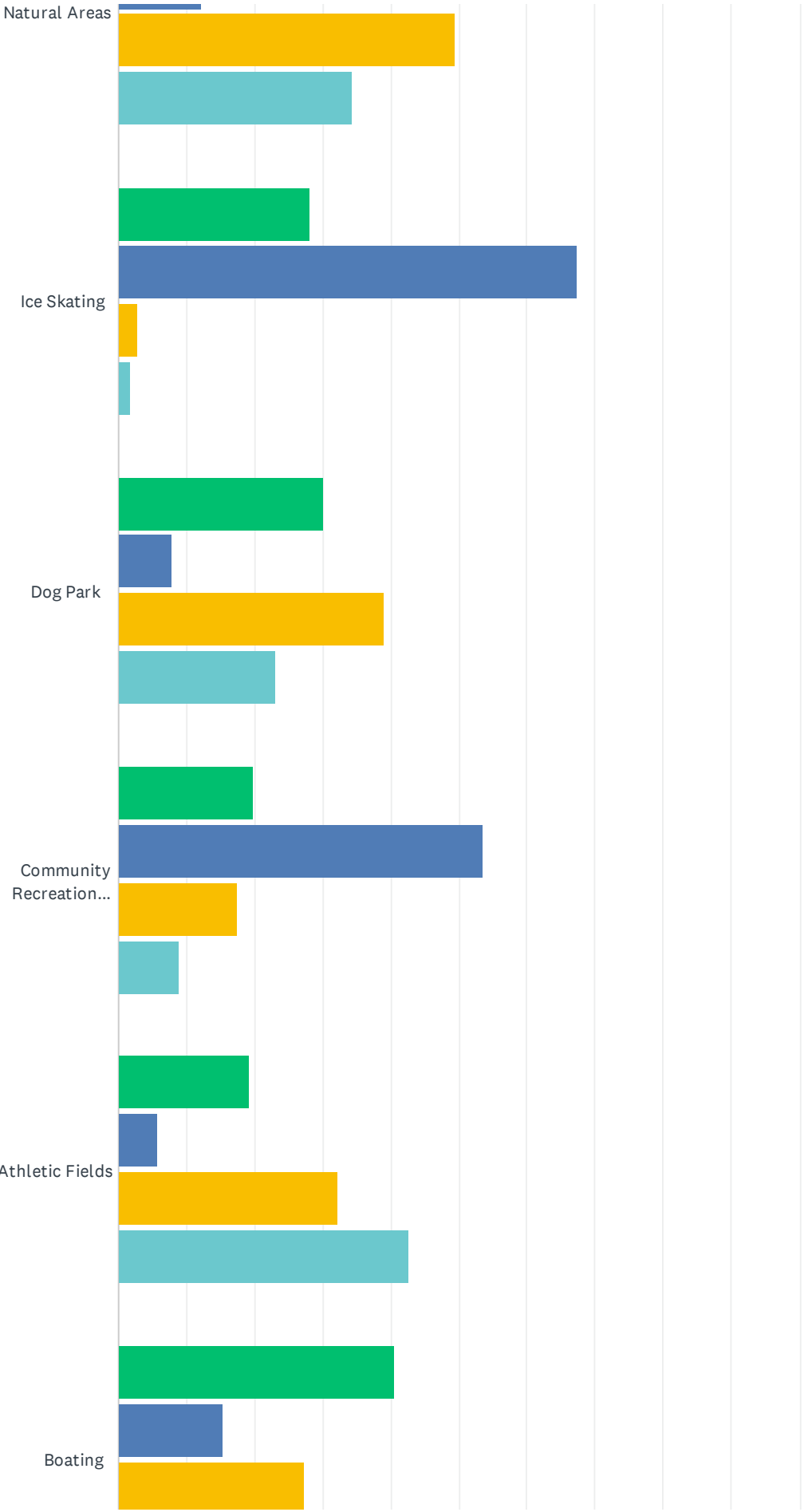
	VERY POOR	POOR	AVERAGE	WELL	VERY WELL	DON'T KNOW	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Development and maintenance of trail systems	3.02% 7	14.66% 34	40.95% 95	23.28% 54	5.17% 12	12.93% 30	232	2.74
Maintenance of public landscaping and street trees	3.00% 7	6.87% 16	39.06% 91	33.48% 78	16.31% 38	1.29% 3	233	3.49
Number of outdoor and open space areas	1.72% 4	4.29% 10	42.06% 98	32.19% 75	17.60% 41	2.15% 5	233	3.53
Park maintenance and upkeep	4.74% 11	16.81% 39	38.36% 89	31.47% 73	7.76% 18	0.86% 2	232	3.18
Maintaining accessibility to the park system to persons of all economic levels	0.86% 2	6.87% 16	38.63% 90	32.62% 76	15.45% 36	5.58% 13	233	3.38
Maintaining accessibility to the park system for persons of all abilities	4.31% 10	17.67% 41	40.09% 93	23.71% 55	7.33% 17	6.90% 16	232	2.91

Q24 How available and adequate are the following opportunities in and near the City of Allegan?

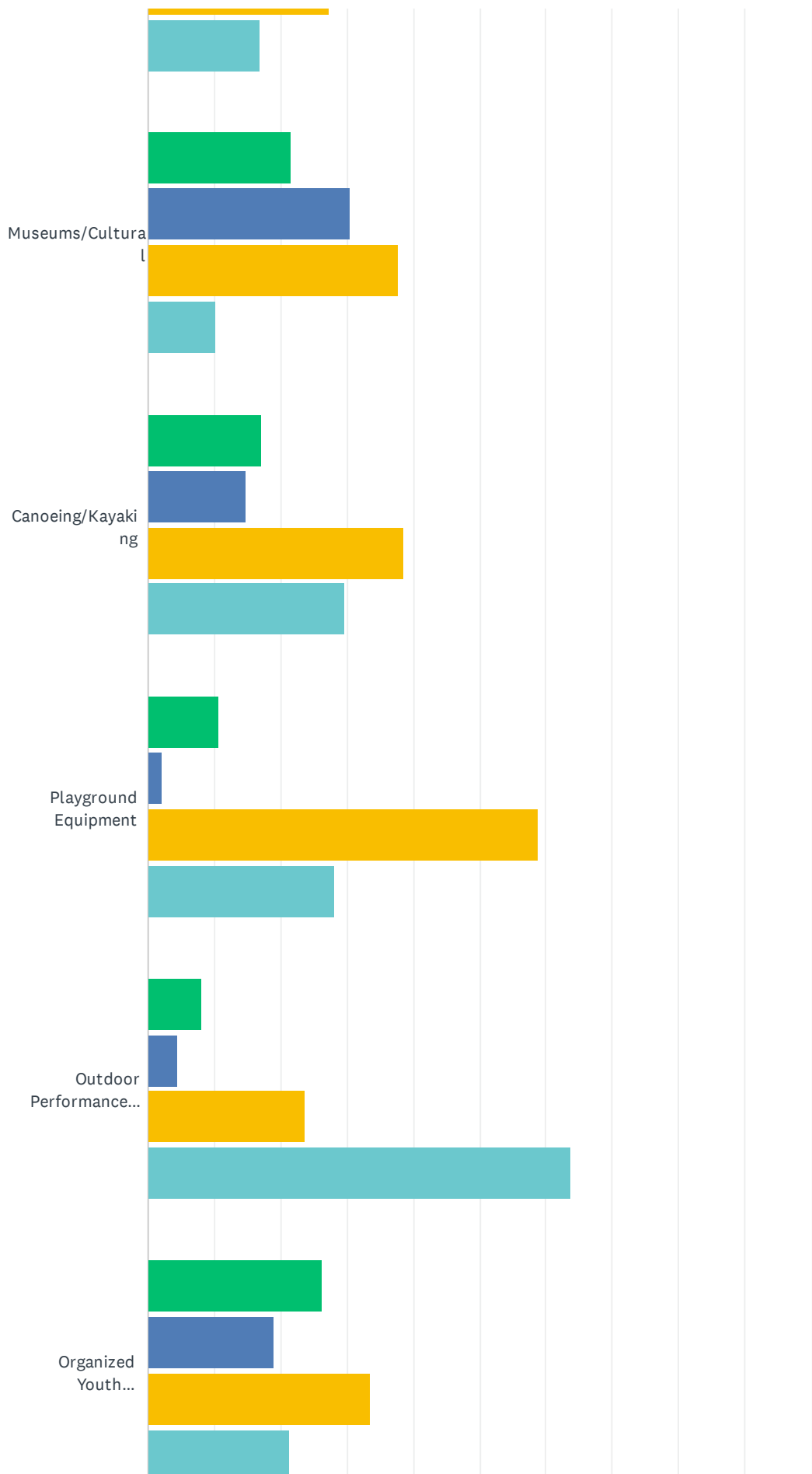
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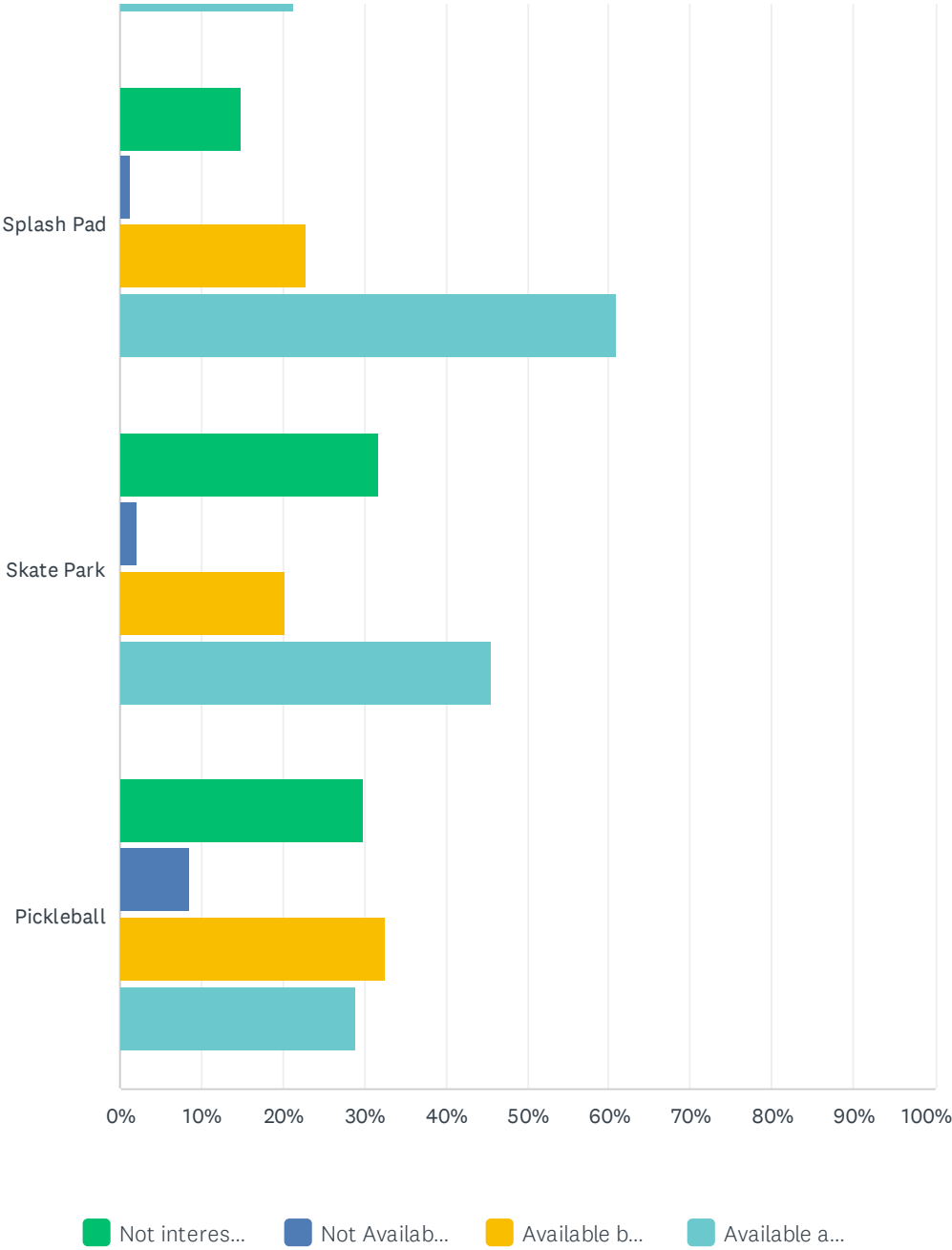
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	NOT INTERESTED	NOT AVAILABLE (WANTED)	AVAILABLE BUT NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	AVAILABLE AND ADEQUATE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Walking Trails	4.82% 11	15.35% 35	51.32% 117	28.51% 65	228	3.04
Arts/Outdoor Sculptures	25.22% 58	24.35% 56	32.61% 75	17.83% 41	230	2.43
Fishing Access	31.28% 71	9.25% 21	40.09% 91	19.38% 44	227	2.48
Bike Paths/Non-Motorized Trails	21.59% 49	27.31% 62	39.21% 89	11.89% 27	227	2.41
Natural Areas	4.05% 9	12.16% 27	49.55% 110	34.23% 76	222	3.14
Ice Skating	28.13% 63	67.41% 151	2.68% 6	1.79% 4	224	1.78
Dog Park	30.09% 68	7.96% 18	38.94% 88	23.01% 52	226	2.55
Community Recreation Center	19.82% 44	53.60% 119	17.57% 39	9.01% 20	222	2.16
Athletic Fields	19.28% 43	5.83% 13	32.29% 72	42.60% 95	223	2.98
Boating	40.45% 89	15.45% 34	27.27% 60	16.82% 37	220	2.20
Museums/Cultural	21.52% 48	30.49% 68	37.67% 84	10.31% 23	223	2.37
Canoeing/Kayaking	17.04% 38	14.80% 33	38.57% 86	29.60% 66	223	2.81
Playground Equipment	10.71% 24	2.23% 5	58.93% 132	28.13% 63	224	3.04
Outdoor Performance Space	8.07% 18	4.48% 10	23.77% 53	63.68% 142	223	3.43
Organized Youth Recreation Programs	26.24% 58	19.00% 42	33.48% 74	21.27% 47	221	2.50
Splash Pad	14.91% 34	1.32% 3	22.81% 52	60.96% 139	228	3.30
Skate Park	31.86% 72	2.21% 5	20.35% 46	45.58% 103	226	2.80
Pickleball	29.91% 67	8.48% 19	32.59% 73	29.02% 65	224	2.61

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ALLEGAN
ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 8-3 OF THE CITY OF ALLEGAN,
CODE OF ORDINANCES, AND TO ADD A NEW SECTION 8-7, TO PROVIDE
REGULATIONS FOR THE CITY'S CEMETERY**

The City of Allegan ordains:

Section 1. Amendment. Section 8-3 of the City of Allegan, Code of Ordinances, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Article I
General Regulations

Sec. 8-3. Rules and Regulations.

- (a) The cemetery shall be open to the public from dawn to dusk.
- (b) Urns and containers should be no larger than twelve (12) inches (square or diameter) and must be placed to the side of the grave marker. No more than two (2) urns or containers per grave site is permitted.
- (c) All objects must be contained within a grave site and placed within eighteen (18) inches of the grave marker. The City reserves the right to regulate grave site decoration for beauty and safety. The City cannot store or save decorations removed from grave sites.
- (d) Flowers, plants, and shrubs may be planted in the ground and must be contained within the grave site. The City is not responsible for flowers and plantings that may prohibit grounds care activities.
- (e) The City reserves the right to remove trees; shrubs; flowers; and faded, disintegrated, or broken artificial flowers. The City has the right to trim, cut down, or remove any plantings that are in poor condition.
- (f) Pets must be kept to paved paths, must be leashed, and their waste picked up after. Failure to do so will result in a fine. Excessive fines will result in a ban from the cemetery.
- (g) Funerals are under the exclusive direction of the city cemetery management.

Section 2. Addition. A new section 8-7 is added to the City of Allegan, Code of Ordinances, to read as follows:

Sec. 8-7. Reclamation of Vacant Cemetery Lots or Burial Spaces.

- (a) Cemetery lots or burial spaces sold after the effective date of this ordinance and remaining vacant for 40 years or more from the date of their sale shall revert to the City upon the occurrence of the following events:
 - (1) Notice shall be sent by the City by first-class mail to the last known address of the last burial-rights holder of record informing him/her of the expiration of the 40-year period and that all rights with respect to said lots or spaces will be forfeited if he/she does not affirmatively indicate in writing to the City within 60 days from the date of mailing of such notice of his/her desire to retain such burial rights; and

(2) No written response to said notice indicating a desire to retain the cemetery lots or burial spaces in question is received by the City from the last burial-rights holder of record of said lots or spaces, or his/her heirs or legal representative, within 60 days from the date of mailing of said notice.

(b) Cemetery lots or burial spaces sold before the effective date of this ordinance may be reclaimed by the City pursuant to the statutory procedure in 1931 PA 46.

Section 3. Repeal. Sections 8-15 and 8-17 of the City of Allegan, Code of Ordinances, are hereby repealed. The City Council finds and determines that the hours of the cemetery and regulations pertaining to pets can be addressed through Section 8-3 Rules and Regulations.

Section 4. Publication and Effective Date. The City Clerk shall cause a notice of adoption of this ordinance to be published. This ordinance shall take effect upon publication.

YEAS: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

CERTIFICATION

This is a true and complete copy of Ordinance No. ____ adopted at a regular meeting of the Allegan City Council held on _____, 2023.

Teresa Galloway, Mayor

Michaela Kleehammer, Clerk

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