

Memorial Park

2013 Survey Results

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- Looking pretty good today
- It's a nice park
- Excellent
- I'd like to hear what concerns or opinions generated this. Are there examples around of "just right" parks?
- Some improvements would help – flowers?
- Stop the vandalism

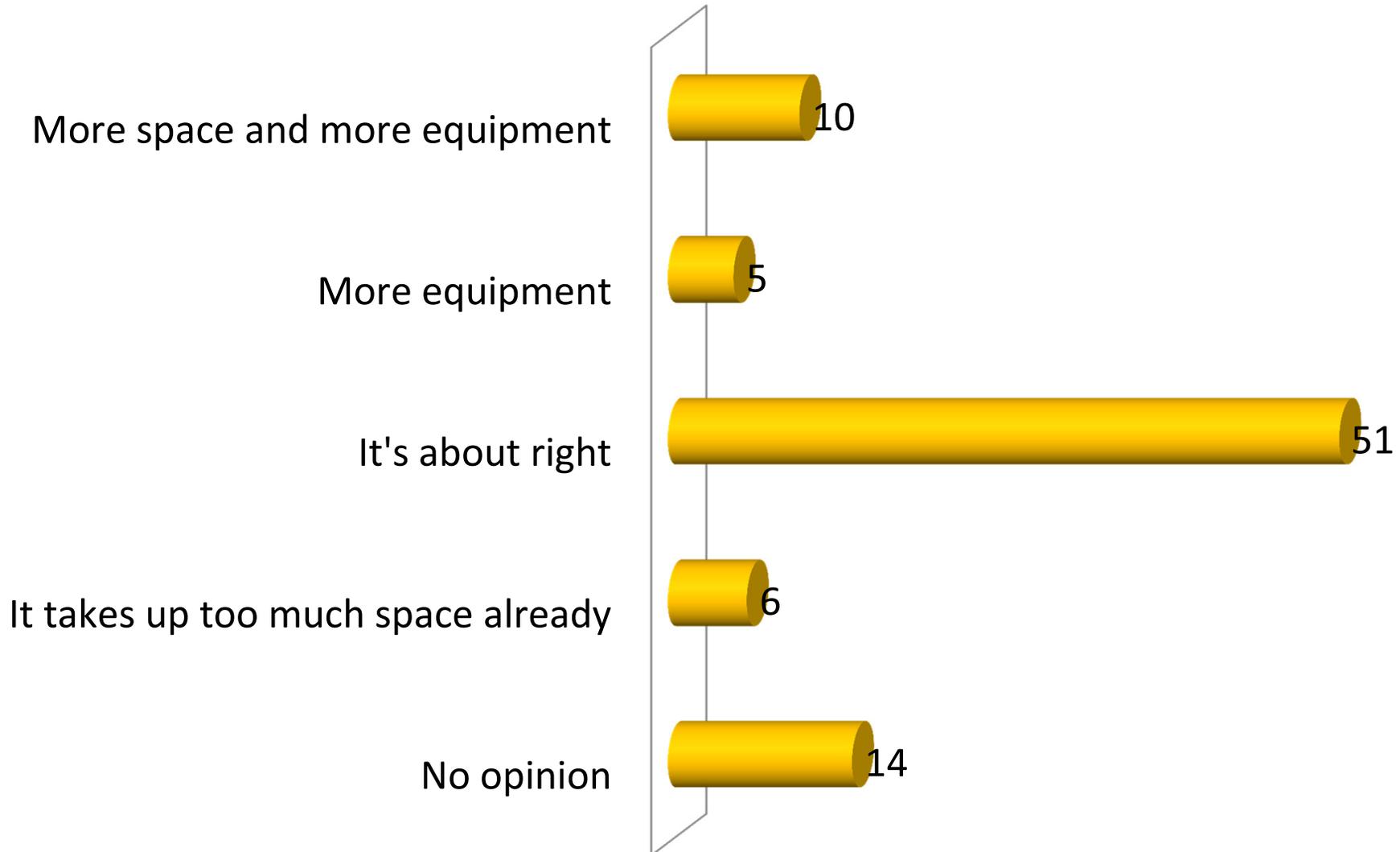
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- Sorry but no choice below. We feel it is a wonderful park.
- Just some additional plants
- More variety of flowers
- Just shrubs look kind of scrappy
- There could be some lovely work down toward the water...
- I'd like to see improvements, but I can't help. I'm 85...Yes, I care

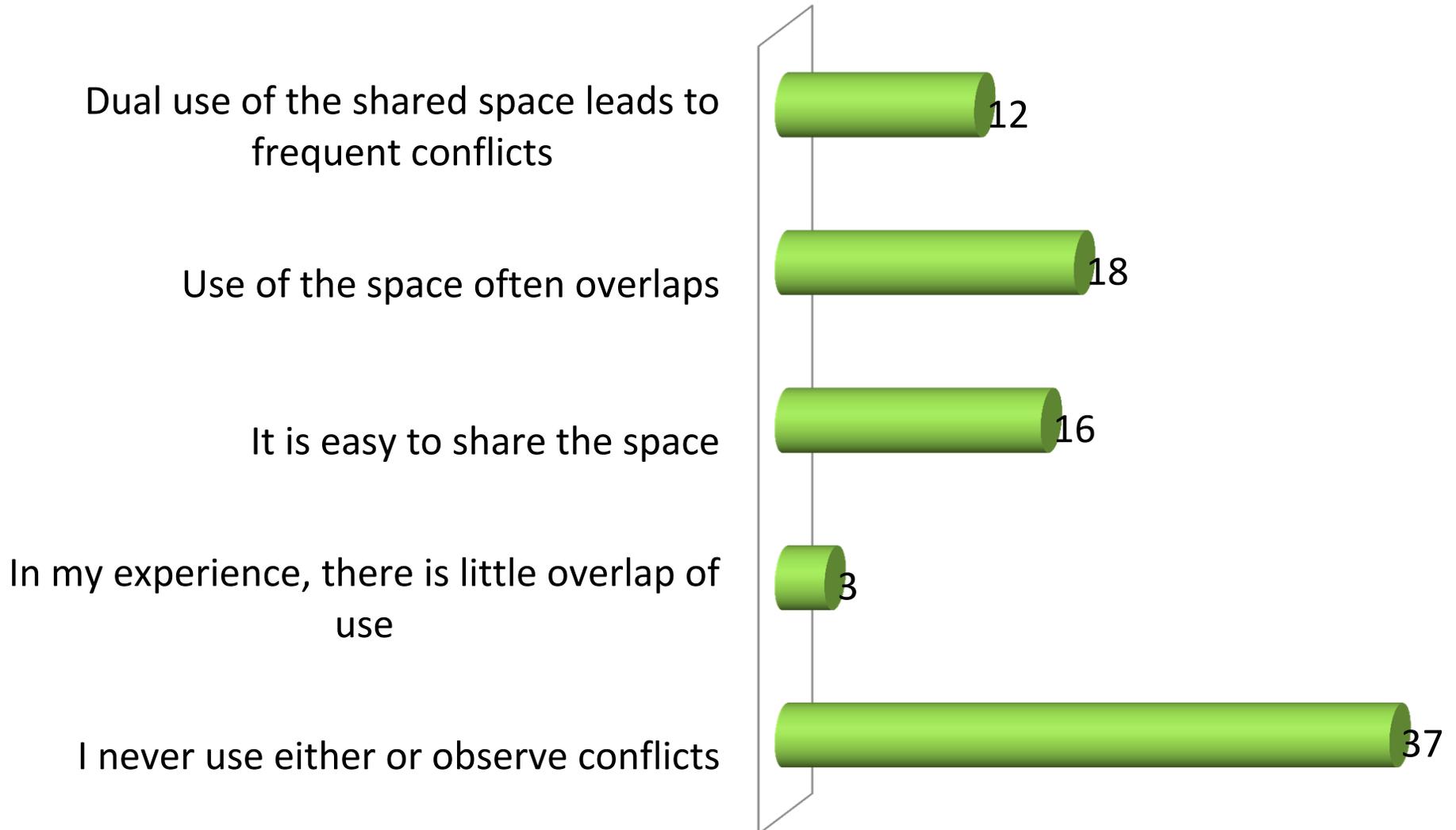
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- I don't know what's possible or practical
- We watched the kids tonight – it was nice to see young people outside – it appeared they could use more room.

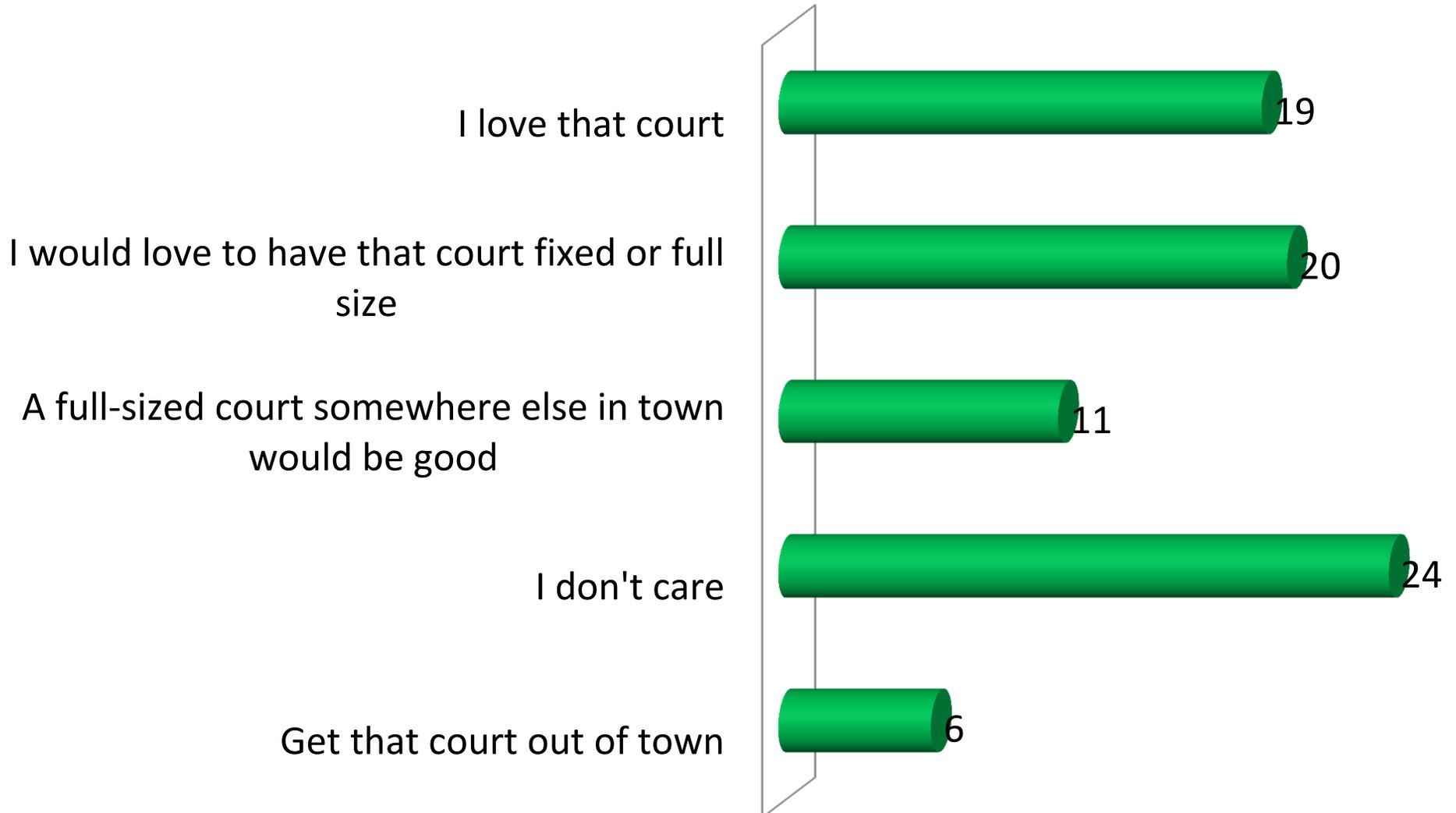
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- Do not know. What's that about?
- Keep them very separate

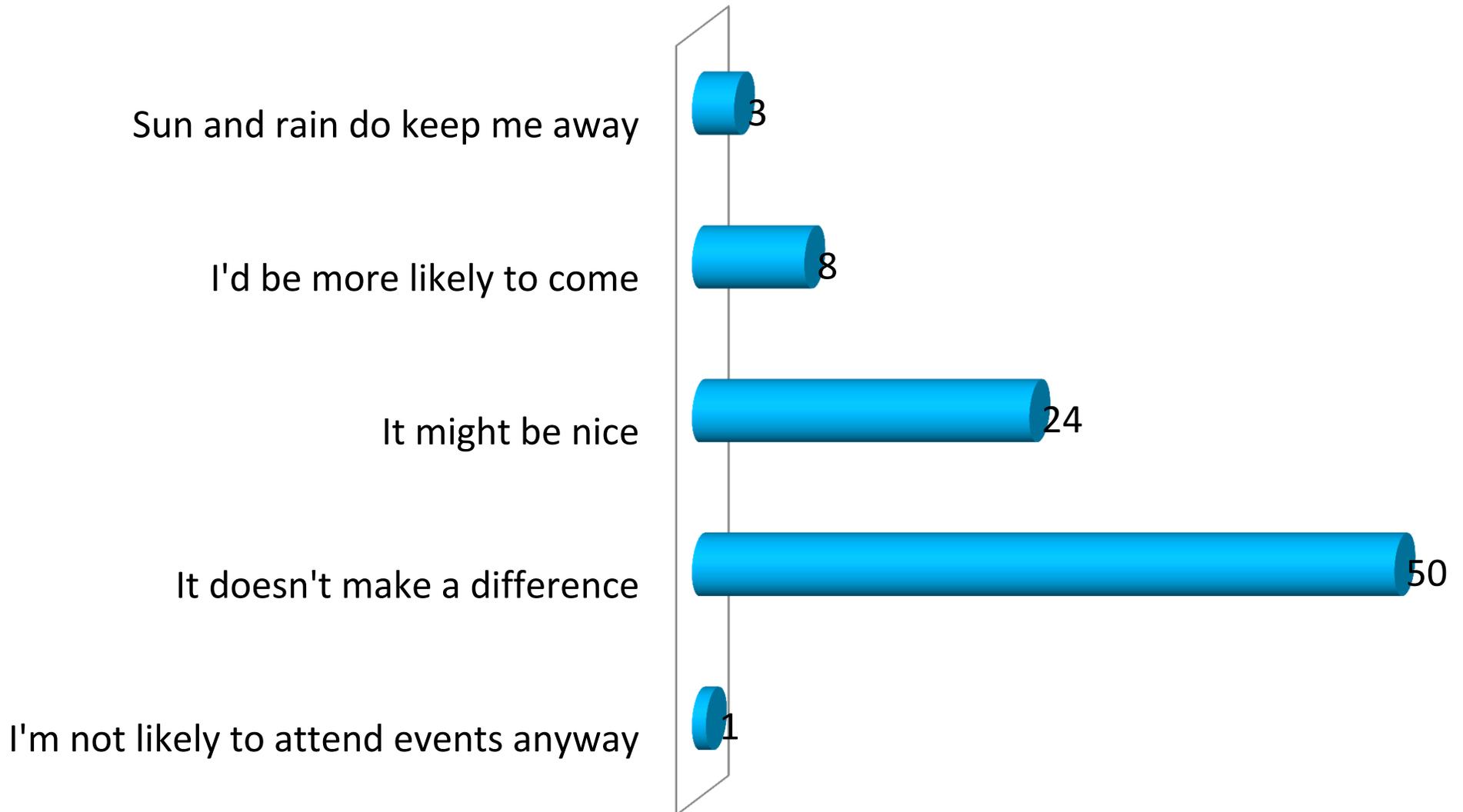
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- Great to have it
- Same size, fully fenced
- Full tennis court would be great for some, but not this senior citizen
- It's a nice asset if used
- How often is it really used?
- I see it used more by young kids on bikes and scooters than tennis players
- Better backboard
- Turn into basketball court?
- Badminton used to be fun.

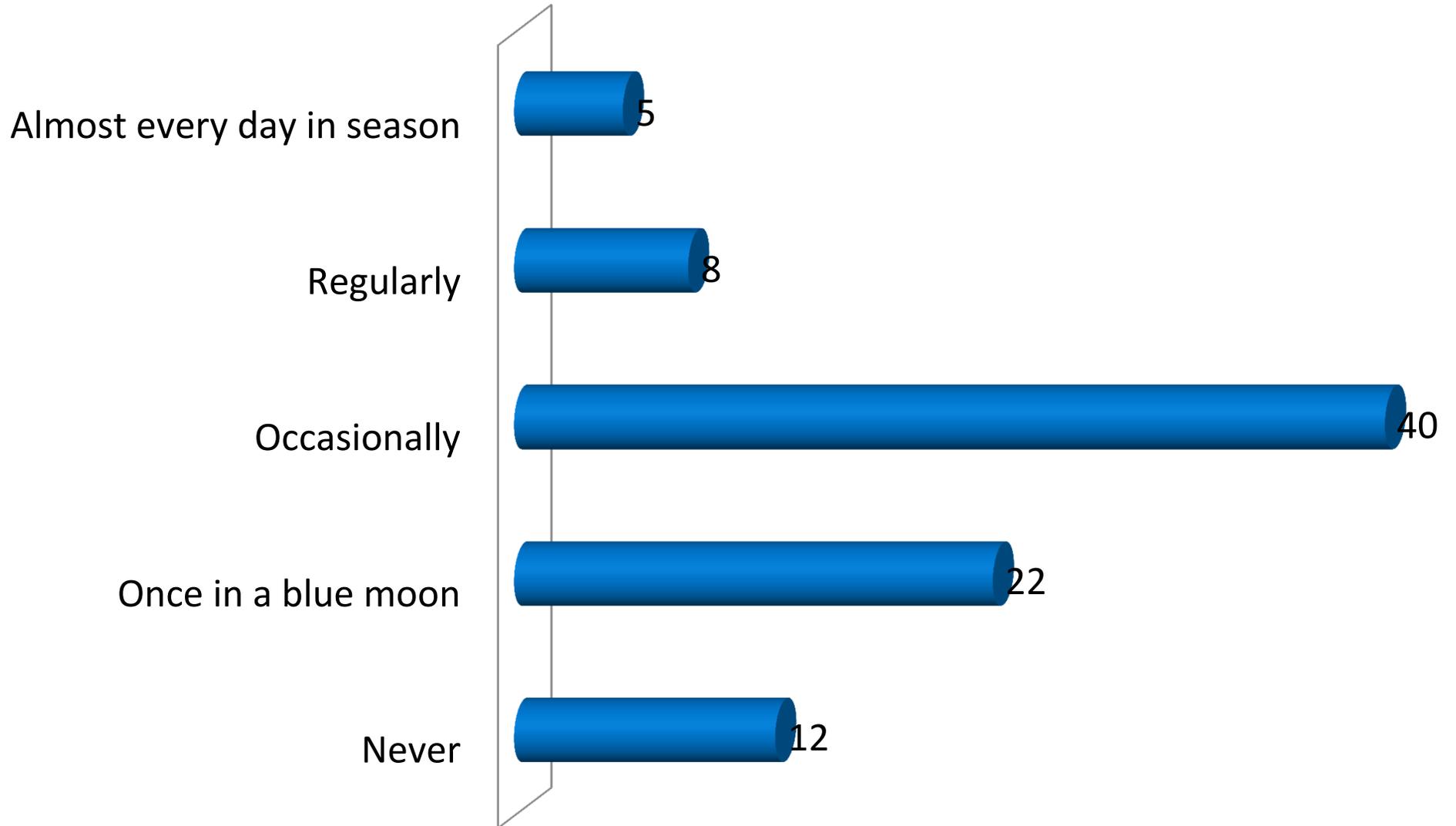
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- We are always here
- I like the open space
- I don't think you need covered seating.
- No!
- Not worth the eyesore!
- No – nice the way it is...seated areas cause prejudiced seating
- Rain does keep me away
- It doesn't make a difference, except when it rains! If you have the funds a covered area would be wonderful.
- It might be nice, but costly

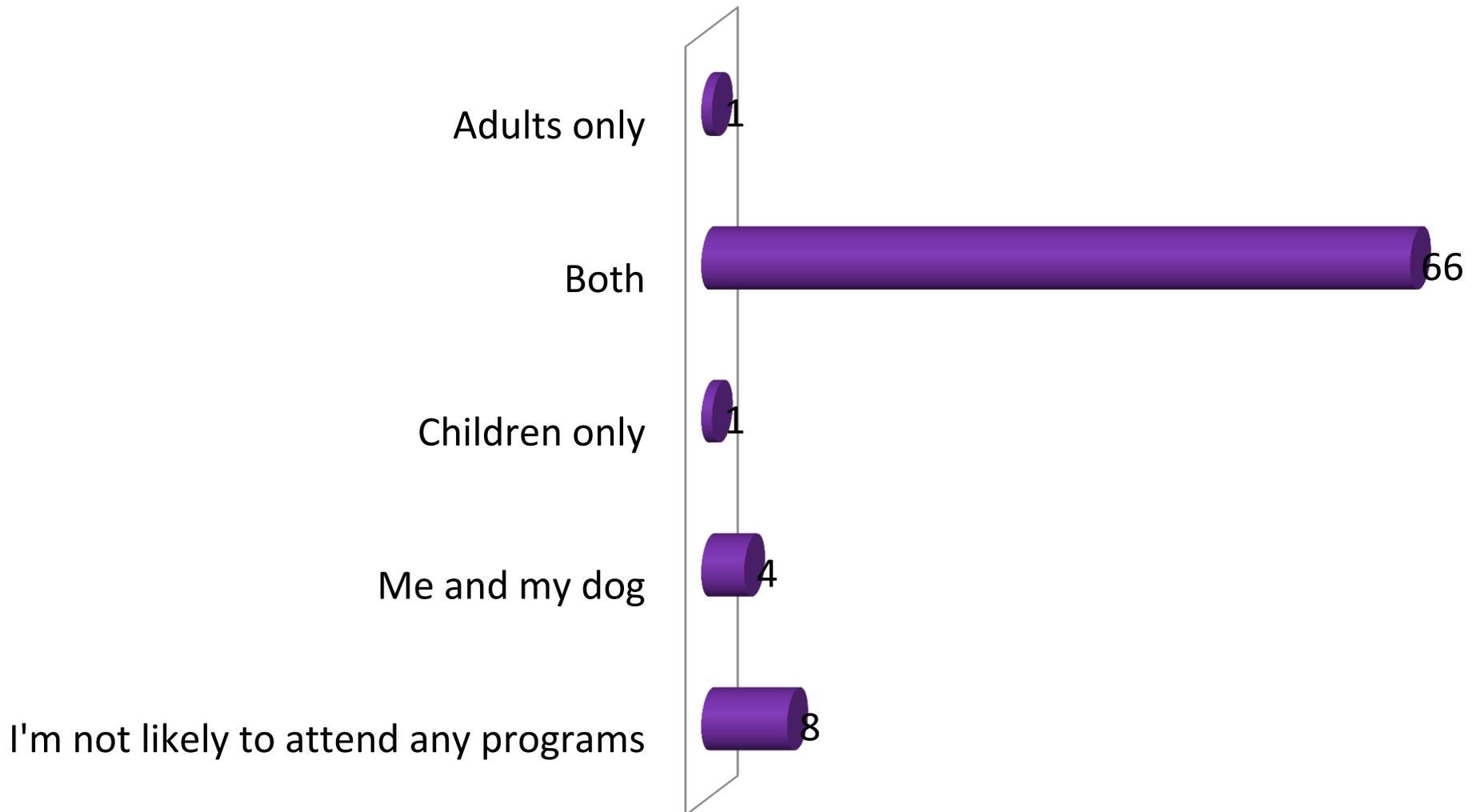
7) Would You Use a Picnic Area in Memorial Park?



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- A nice idea! Just a table or two? BBQ thing?
(Same person circled “never”.)
- Almost every day in season...I do already
- That would be very nice for young families

8) Would You Be Interested in Having Additional Programs at Memorial Park, Either for Adults or Children?



General Comments

- Who made up the answer selections for this form?
- What percent of our population is the teen part? Seniors?
- I wish the park were elsewhere and not in my residential neighborhood. None of the kids are usually supervised, none wear helmets and many shout obscenities – loudly – while I am outside in my own yard with my young children. I think the skate park should be moved to a more municipal setting.
- The park is great but how to keep it from being vandalized?
- I love the idea of a fenced dog park, but not there.
- Town could use a space for small fairs, festivals, farmers markets. Memorial Park is too isolated for that purpose, it doesn't attract drive-by attention.
- It's a wonderful location!

Program Suggestions

- Love the music series. Wish it was longer.
- More bluegrass!
- Tennis clinic
- Tai chi, yoga, croquet, Chinese jump rope, cat's cradle
- Ice skating
- Painting night -- bring paint and do a landscape

Landscaping Suggestions

- Flowers, perennials
- Blueberry bushes
- Shrubs, rhodies
- Thin out pine trees and spray poison ivy under them

Facilities Suggestions

- Benches, picnic tables
- Permanent restrooms
 - “If a tin-can outhouse must be the norm for here, couldn’t we at least have one of the newer models that are molded out of fiberglass and flushes and has running water in a sink? As I said town sewer runs right past this park...”
- Water fountain(s)
- Lights (on bridge, along pond, path)
- More playground equipment, especially slide
- Chess tables
- Pave walkways
 - Walkway around gazebo filled with crab grass
 - Entrance to bridge difficult for wheelchairs

Maintenance Suggestions

- Clean out pond (trash, snapping turtles, & grass)
- Remove yellow jacket nests
- Reduce mosquitoes
- Run drainage pipe along drive and fill
- Keep up repairs on bridge, bandstand, lighting, electricity.
- Maintain it. Keep it viable and welcoming.