

Coeur d'Alene Park: Public Engagement Summary

Introduction

As part of the Coeur d'Alene Park Playground and Restroom Replacement Project, a variety of engagement activities were conducted throughout Spring 2026 to gather community input on future improvements to the park. Engagement efforts included a meeting with the Browne's Addition Neighborhood Council, a series of pop-up events at community locations, and an online survey. These activities were designed to better understand how community members currently use the park, what they value most about it, and what improvements and amenities they would like to see in the future. Feedback gathered through this process will help inform the design and development of future improvements at Coeur d'Alene Park. Engagement events included:

- ◆ **April 16** – Browne's Addition Neighborhood Council Meeting
- ◆ **April 21** – Pop-up at the playground at Coeur d'Alene Park
- ◆ **April 22** – Pop-up at Roosevelt Elementary
- ◆ **May 2** – Pop-up at Cannon and Pacific Roundabout
- ◆ **April 27-May 18** – Online Survey
- ◆ **June 22** – Second meeting with Browne's Addition Neighborhood Council at the park

This engagement summary provides an overview of what was heard through the various engagement events. **Many of the same questions were intentionally asked at pop-ups, meetings, and in the online survey so that results could be compared in different settings. This summary will share what was heard in various settings, including the online survey.**

Browne's Addition Neighborhood Council Meeting

On April 16th, the City and consultant team for the Coeur d'Alene Park Playground and Restroom Replacement Project facilitated a session with the Browne's Addition Neighborhood Council. The Council was guided through conversation prompts, and the session lasted for 30 minutes. A summary of the conversation, in the same structure it was given, is below.



What They Love

The Council shared what they currently love about Coeur d'Alene Park. This helped set the tone for the rest of the session.

- ◆ Basketball
- ◆ Outdoor space in a high-density area
 - ▲ Feels natural
 - ▲ Connection to outdoor spaces
 - ▲ Great for dogs
- ◆ Transit access
- ◆ Trees
- ◆ Historical elements
- ◆ Community space in the center
- ◆ Tennis courts
- ◆ Trash cans

Theme

After discussing what they love about Coeur d'Alene Park, the group moved into a new topic of suggesting themes for the new playground and park updates to revolve around. This was a lively conversation where suggestions mostly revolved around Spokane's identity. They identified:

- ◆ Historic/Victorian identity
 - ▲ Victorian landscape design
 - ▲ Look at the 1980s/1990s decision
 - ▲ It was the first park!
- ◆ Include information/wayfinding on nearby historic homes
- ◆ Lilacs
- ◆ Wildness of the park
- ◆ Family friendly
- ◆ Open space
- ◆ Tying the design to local ecology
- ◆ Connection to the Spokane Tribe

New Restroom

The Council was presented with the proposed restroom design and asked to give their thoughts on it.

What they liked:

- ◆ Unisex
- ◆ Clean
- ◆ Feels like you're outside
- ◆ Safe
- ◆ Large stalls make it accessible
- ◆ It is bright and adequately lit

What they didn't like:

- ◆ Doesn't mimic the design and look of the current bathroom
- ◆ Needs to have a more historic design
- ◆ Design looks 'rigid' compared to the neighborhood



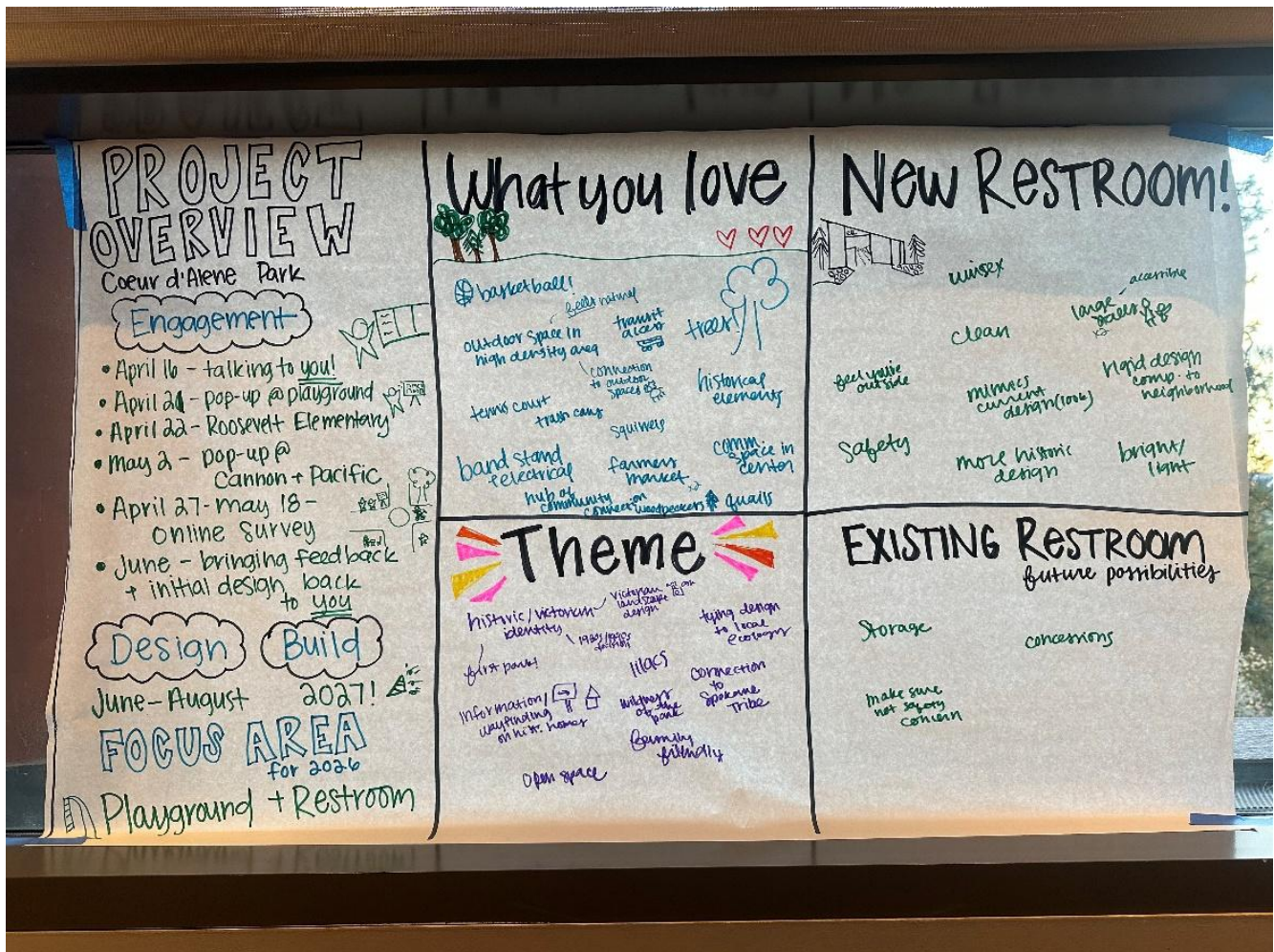
Future Possibilities for the Existing Restroom

For their final discussion, the topic of future possibilities for the existing restroom was discussed. The group did have some potential safety concerns about keeping the existing building, but the ideas of using the building for farmers' market storage and as a concession stand for the park were both popular and well discussed.

Meeting Overview

Figure 1 shows how feedback was recorded during the facilitated conversation with the Neighborhood Council. Additionally, as people entered the meeting they were asked to fill out a pom-pom poll asking for preferences on what amenities they would use in the park if they were there or continued to be there. Those results are tied into the results of the other pop-ups in the next section.

Figure 1. Recorded Conversation from the Browne's Addition Neighborhood Council



Pop-Up Events Overview

This engagement effort also included a series of three pop-up events throughout the Spring of 2026 to gather focused community input to inform the design of the new Coeur d'Alene Playground and Restroom. The goal of community pop-ups is to find people where they are already at to ask them questions about their neighborhood park, rather than asking them to come to a specific workshop.

Events

◆ Coeur d'Alene Park – April 21

A pop-up event was held at Coeur d'Alene Park, where approximately 15–20 participants completed interactive activities focused on future park improvements and recreation opportunities. Community members participated in activities related to preferred play options, overall playground style preferences, park amenities, and ideas for future park improvements.



◆ Roosevelt Elementary School – April 22

Outreach at Roosevelt Elementary School engaged approximately 40–50 students through hands-on engagement activities. The school brought students into the gym who live near Coeur d'Alene Park. They shared their thoughts and voted on preferred play options, overall playground style preferences, desired amenities, and future recreation opportunities at Coeur d'Alene Park.



◆ Cannon and Pacific Roundabout – May 2

A pop-up engagement event near the Cannon and Pacific Roundabout engaged nearby residents and park users in activities related to future park improvements. Participants shared ideas for future amenities and improvements, ranked restroom location options, and participated in a pom-pom poll focused on preferred park amenities.



Activity & Survey Question Results

Activity One:

Preferred Play Features in Coeur d'Alene Park

The first activity asked participants how they wanted to play in Coeur d'Alene Park. They were directed to place stickers on any of the options that looked fun to them. Overall results from the three pop-ups and the online survey are shown in the table below.

Top three selections:

- ◆ **Climbing Rocks:** 134 selections
- ◆ **Rope Climbing Structure:** 118 selections
- ◆ **Basket Swing:** 102 selections

Figure 2: Total Votes on Preferred Play Features Activity



Table 1. Preferred Play Features Activity Results

Play Option	Coeur d'Alene Park	Roosevelt Elementary	Cannon and Pacific Roundabout	Online Survey	Total
Climbing Rocks	7	10	7	110	134
Slides	5	17	3	72	97
Poured-in-Place Play Area	9	2	2	47	60
Inclusive Merry-go-round	4	13	4	49	70
Rope Climbing Structure	6	18	4	90	118
Inclusive Zipline	8	20	7	61	96
Nature Play Table	2	3	0	30	35
Basket Swing	6	17	2	77	102
Musical Play	5	4	3	50	62



Activity Two: “Loves and Wishes” Activity

The next activity asked participants to share what they enjoy most at the park and what they wish they could do in the park. They were directed to write in the blank boxes on the board with their responses to the questions. Results from the three pop-ups and the online survey are shown in the table below.

Top three answers overall:

- ◆ **What do you enjoy most at Coeur d’Alene Park now?**
 - ▲ Playground equipment
 - ▲ Shade from the trees
 - ▲ Farmer’s market
- ◆ **What do you want to do in Coeur d’Alene Park, but can’t do now?**
 - ▲ Safety and security improvements
 - ▲ More seating and gathering areas
 - ▲ Dog walking opportunities on trails

Figure 3. Completed “Loves and Wishes” Activity Boards

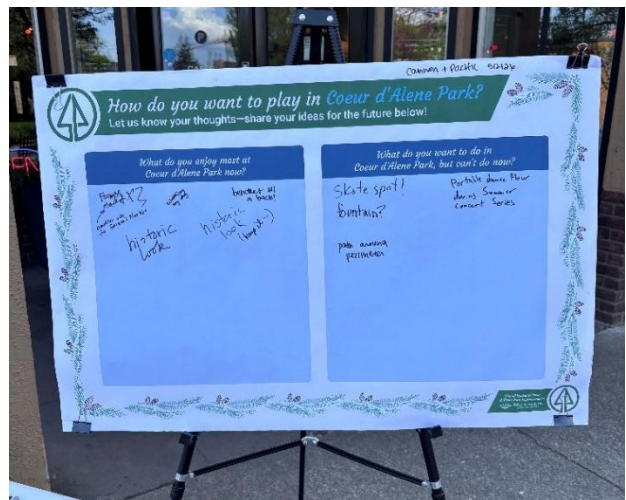


Table 2. “Loves and Wishes” Activity Responses from Community Participants

Question	Coeur d’Alene Park	Roosevelt Elementary	Cannon and Pacific Roundabout	Online Survey
“What do you enjoy most at Coeur d’Alene Park now?”	▲ Splash pad x3 ▲ Shade ▲ Maintained trails ▲ Swings x2 ▲ Teeter totter ▲ Jungle Gym ▲ Slide ▲ Trees ▲ Toddler area	▲ Train x18 ▲ Swings x17 ▲ Large slide x11 ▲ See saw x7 ▲ Wooden shop x6	▲ Farmers market x4 ▲ Historic look ▲ Walking my dog ▲ Historic look (keep it...) ▲ Benches with a back	▲ Trees, shade, and natural beauty x18 ▲ Playground features (swings, slides, playground equipment) x21 ▲ Farmers market x14 ▲ Walking dogs / dog walking x11 ▲ Concerts and music events x9 ▲ Splash pad / water play x6 ▲ Historic character and neighborhood feel x3 ▲ Basketball / recreation space x2 ▲ Gazebo x2
“What do you want to do in Coeur d’Alene Park, but can’t do now?”	▲ Have more lounging areas for parents ▲ Toddler-safer area x5 ▲ No wood chips ▲ Trash cans x4 ▲ Install covers similar to downtown x2 ▲ Host birthday parties ▲ Enjoy a Zen garden ▲ More bench seating ▲ Frisbee golf	▲ Soccer x6 ▲ Climbing features x6 ▲ Monkey bars (multiple heights) ▲ Rope climbing ▲ Trees to climb ▲ Trampolines x2 ▲ Parkour/ninja course x2 ▲ Baseball x2 ▲ Tennis / fix tennis courts x2	▲ Skate spot ▲ Fountain ▲ Path around perimeter ▲ Portable dance floor during summer concert series.	▲ Safety and security improvements x66 ▲ Playground/play feature improvements x21 ▲ Walking paths / paved pathways x20 ▲ More seating, benches, picnic, and gathering areas x21 ▲ Restroom improvements x10 ▲ Farmers market/community event improvements x14 ▲ Walking trails and dog walking opportunities x11



	▲ Showers in restrooms for use after the splashpad ▲ Security for the playground	▲ Zipline x2 ▲ Basketball court accessibility improvements ▲ Add basketball backboard and court lines x3 ▲ Gymnastics ▲ Ice skating ▲ Red light–green light game ▲ Maze ▲ Spinning toy ▲ Trail for scooters ▲ Trail for rollerblades ▲ Swing/backflip swing ▲ Slide ▲ Spray pad ▲ Skatepark ▲ More space ▲ Pickleball courts	▲ Concerts and event spaces x9 ▲ Pickleball courts x7 ▲ Splash pad / water feature improvements x6 ▲ Adult fitness/workout equipment x5 ▲ Sports courts and fields (basketball, tennis, volleyball, baseball) x5 ▲ Community garden / landscaping / flowers x4 ▲ Coffee/snack/café space x3 ▲ Dog park / off-leash area x2 ▲ Roller skating / smooth pavement x2 ▲ Frisbee golf x2 ▲ Historic-themed park design x2



Activity Three: Playground Styles and Amenities

The next activity asked participants to vote on one of three options for a playground style and to place a sticker on any of the amenities they would use. Results from the three pop-ups, the online survey, and the Neighborhood Council meeting are shown in the table below.

Top Selections Overall:

- ◆ Option #2: 122 selections
- ◆ Picnic Tables: 161 selections

Figure 4: Total Votes on Playground Styles and Amenities



Table 3. Playground Styles and Amenities Activity Results

What kind of playground style would you like to see at Coeur d'Alene Park?

Playground Style	Coeur d'Alene Park	Roosevelt Elementary	Cannon and Pacific Roundabout	Online Survey	Total
Option #1	7	12	n/a	35	54
Option #2	9	20	n/a	93	122
Option #3	3	11	n/a	30	44

Which of these amenities would you use if you had them in Coeur d'Alene Park?

Playground Amenities	Coeur d'Alene Park	Roosevelt Elementary	Cannon and Pacific Roundabout	Online Survey	Neighborhood Council	Total
Barbecues	8	14	10	52	2	86
Picnic Tables	4	19	14	108	11	156
Benches	7	10	10	118	16	161
Community Garden	6	22	16	62	14	120

Activity Four: New Restroom Location

The last activity asked participants to rank their preferences for a new restroom location. Results from the nearby intersection and the online survey are shown in the table below.

Overall Preferred Ranking Order:

- ◆ Option A
- ◆ Option C
- ◆ Option D
- ◆ Option B

The location of the new restroom will be guided by community input and the survey results summarized above. The design team will also consider safety, security, accessibility, and site design when evaluating potential locations. These factors will help determine the final restroom placement.



Figure 5. New Restroom Location Ranking Activity Board

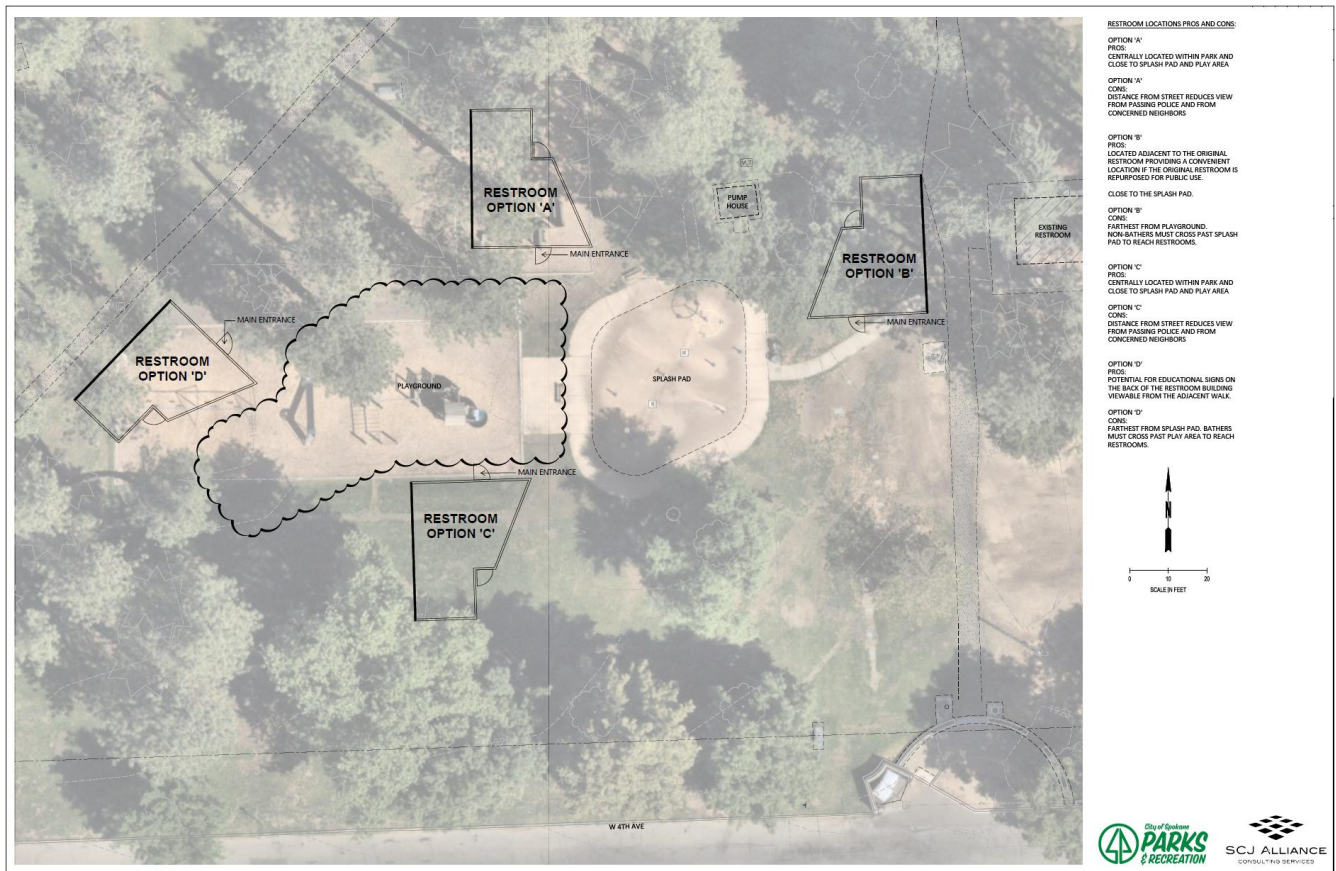


Table 4. New Restroom Location Ranking Activity Results

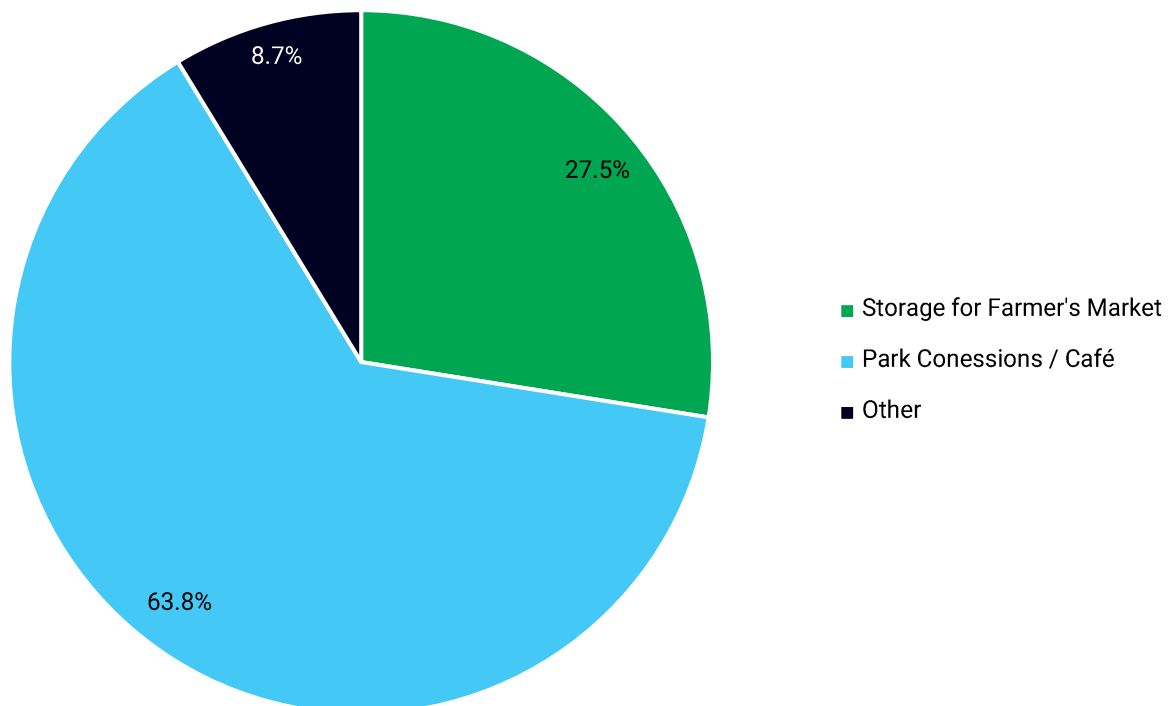
	Option A			Option B			Option C			Option D		
	Pop-Up	Online	Total	Pop-Up	Online	Total	Pop-Up	Online	Total	Pop-Up	Online	Total
Ranked #1	4	79	83	0	29	29	1	19	20	0	15	15
Ranked #2	0	21	21	1	23	24	0	41	41	2	12	14
Ranked #3	0	11	11	1	20	21	1	21	22	0	33	33
Ranked #4	0	6	6	3	30	33	1	16	17	1	31	32



Activity Five: Online Survey

An online survey was available from April 28, 2026, through May 26, 2026, and received 163 responses. Most survey questions mirrored those used during the in-person pop-up events, and the results for those questions have been incorporated into the previous sections of this report. The survey also included an additional question regarding potential future uses for the existing restroom building if it were repurposed. As shown in Figure 6, nearly two-thirds of respondents (63.8%) preferred converting the building into park concessions or a café, while just over one-quarter (27.5%) supported using the space for farmers market storage.

Figure 6. If the existing restroom were converted to a new use, what do you think the best use would be?



Survey participants were also asked to provide demographic information, including their age and zip code. The zip code for the neighborhood Coeur d'Alene Park is in is 99201, of which 37% of survey participants live in. Age and zip code results are summarized in the figures below and help provide additional context for understanding survey participation and community representation.



Figure 7. Age Ranges of Online Survey Participants

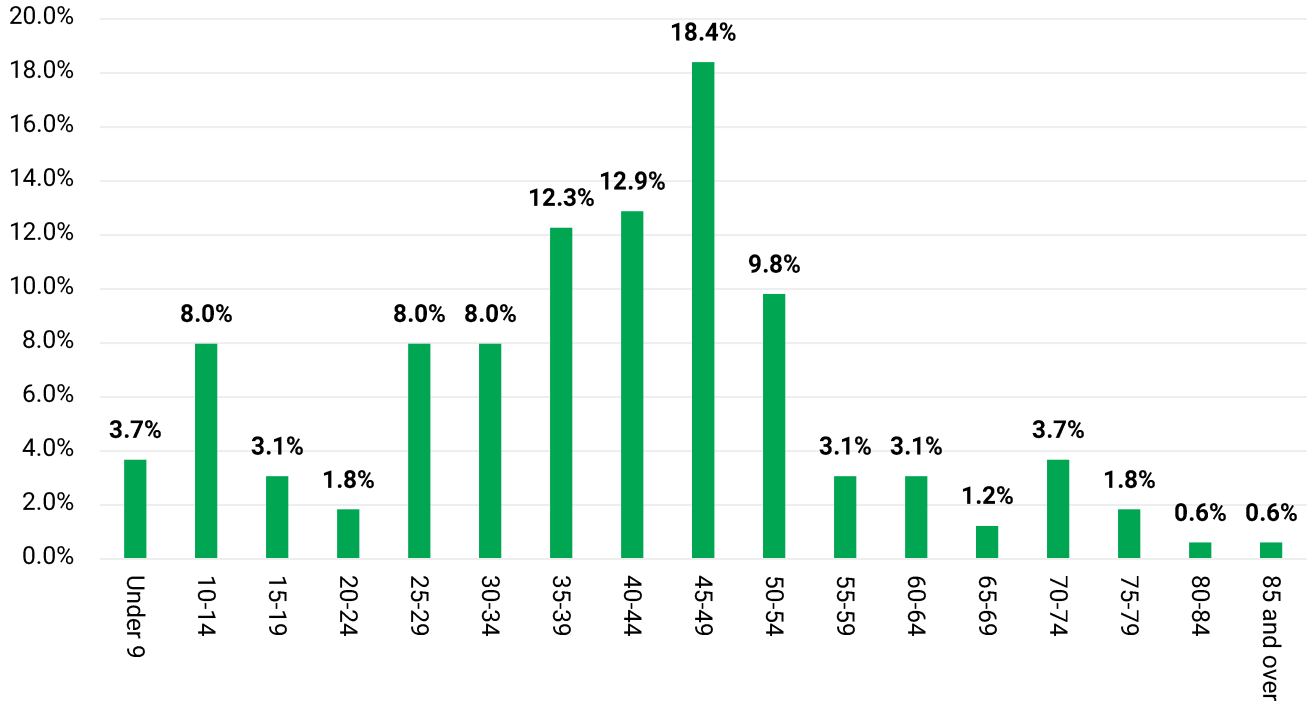
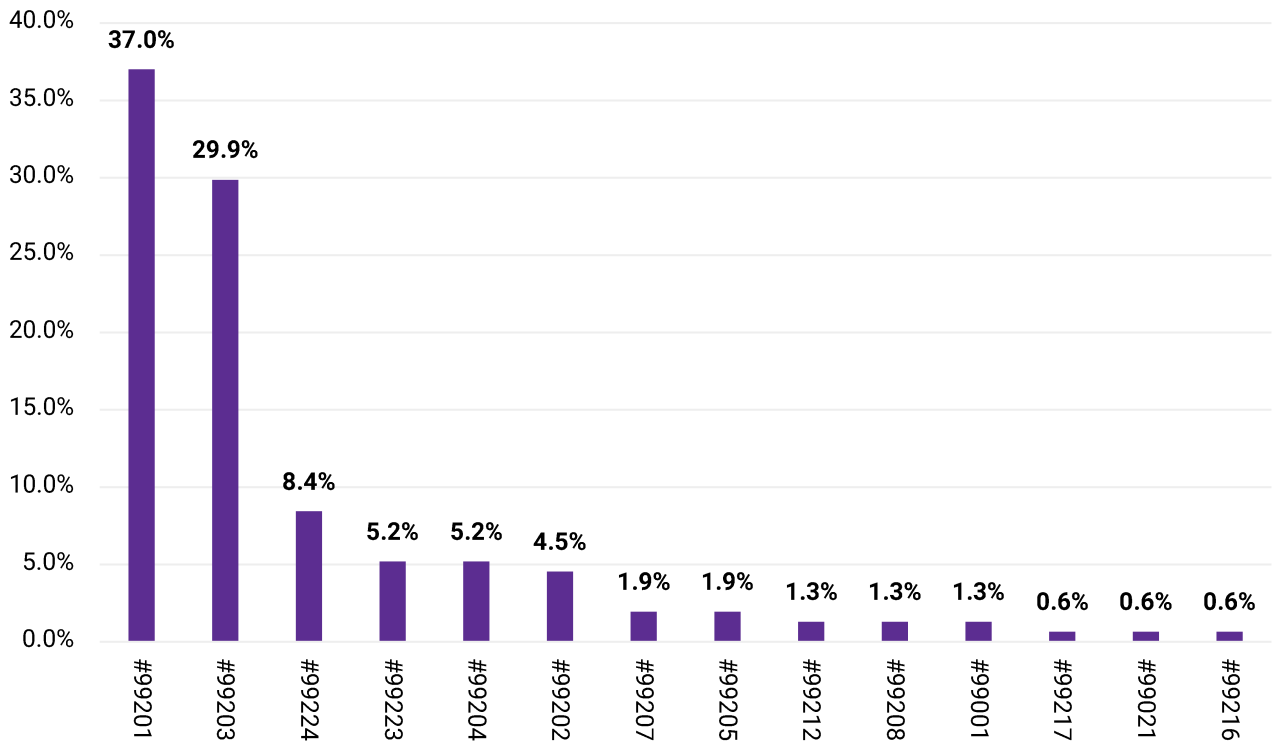


Figure 8. Zip Codes of Online Survey Respondents



Browne's Addition Neighborhood Council Meeting

A second meeting with the Browne's Addition Neighborhood Council, specifically Council leadership, was held on June 22, 2026, at Coeur d'Alene Park. The meeting provided an opportunity to share engagement results collected through the online survey, pop-up events, and the previous Neighborhood Council meeting. Staff reviewed key findings and discussed how community feedback has informed the development of the playground and restroom replacement project.

Council leadership reviewed two playground layout concepts and discussed the strengths and weaknesses of each option. For Option #1, strengths included its proximity to the concert area, the close grouping of play spaces, and improved visibility of the restroom. A concern raised was the potential for gathering areas to form behind the restroom. For Option #2, they noted that its location closer to the street could improve visibility and security while also providing convenient access for families.

Feedback from this discussion will be provided to the design team and used to refine the preferred playground layout.



Figure 9. Coeur d'Alene Park Playground and Restroom Layout Options



Council leadership also reviewed a play structure preference board, which was used to gather additional input on desired play experiences and equipment types. They completed a modified version of the previous "How Do You Want to Play in Coeur d'Alene Park?" activity. Each person received four stickers to place on their preferred play experiences and equipment types. The preferred option was a combined free-climb and rope-climbing structure with a natural design aesthetic.

Figure 10. Revised version of "How do you want to play in Coeur d'Alene Park?" activity

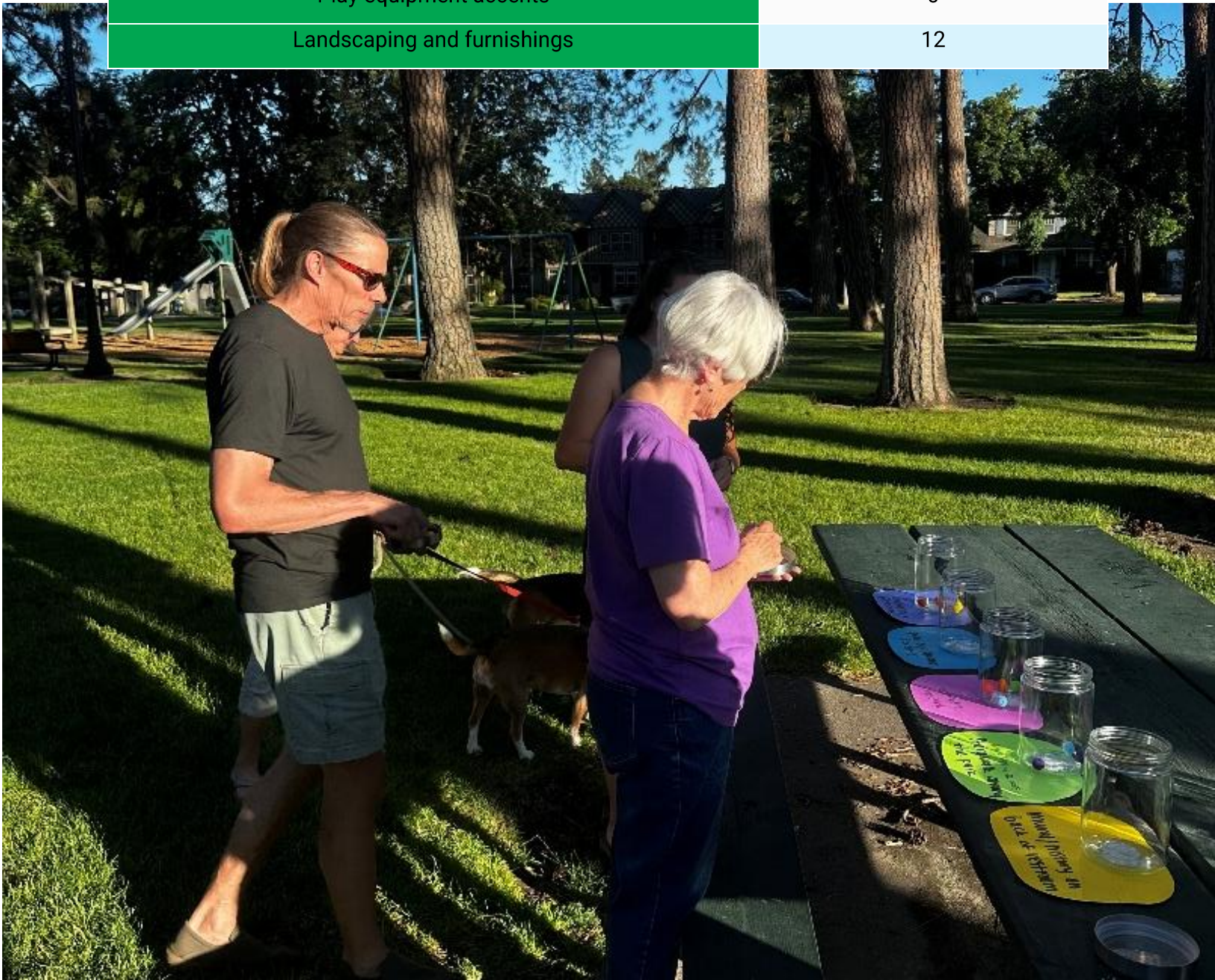


The meeting also included a discussion about opportunities to incorporate the history of Coeur d'Alene Park into future park improvements. Participants were asked to vote on several concepts using a pom-pom poll and were encouraged to suggest additional ideas to be added to the pom-pom poll. During the discussion, Neighborhood Council members expressed concerns that the proposed slanted restroom roofline did not fit the character of the surrounding neighborhood and added "reconsider roofline" as an additional option. There was conversation, with ALSC present at the meeting, around reasons why the restroom design cannot be changed at this point. The Neighborhood Council might pursue this separately but understood that from an engagement standpoint, this wasn't an option that could be discussed as having possibility for change at this point. The results of the activity are shown in Table 5.



Table 5. Neighborhood Council Member Pom-Pom Poll Results

Ways to Incorporate History	# of Votes
Mural/history on the back of the restroom	6
Story walk around the park (historic signs with QR codes)	8
Reconsider roofline	14
Play equipment accents	0
Landscaping and furnishings	12



Among the concepts presented, reconsidering the restroom roofline and incorporating historic elements through landscaping and furnishings received the most support, while play equipment accents received little interest.

Staff also shared an update regarding the preferred future use of the existing restroom building. Consistent with the online survey results, converting the building into a concessions or café space remains the preferred long-term option. An example image was shared to illustrate what such a use could potentially look like in the future. Staff emphasized that this concept remains preliminary, no final decisions have been made, and any conversion would occur as part of a future phase of park improvements rather than the current project.

Conclusion

The engagement process for the Coeur d'Alene Park Playground and Restroom Replacement Project provided valuable insight into how community members use and experience the park today, as well as what they hope to see in the future. Through conversations, interactive activities, ranking exercises, and survey responses, participants shared feedback related to recreation opportunities, playground features, amenities, accessibility, safety, gathering spaces, restroom improvements, and opportunities to reflect the park's historic character. Community members also provided input on future playground layouts and potential long-term uses for the existing restroom building. This input will help guide future design decisions and ensure that planned improvements reflect the priorities and character of the Browne's Addition neighborhood and the broader community.

