

# Neighbourhood Survey



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The Dufferin Grove Resident’s Association is conducting a neighbourhood-wide survey to better understand the community’s needs. In the very short-term, this information will feed directly into our negotiations with the City and the developer at Dover Square to ensure that sufficient and appropriate community benefits are created if that development moves forward. In the long-term as the DGRA evolves, the valuable feedback gained through this process will allow us to better represent your interests and become more proactive and effective in working with the City to improve the neighborhood.

Please take a few moments to answer the following two questions. We thank you for your time and encourage you to contact us for further information or if you want to get more involved with the DGRA. The completed surveys can be returned to 180 Concord Ave, M6H 2P3 by **Friday May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2005**.

Your Address: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Which of the following types of community benefits would you most like to see? (prioritize 1 – 6):

- Improvements to local parks
- A new community centre or additional community meeting space
- Bloor streetscape improvements (i.e. lighting, furniture, sidewalks, public art)
- Improvements to Daycare or other community services
- New rental housing
- New affordable housing

2. Please rate the quality and/or adequacy of the following local community services and facilities (1 – 4):

	Very Satisfied (1)	Satisfied (2)	Not Satisfied (3)	Not applicable (4)
Parks				
Recreation opportunities				
Arts and cultural space				
Community meeting space				
Libraries				
Shopping				
Schools				
Public Transit				
Child Care				
Health Care				
Family and children’s services				
Services for people with disabilities				
Seniors programs / services				
Rental housing supply				
Affordable housing supply				
Streetscapes (lighting, furniture)				
Other Facilities or Services				

**Thank you!**

## Summary of Findings

(as of May 20th, 2005)

### Survey Design and Response

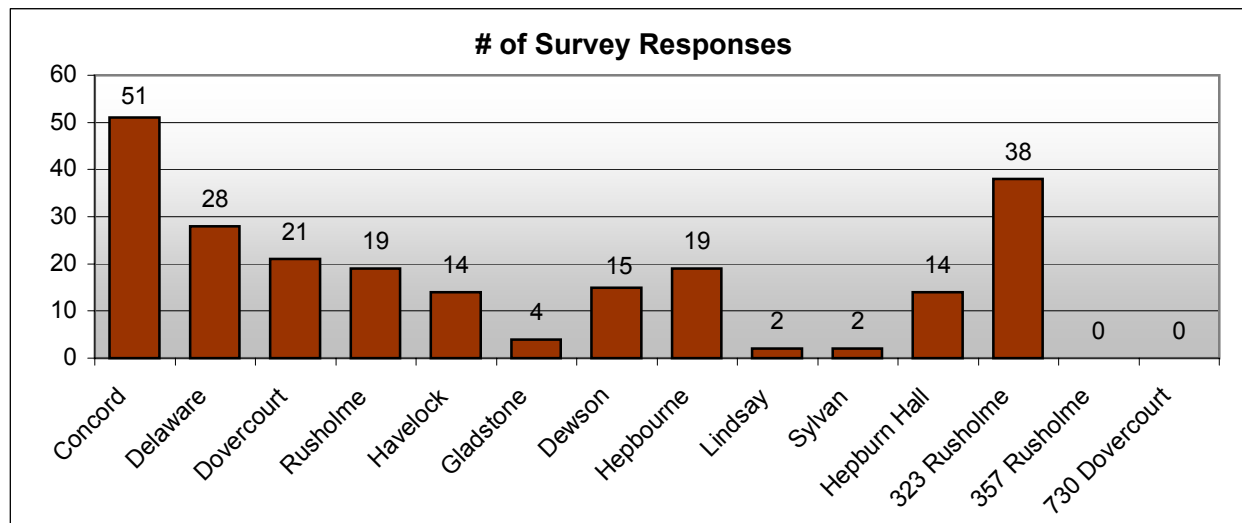
- > Note\* The DGRA Executive requests to be consulted in all cases where these survey results are to be republished or used for the purposes of policy-making. Expressed written or verbal consent is required.
- > Surveys distributed to all addresses between College, Bloor, Ossington, Dufferin St
- > Door to door interviews were undertaken, though not as a true random sample.
- > 227 survey responses, roughly a 10% overall response rate

### Question 1: Priorities for Community Benefits

- > 35% indicated that Bloor Street Improvements are their first priority
- > 29% indicated that Parks improvements are their first priority
- > 18% indicated additional community meetings space or a new community centre
- > 15% indicated new affordable housing is their first priority
- > Using an exponential scoring system (i.e. 1 point for first priority, 0.5 for 2nd priority, 0.33 for third etc), the priorities for community benefits are:
  1. Bloor Street Improvements
  2. Parks Improvements
  3. A new community centre or meeting space
  4. New affordable housing
  5. Improved community services such as Daycare
  6. Additional rental housing

### Question 2: Community Satisfaction with Services and Facilities

- > In this order, residents are most satisfied with public transit, libraries, schools, shopping and parks. Many of those who indicated satisfaction with both shopping and parks also listed Parks and Bloor Street improvements as top priorities.
- > In this order, residents are most dissatisfied with neighborhood streetscapes, arts and cultural space, the affordable housing supply, services for people with disabilities, seniors programs/services, community meeting space, child care, family services and health care
- > There is possibly a large non-response bias for many of the services ("no opinion").



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## Doversquare Residents Profile

> total of 38 responses to date. More to come when volunteer surveyors are organized.

> there are some important differences between the priorities and satisfaction levels of Doversquare residents and the rest of the neighborhood.

> the priorities for Doversquare residents are as follows\*:

1. Parks Improvements (26% identified as their first priority)
2. A new community centre or meeting space
3. New affordable housing
4. Improvements to Daycare or other services
5. Improvements to Bloor Street
6. New Rental housing

\*note, many respondents selected multiple items as first priority, skewing the scoring system in favor of the top priorities

> in this order, tenants are most satisfied with public transit, shopping, schools, libraries

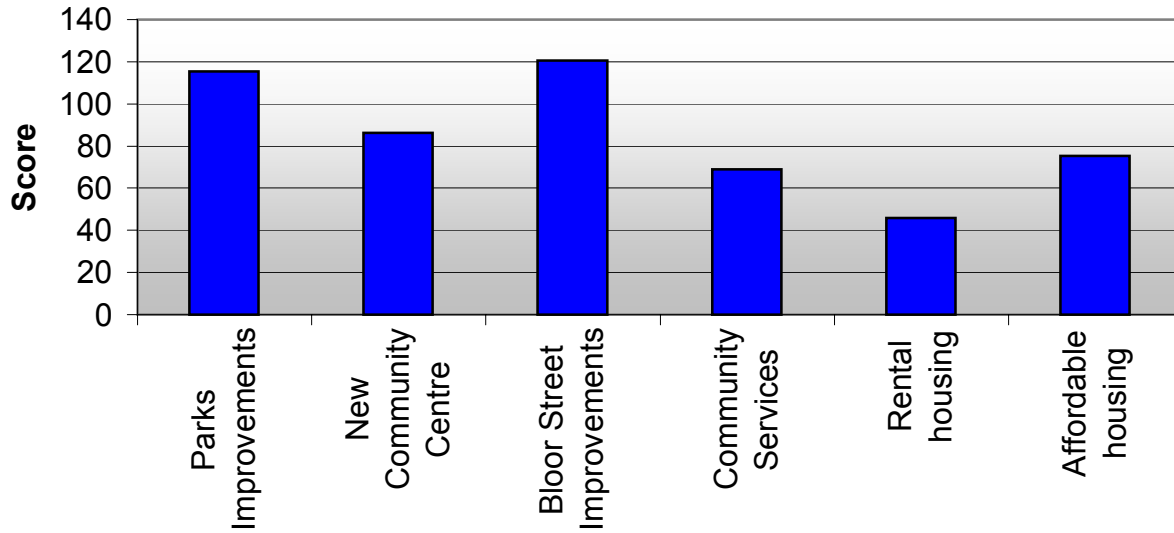
> in this order, tenants are most dissatisfied with the affordable housing supply, recreation opportunities, arts and cultural space / community meeting space, services for people with disabilities, seniors programs and services,

## Other Suggested Neighborhood Improvements

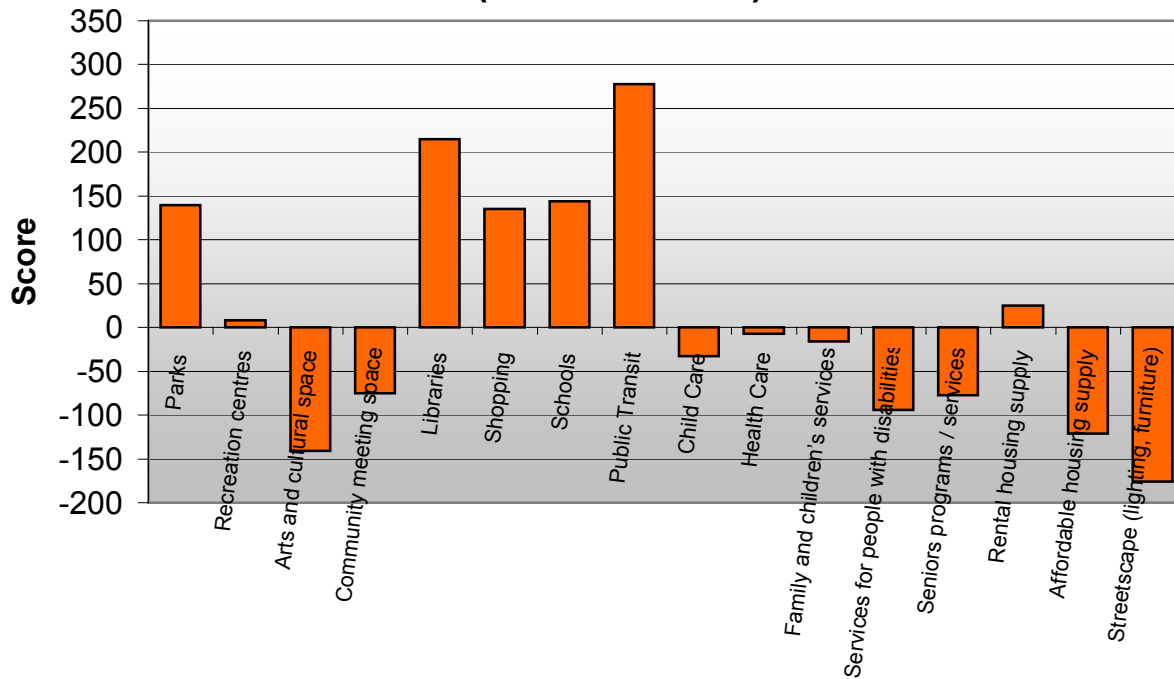
- graffiti and litter clean-up and enforcement of garbage/litter bylaws
- traffic calming on all streets, enforcement of speed limits, speed bumps on Rusholme
- more bike lanes and improved roads for bikes
- improvements to laneways, street cleaning/maintenance
- street parking enhancements (Dovercourt, Concord)... not specified what kind
- balconies on Dovercourt messy
- clean-up of obsolete technology (old wires, TV antennas, junk)
- crosswalk to Ossington subway at Delaware
- bus service on Dovercourt
- public art
- stronger Business Association, more interesting Bloor Street shops, façade improvement grants
- Bloor street benches are ugly, add new benches beside Concord Community garden
- replacing crumbling tree planters on Bloor Street
- more parkettes
- neighborhood tree planting (i.e. Concord between Dewson-College)
- green roofs in new buildings
- community gardens
- tennis court
- indoor fitness room at Doversquare
- skateboarding facilities
- new pool
- preschool
- affordable housing for seniors
- co-operative housing
- remove rent controls and stop compounded rent increases (from a Doversquare tenant)
- "better supervision of students"?
- more effective use of schools outside of school hours
- more community festivals (and / or better communication)
- another DGRA meeting

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## Priorities for Community Benefits (All Residents)

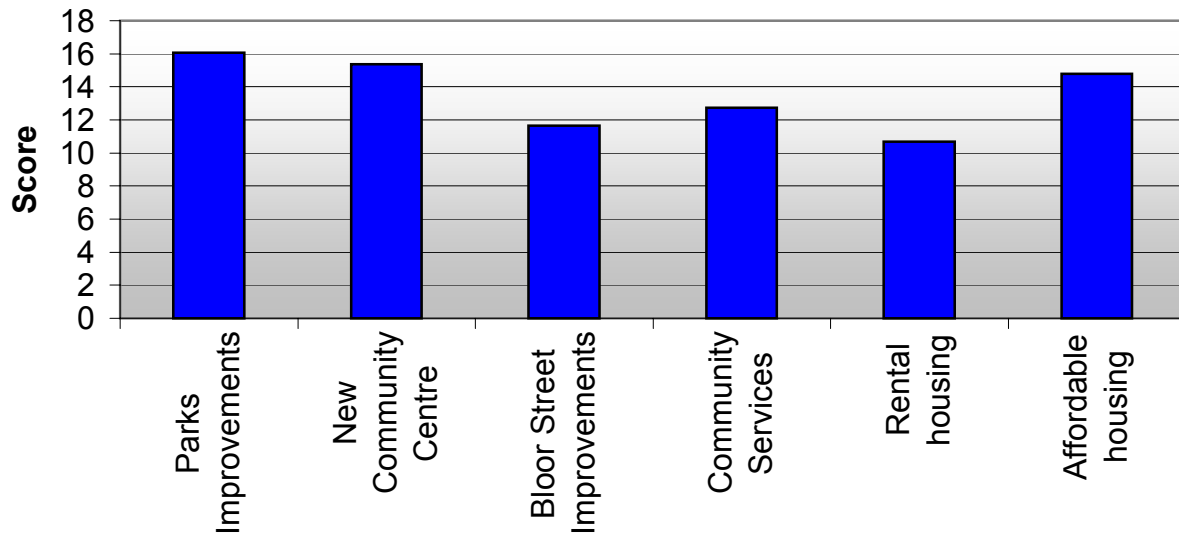


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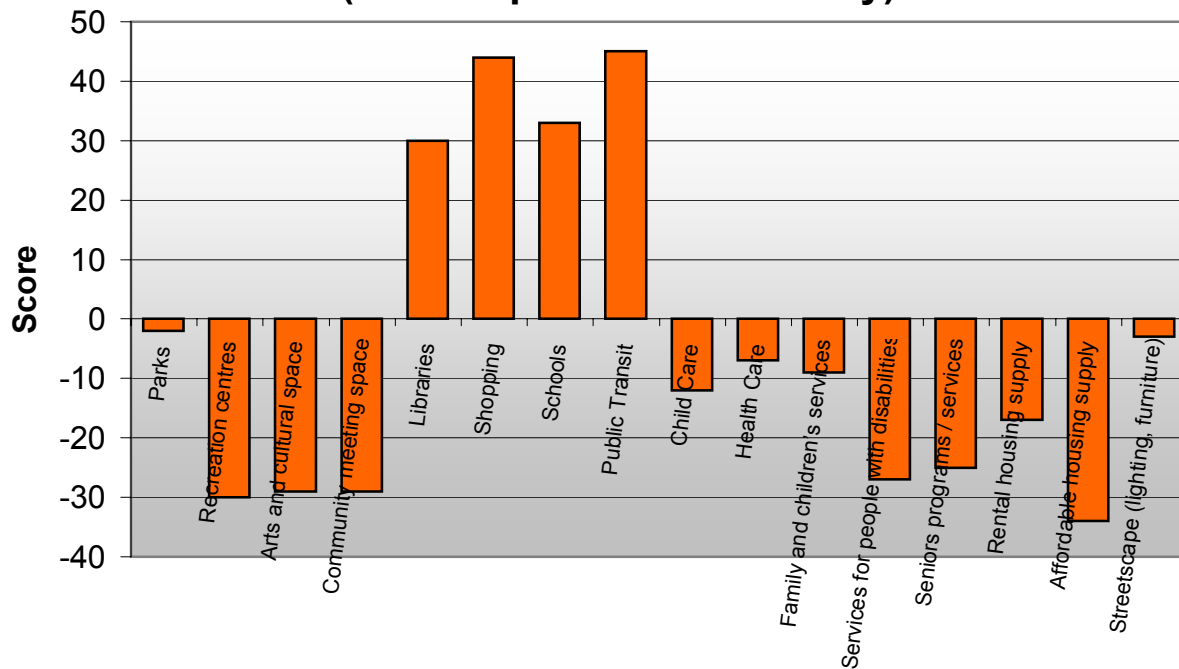


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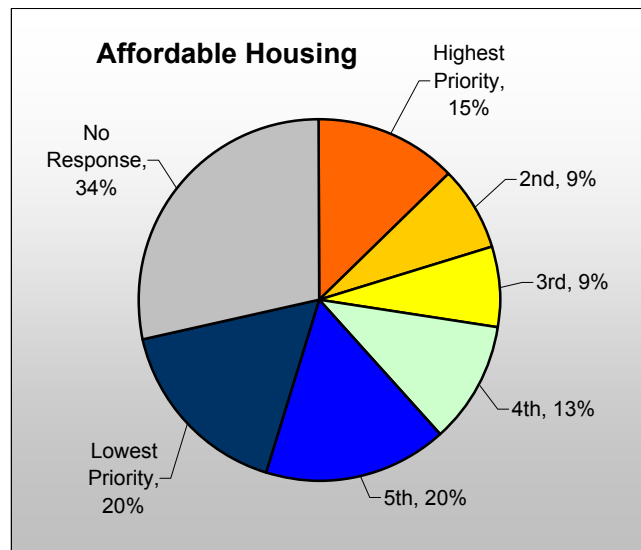
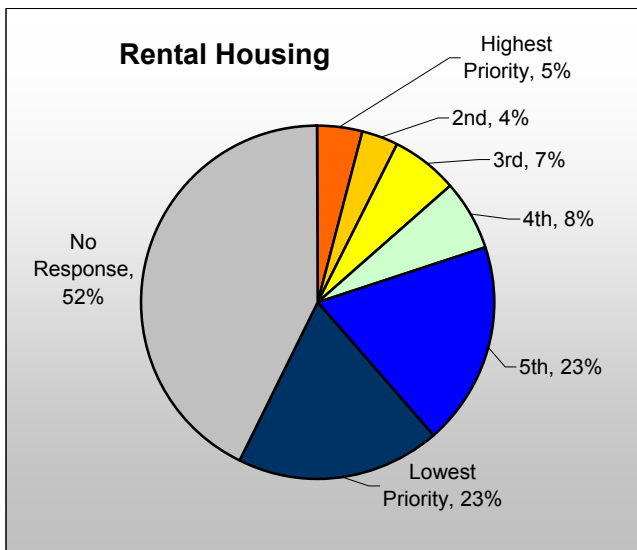
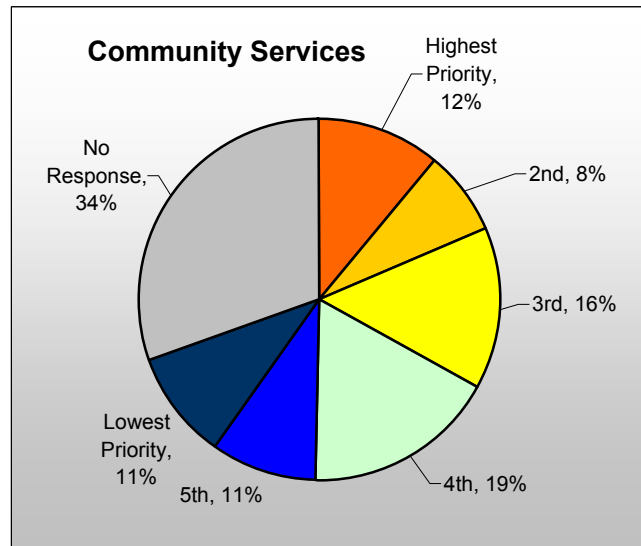
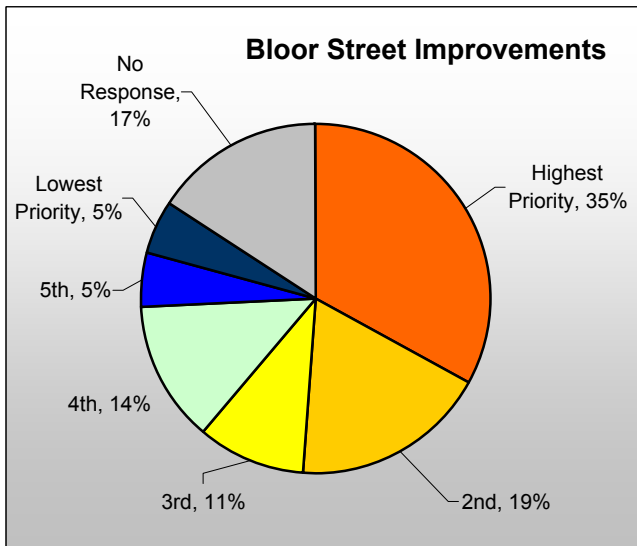
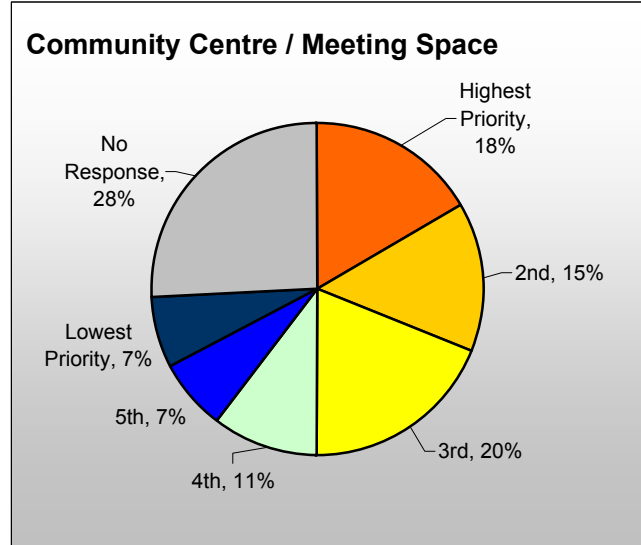
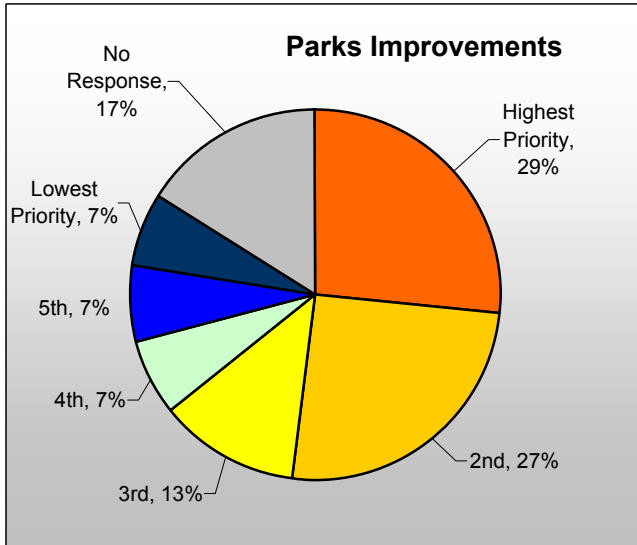
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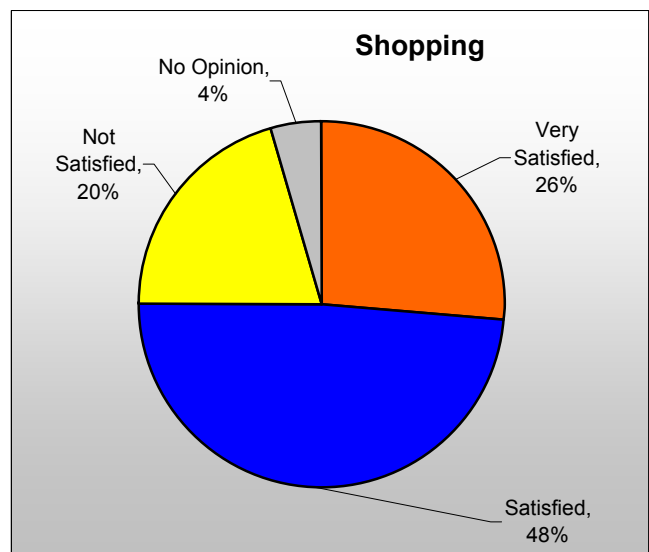
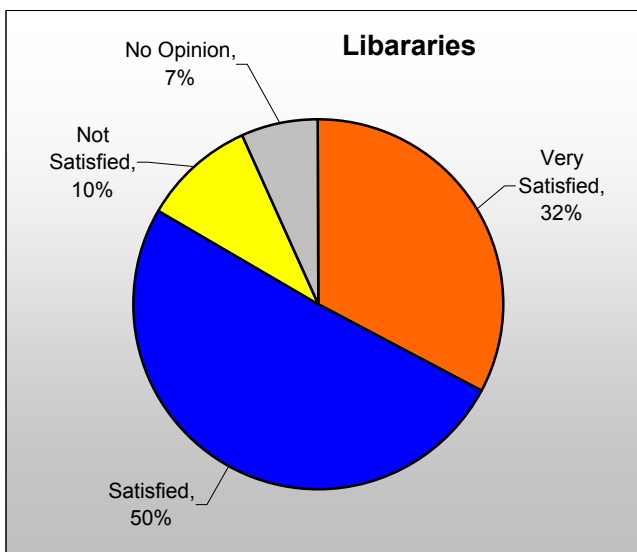
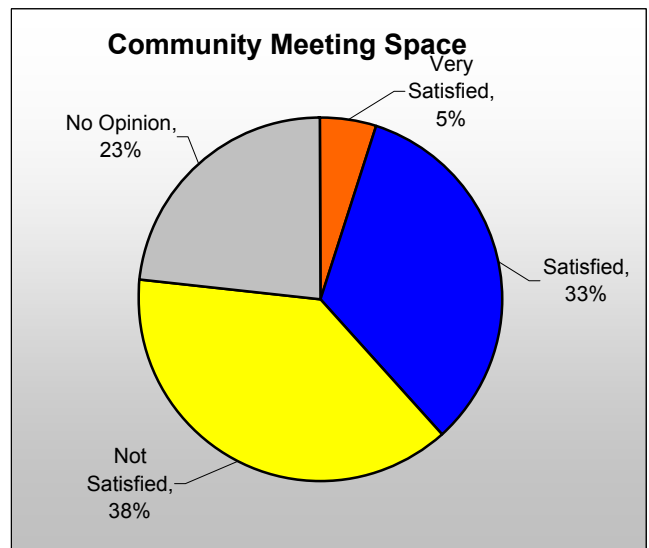
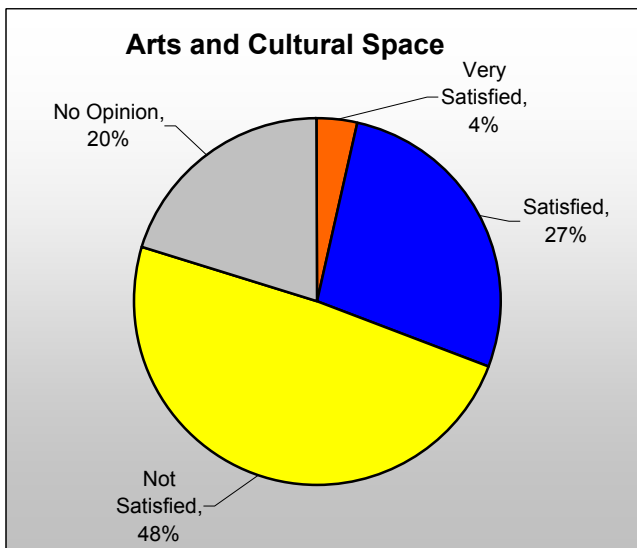
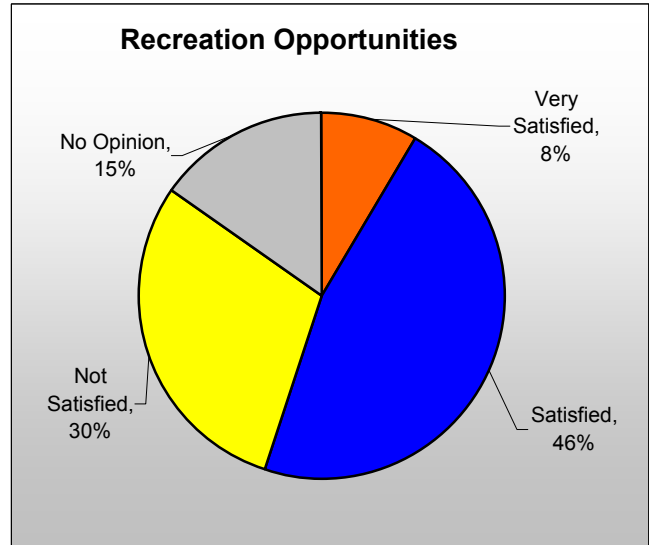
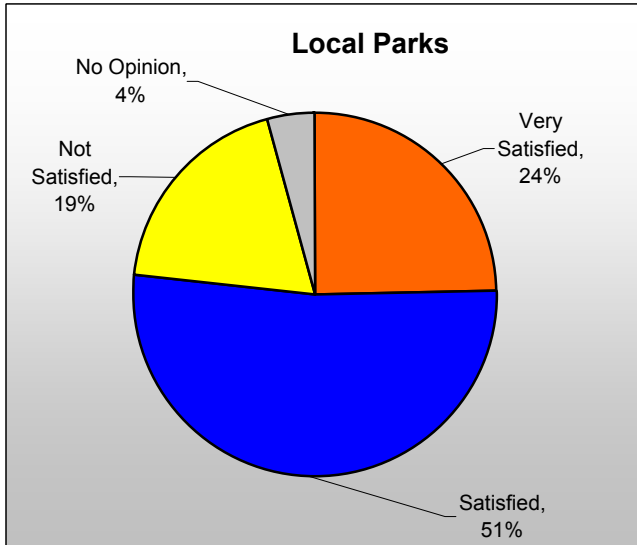
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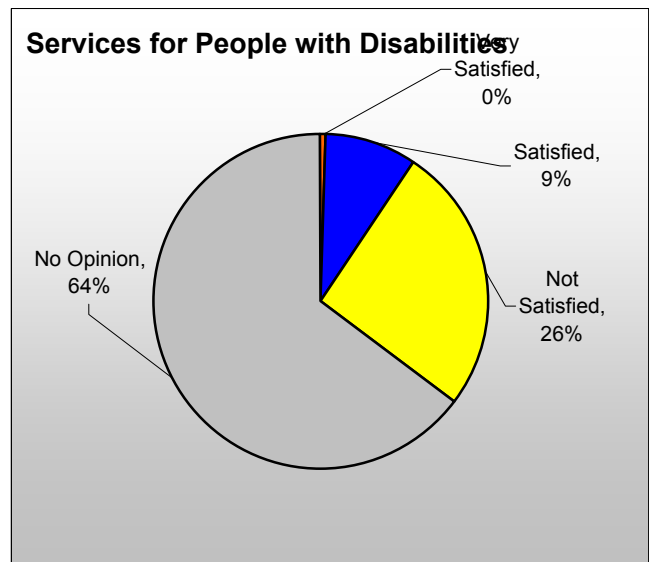
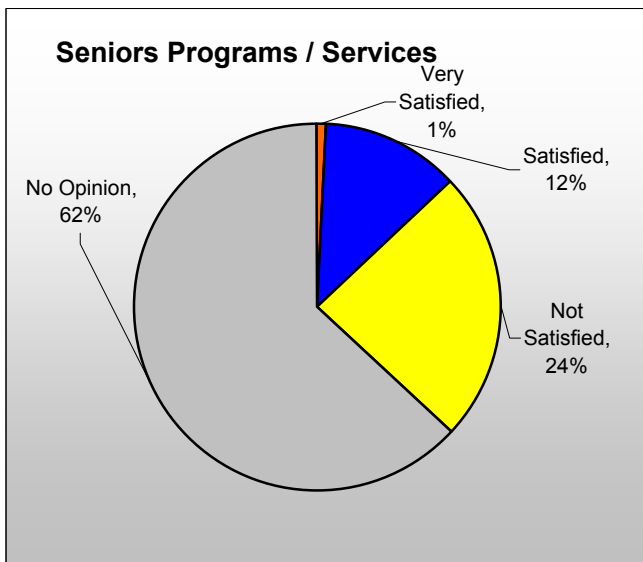
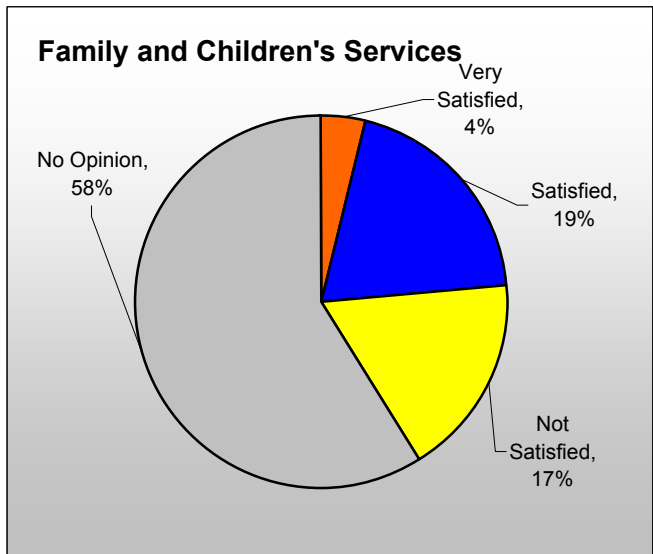
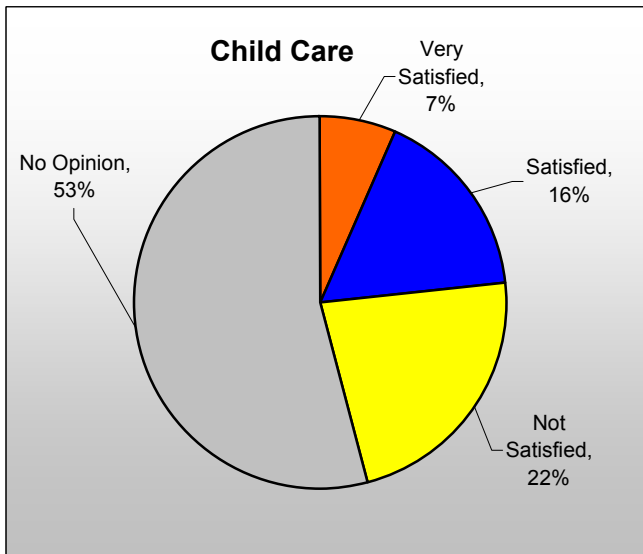
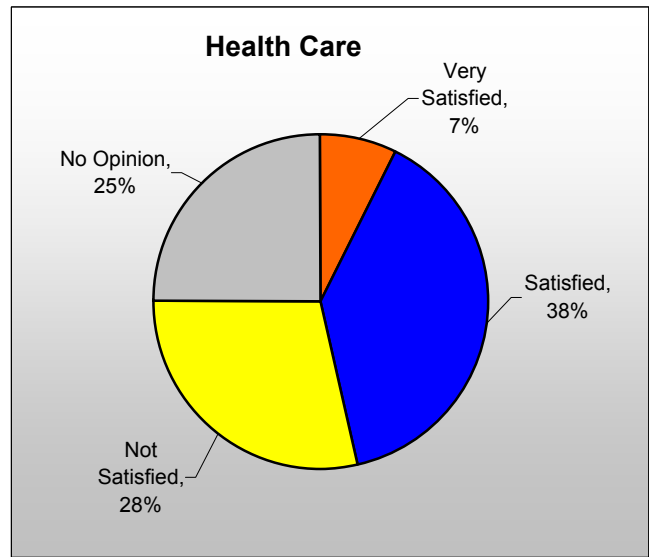
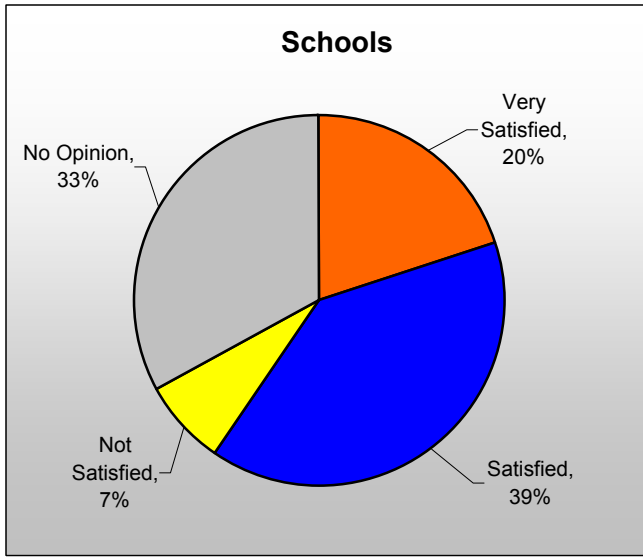
## Neighborhood Priorities for Community Benefits



## Neighborhood Satisfaction with Local Services and Facilities



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