

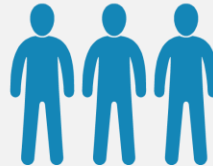
## Hamersley Park Improvements

### Hamersley Public Consultation Complete Summary

The following information is a complete summary of the feedback collected from the public at the open house, online, and by email.



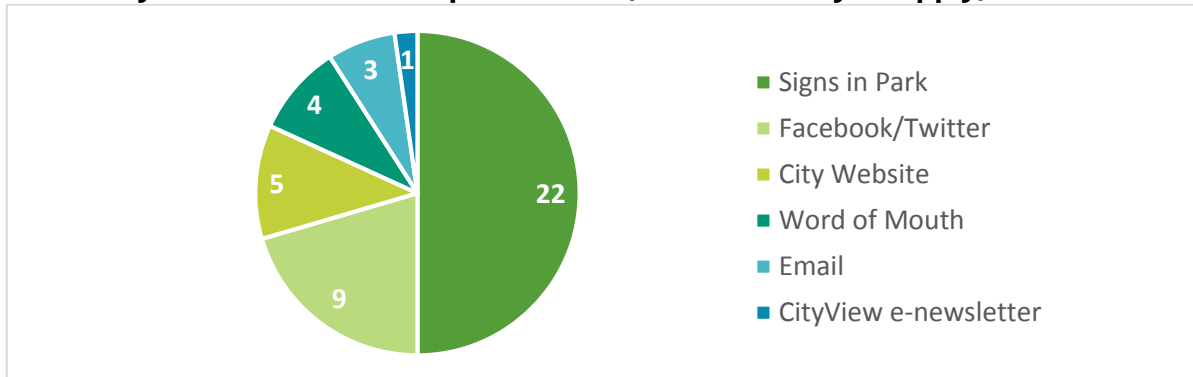
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65+  
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*\*It is assumed that 65-70 people attended the open house*

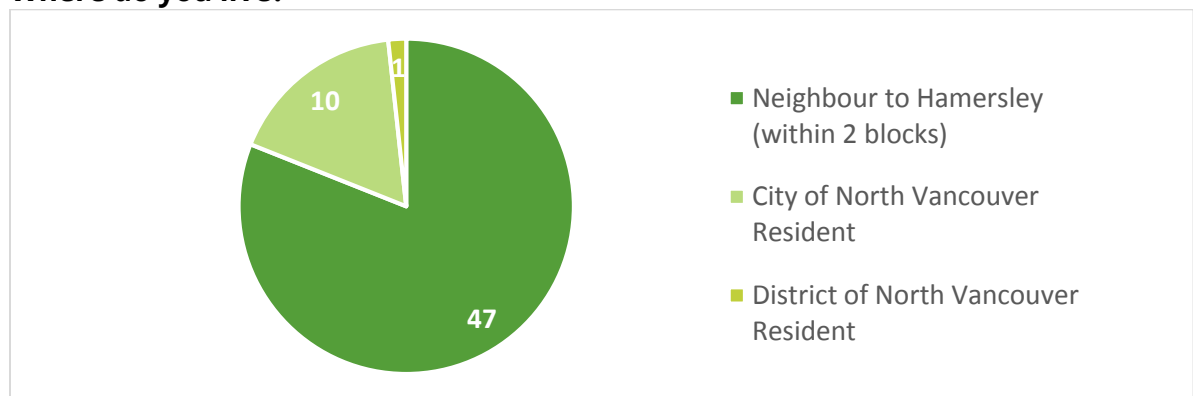
#### 1. How did you hear about the Open House? (check as many as apply)



*Other (please specify):*

Notices posted on building/delivered x17	Walking by with dog
North Shore News	Live next door

#### 2. Where do you live?



Other (please specify):

Live next door/across street x4
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**3. Do you bring children to the park? What are their ages?**

1 year old or under x5	Between 2-3 years x6	3-5 years old x8
6-9 years old x5	10-12 years old x3	

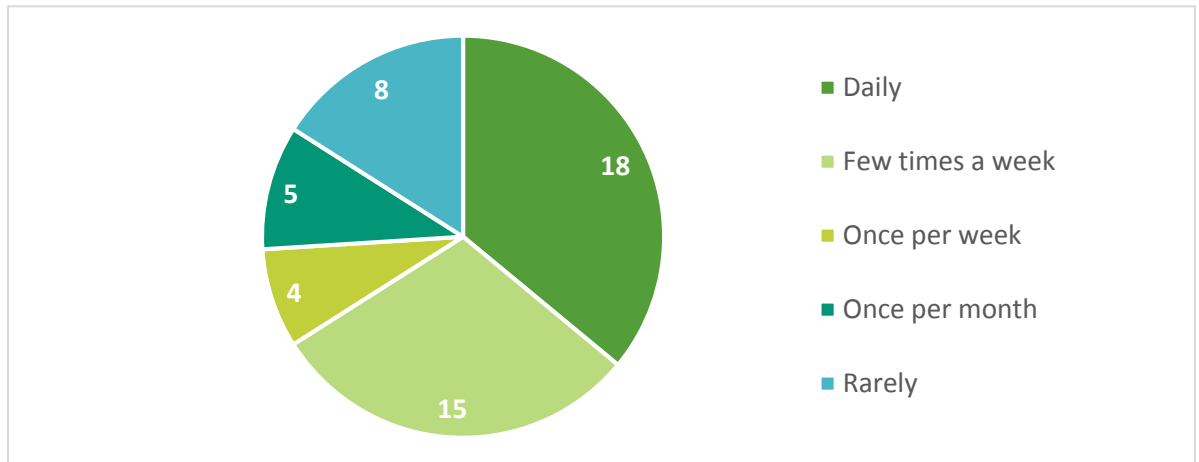
Other:

Do not bring kids/do not have kids x9	Teenage son x2
Grandchildren or niece/nephew x2	Bring dogs x2
Children too old/grown up x2	

**If you do bring children to the park, what are their favorite activities?**

Running on grass/exploring wooded area x8	Water gun fights
Climbing x8	Ride bikes
Slide x7	Picnic
Swings/swings for babies x2	Celebrations
Suspension bridge x2	Being with friends
Play equipment	Looking at scenery
Monkey bars	

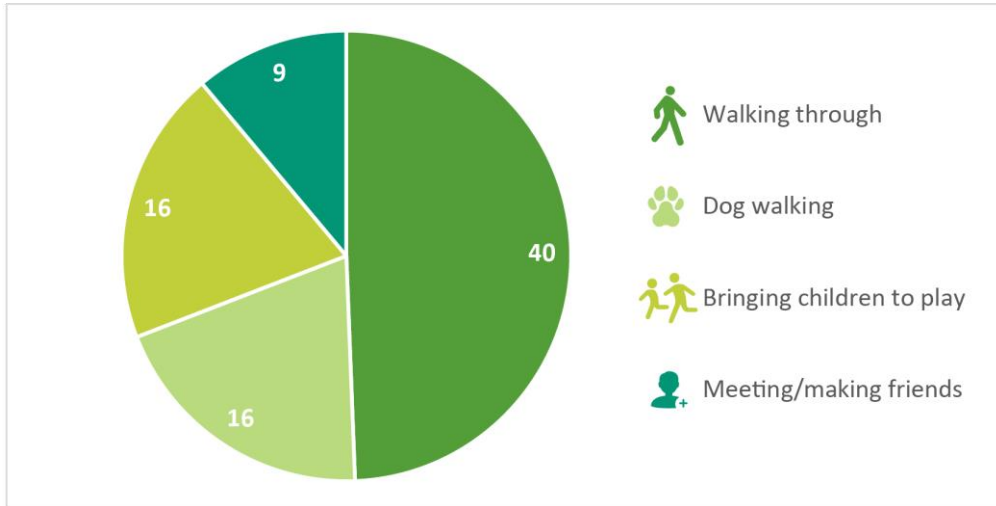
**4. How often do you frequent Hamersley Park?**



Other:

Walk/run by or through quite often x3	Depends on the season
Depends which grandchildren are visiting (aged 1-17)	Previously use it

**5. What activities do you typically do in the park?**



Other:

Nothing too close to the foliage	Walk through to Spirit Trail
Enjoy sunshine	

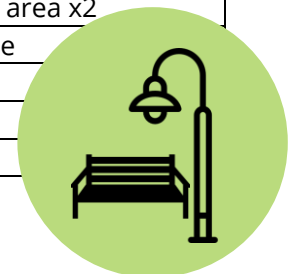
**6. What do you enjoy most about Hamersley Park?**

Trees/greenery x26	Location x3
Naturalness/natural beauty x13	Multi-use x2
Open green space x11	Neighbourhood feel x2
Quiet/tranquil x9	Gardens x2
Accessibility x7	Old picnic tables
Shaded areas x5	Safe
Play equipment x5	Signage
Size and shape x3	Clean air
N-S connection x3	No dogs



**7. What needs to be improved?**

Lighting x23	Drainage x4
Seating/picnic tables x17	Regulatory signage/enforcement x3
Expand play area/ improve equipment x14	Utilization of space x3
Discouraging vandalism/dumping x14	Accessibility x3
Pathways x7	Add dog waste bin x2
Security + safety x6	Upgrade sidewalk crossings x2
Maintenance x6	Improve health of planted area x2
Discouraging late night users x5	Improve stairs on west side
Space for dogs x5	Reconfigure play area
Overgrowth removal x5	More uses for adults
Additional greenery + natural plants x4	Add water feature



**8. Would you like to have a larger playground area?**

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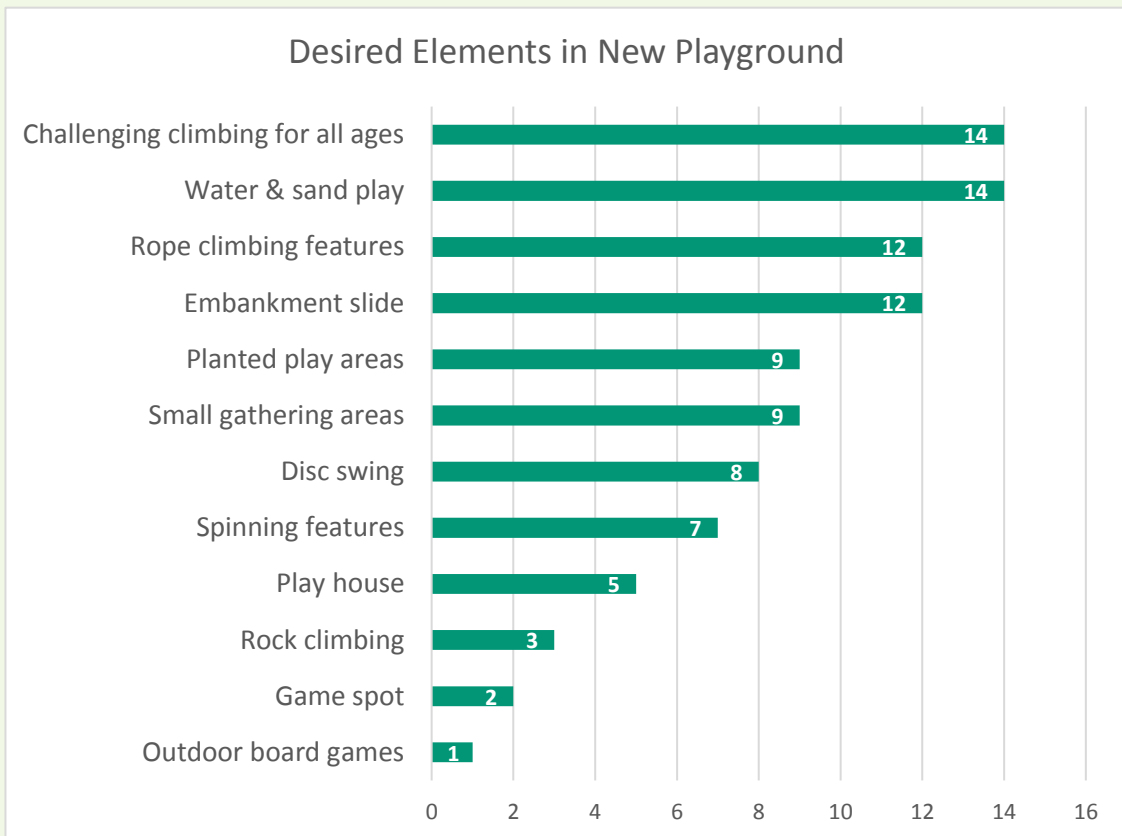
*Other comments:*

Little larger	More or less	Spaced out
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**What are your thoughts on the play elements presented on the boards?**

Like the play elements presented x17	Like natural play elements x2
Like ropes/climbing structure x7	Like spinning structure x2
Like embankment slide/slide x6	Zip line
Like water & sand play x5	Playhouse
Current play area is sufficient x5	Want no play elements
Like swings x5	Want unique playground
Want variety of play elements x2	Want fencing to provide safety from road

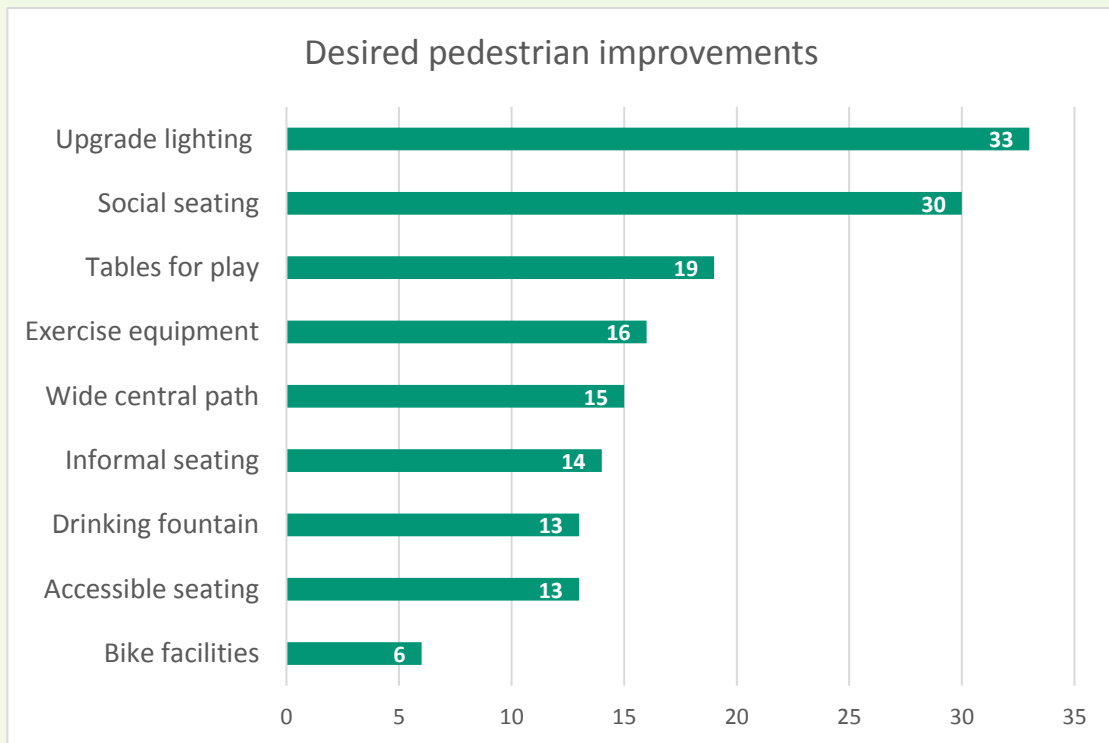
*Green dot feedback from open house boards*



**9. What are your thoughts on the ideas for pedestrian improvements presented on the boards? Do you have any other ideas?**

Improve lighting x10	Upgrade stairs between 2 <sup>nd</sup> + alley
Like improved pathways x8	Add bike storage
Like proposed improvements x7	Like exercise equipment
Like improved seating x3	No exercise equipment
Like drinking fountain x3	Increase sidewalk snow removal in front of park
Like improved accessibility x2	Improve proximate crosswalks
Increase safety x1	Add tables
Improve sightlines/visibility x2	Keep gravel walkway
Move overhead lighting underground	Add water bottle filling station not water fountain

*Green dot feedback from open house boards*

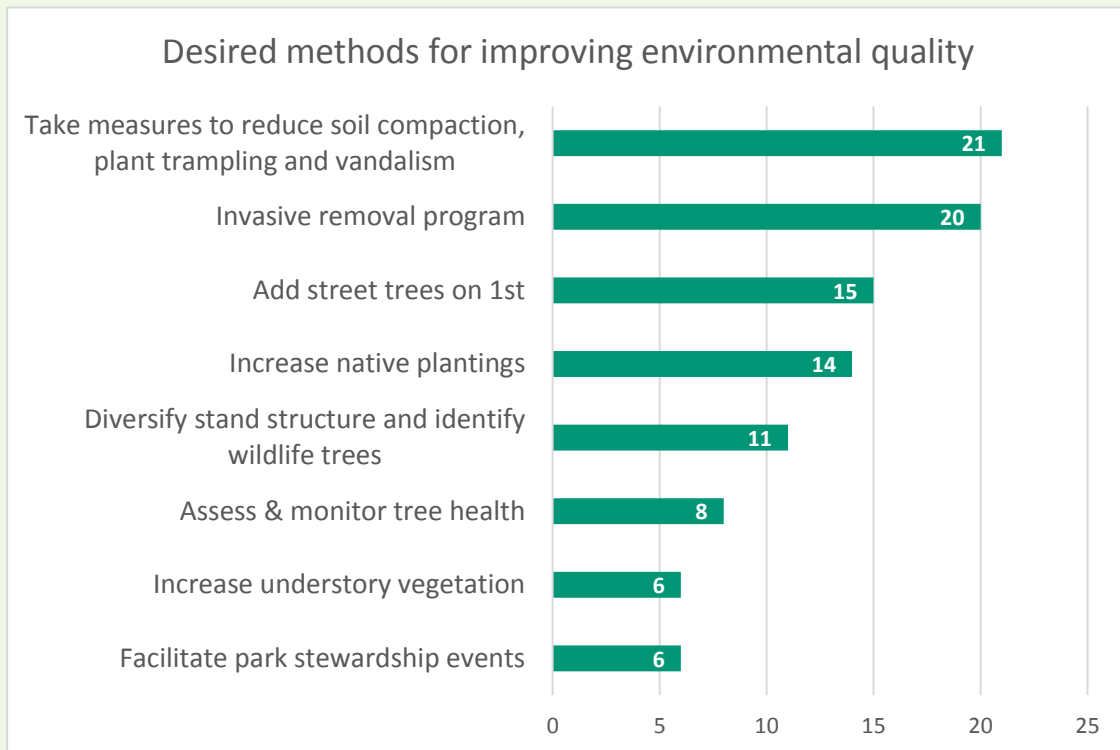


**10. Do you agree with the ideas to improve the natural elements and health of the park? Do you have any other ideas?**

Yes x26	More lighting
Keep it natural/preserve the trees x11	Include elements for adults
Remove invasive plants x2	Remove old chessboard
Additional planting x2	More modern landscaping/hardscaping
Maintain wildlife habitat	Trim + remove trees
More flowering shrubs	Enforce dog policy
Bring back pond	No street trees x3



*Green dot feedback from open house boards*



**11. Would you be interested in being involved in community park stewardship events? This may include invasive plant removal and native planting events or workshops.**



***Do you have other ideas or comments?***

Add dog stations (water, waste bins, baggies) x2	Include picnic area
Add bathrooms x2	Open up area close to stairs
Allow dogs in Hamersley + Emerald	Do not allow dogs here
Put fencing around play areas	Host educational events for children
Add edible plants	Host beer garden events connected to the brewery district

**12. Are you a dog owner living in Lower Lonsdale?** \*this data was included in off-leash summary



*Other comments:*

- No, but I like dogs!

**Where would you like to see a small off-leash area in Lower Lonsdale?**

E 1 <sup>st</sup> Site x9	Hamersley Park x2
Emerald Park x6	In several parks x2
No/don't need one x7	Ottawa Gardens
Yes x4	Dixon Park
Not Hamersley x4	Moodyville Park
Waterfront Park x3	Locate away from playgrounds
Anywhere x3	Very small, okay

### **13. Are there any other comments you wish to share with us?**

#### Desired elements

Bring back the chess pieces for the board on the SE corner, no more pink/yellow/orange furniture. Please find some new colours for the neighbourhood.

Play area for all ages would be good.

Exercise equipment and seating.

Miss the pond where ducks and crane used to live.

Maintaining as many mature trees as possible would be great.

Please trim the height of the trees so that the buildings get a better view of the water.

The park feels overgrown and dark. It would be more pleasant if it was opened up some.

Overall: North entrance is over-grown (too much foliage) – not inviting, not very safe – looking, especially on dark days/winter (2) need to cut back foliage on E + W sides – add some lighting, add more flower beds (low level foliage).

I love the playgrounds in our neighbourhood. We love to “park hop” on the weekends and any days off. We like that there are playgrounds for kids of various ages. We like water features & really appreciate shade in the summer. We really like parks with both natural features & formal play structures.

An owl has been observed in the park, in the 3-4 cedars close to the sidewalk. Please include benches for adults. Adults need a place to sit in the park. The existing bench isn't used very much. Add toddler swings. They are constantly being used in other park down the street. It is a well used playground. It's a beautiful park and it is well maintained.

Horseshoe pitch, clear areas at north steps for reduce loitering/kids drinking, existing playground in good condition no need to waste

Don't want to see the park change.

#### Dogs

Thank you for consulting, city doesn't normally consult with those of us in this area... Two priorities (1) no new dog areas and enforce the existing “no dogs” rule; (2) do not expand the play area.

No dogs should be allowed at this park especially off-leash.

Have to be careful of dogs off leash in parks as some children are terrorized by dogs. My husband has been bitten from a dog off-leash.

Keep the garden manicured like it is today. I suggest a dog park on the grass necklace on Grand Boulevard @ 10<sup>th</sup>, all parks in lolo are too small for Dog Park.

PLEASE relax the dog restrictions in all of the parks. By banning dogs in most parks in the neighbourhood you are accommodating the wishes of a very small minority of the park users, and not accommodating the needs of the most. My experience has been that those without dogs almost universally love interacting with the dogs. An off leash park would be great, but if you make that the ONLY place to bring dogs it will be overcrowded and you will likely see more incidents of dogs fighting, etc..

Poo ferry bins at every park is a great need, keep the streets clean.



I'm very fond of the green space on East 1st st. between Lonsdale and St. Georges. I often use that as a park area as do many local residents who take their dogs to play there and sun-tan there in the summer. I notice that this area is not designated as park area on the map presented in the slides, which I assume means it may be developed in the future. I'm not sure if the city has input in this area, but it seems to be one of the more used green spaces in the Lower Lonsdale neighbourhood at this point and I think it would be a shame to lose this high-traffic green space to buildings in the future.

### Support/thanks

Love this park, anything you do will be wonderful, thank you.

Appreciate CNV providing this opportunity for input and continuing the approach to periodically revisiting all parks to see if they are currently in good health and meeting the needs of the community. Many people see Hamersley + Emerald as one continuous park and consistent plan serving both should be considered.

The park is breathtaking. Fell in love with it the first time I saw it. But rarely use it.

Thanks Chandra and Mike for listening.

Thanks for this work!

Keep up the good work!

### Issues

Loitering and vandalism is a huge problem in this park, better security, clean up growth for more visibility, I like the idea of exercise equipment in the park, free yoga in the park.

Saw a city vehicle that said something about climate action today... not seeing the city actually doing much. Nearby pubs are noisy, parking is an issue. Stairs are not accessible for a walker and are avoided. Garbage is left on the walk, by the can. Neighbours clean up the park. Improve accessibility. Specifically improve the path leading to the alley and onto 2nd street.

### Other

Don't see a problem with evening use in the park. Few children use the park.

A park where people can sit and linger is best. You currently can not do this in Hamersley. The staircase is very steep and unused. Want benches – not just around the play areas – and large picnic tables. More flowering shrubs and protection of the existing trees would also be good. Want to see a community garden (take a look at what is being done in Major cities like Paris). This park should be for all ages and integrated with nature. Please also consider the impact of lighting on adjacent home owners, as not to disturb them. Must recognize the needs of the school kids and teens who hangout in the parks in the “wild area”. While some of the teenagers may be noisy, 90% of them are not. They are good kids who are entitled to enjoy the park. I see more teenagers using the park daily than any other group with the exception of the day care. Currently park design serves only the use of 3-5 year olds. Some guys also use the playground equipment to workout (do chin ups).

There is a positive community of people and dog owners that use the park, would like to see dog use in the park continued. The park is good as it is, and would prefer it to stay the same. There are few children who use the park. There is no problem with evening use of Hamersley. The nearby pubs are noisy and parking is an issue. The stairs are avoided and are not usable with a walker. Garbage is left by the garbage can and often neighbours are the ones to clean it, and the park. Accessibility should be improved, specifically the path leading to the alley and onto 2<sup>nd</sup> street.

City should develop Urban Forestry Plan.