



City Council Study Session Agenda
July 24, 2023 - 5:15 PM
City Council Chambers, City Hall, 3rd Floor,
1528 Third Avenue, Rock Island, IL

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- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 4. Moment of Silence**
- 5. Public Comment**
- 6. Presentations**
 - a. Downtown Rock Island Presentation
 - b. CivicClerk Demonstration & Training for City Council
- 7. Adjourn**
 - a. Motion to Adjourn.

Motion:	Motion whether or not to adjourn.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

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Rock Island Downtown Alliance



LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS

\$3 million

State of Illinois Rebuild Downtowns grant

\$2.5 million

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds

\$1.5 million

Downtown Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District funds

\$267,000

State of Illinois Tourism Attractions grant

+ \$100,000

Illinois Casualty Company

\$7.3 million

State of Illinois Rebuild Downtowns grant

Parking and street improvements for commercial corridors and **main streets** // construction or improvement of **outdoor venues** for public use // investment in **infrastructure** and public **amenities**

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds

Invest in **water, sewer,** and **broadband** infrastructure

Downtown Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District funds

Fund and maintain public **downtown** infrastructure // streetscaping, **signage,** pedestrian crossings, **landscaping, lighting**

State of Illinois Tourism Attractions grant

Support **local festivals** and attractions in **Arts Alley** // drive **tourism** to areas of historic or **cultural** interest

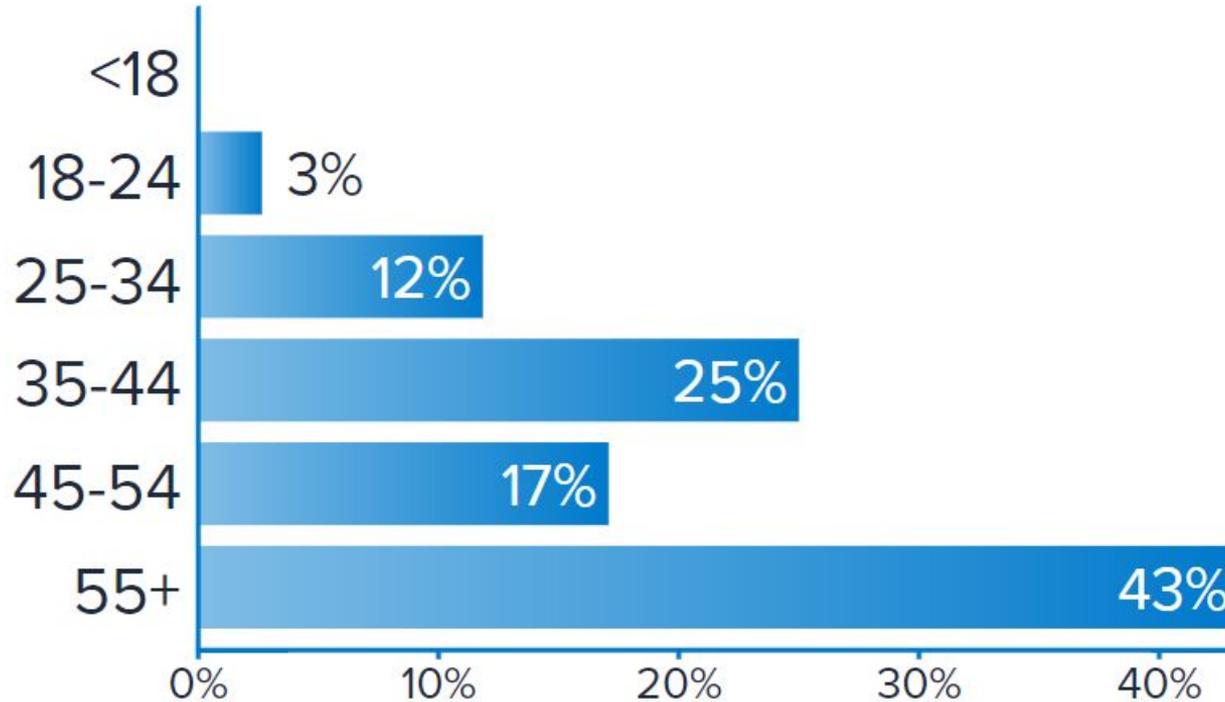
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Downtown **dog park** at 3rd Ave and 21st St



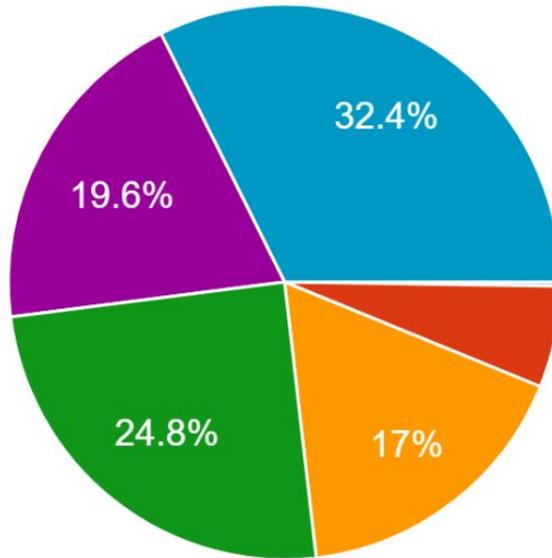
What is your age?

76 responses



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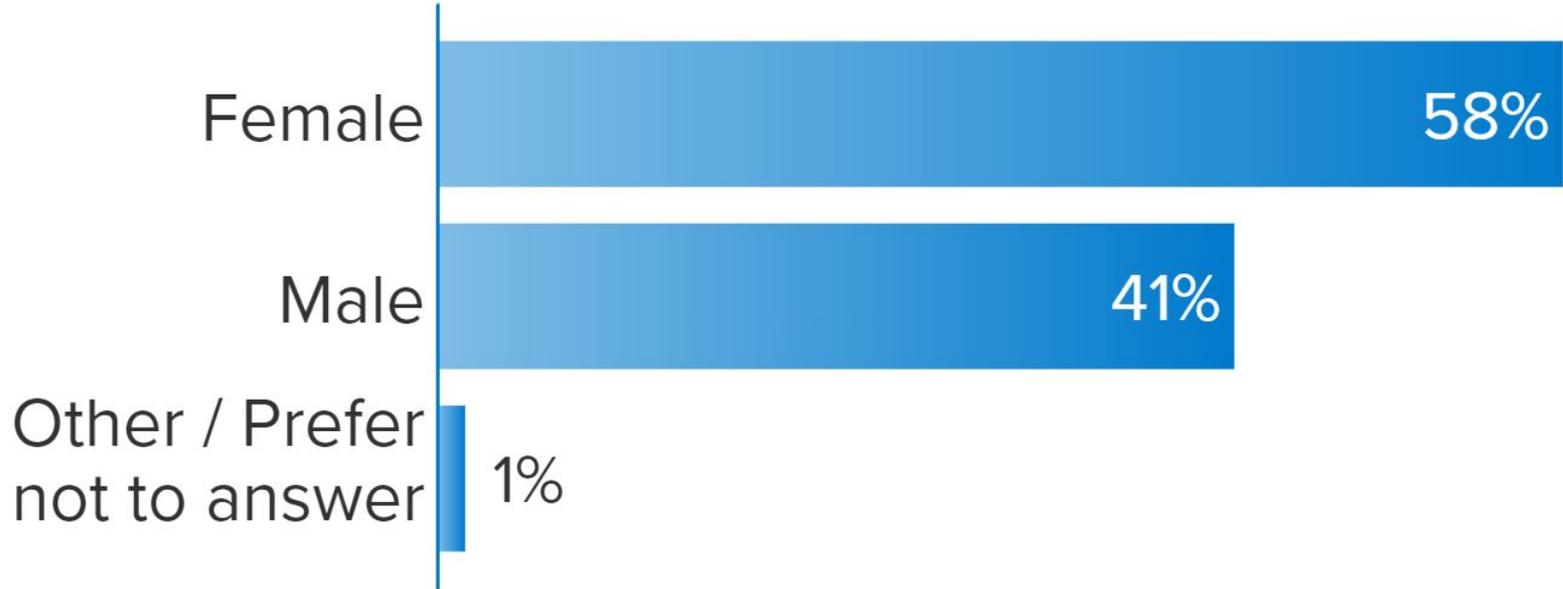
423 responses



- Younger than 18
- 18 - 24
- 25 - 34
- 35 - 44
- 45 - 54
- 55 and older

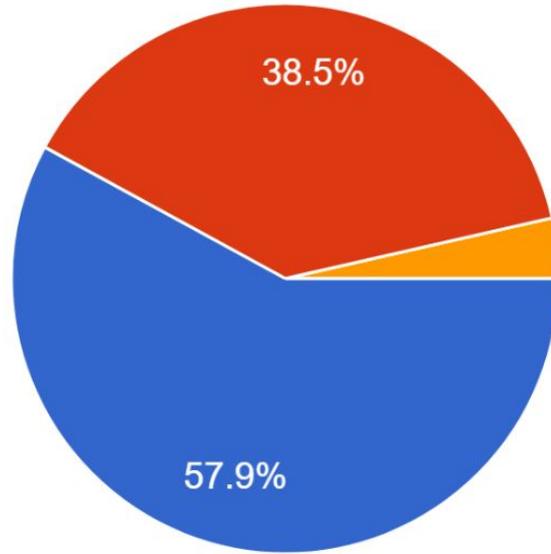
What is your gender?

71 responses



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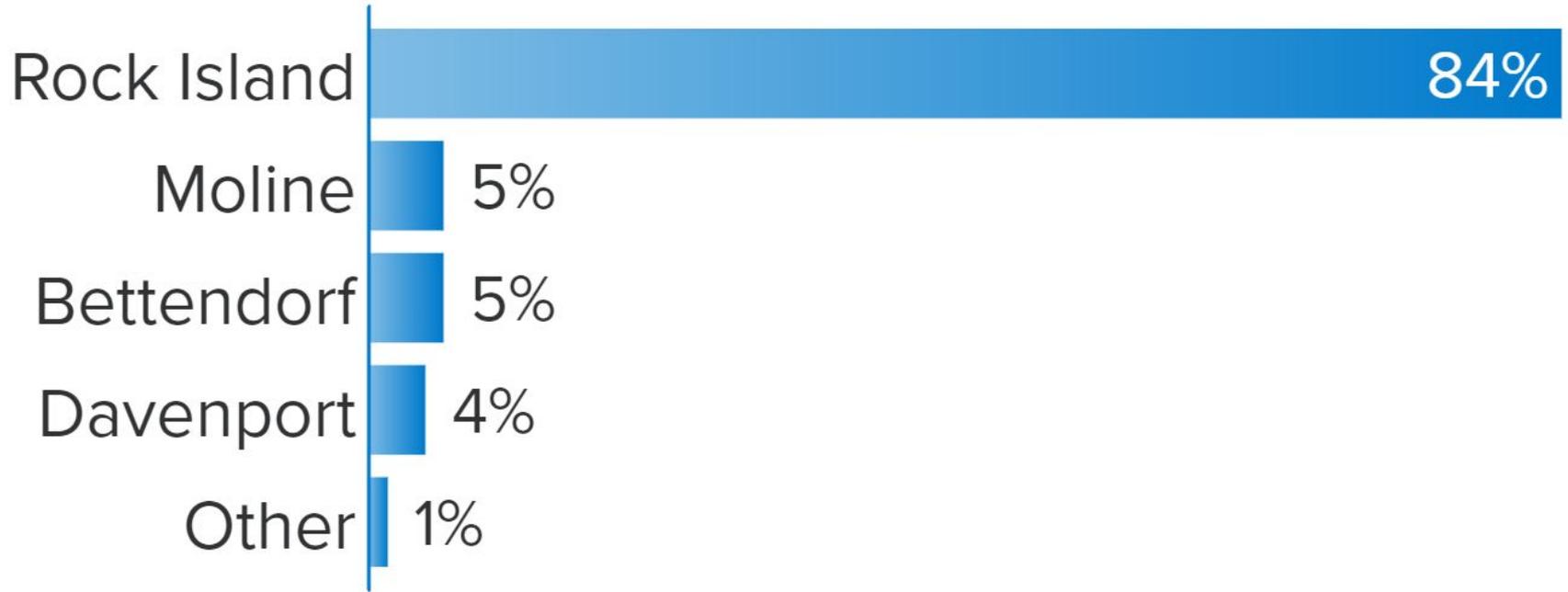
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- Female
- Male
- Other / Prefer not to answer

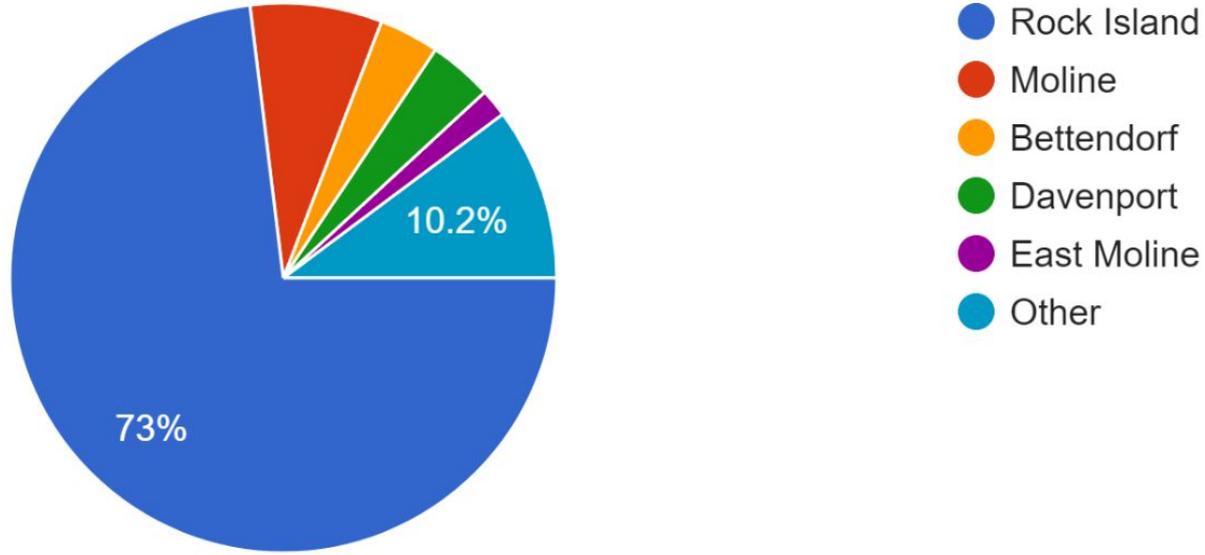
Where do you live?

76 responses



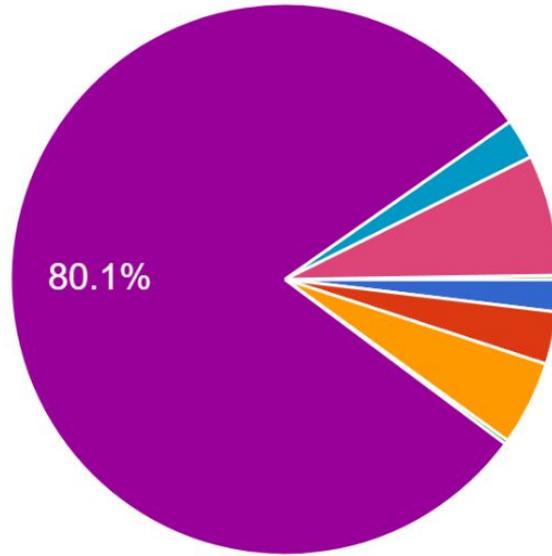
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What is your ethnicity?

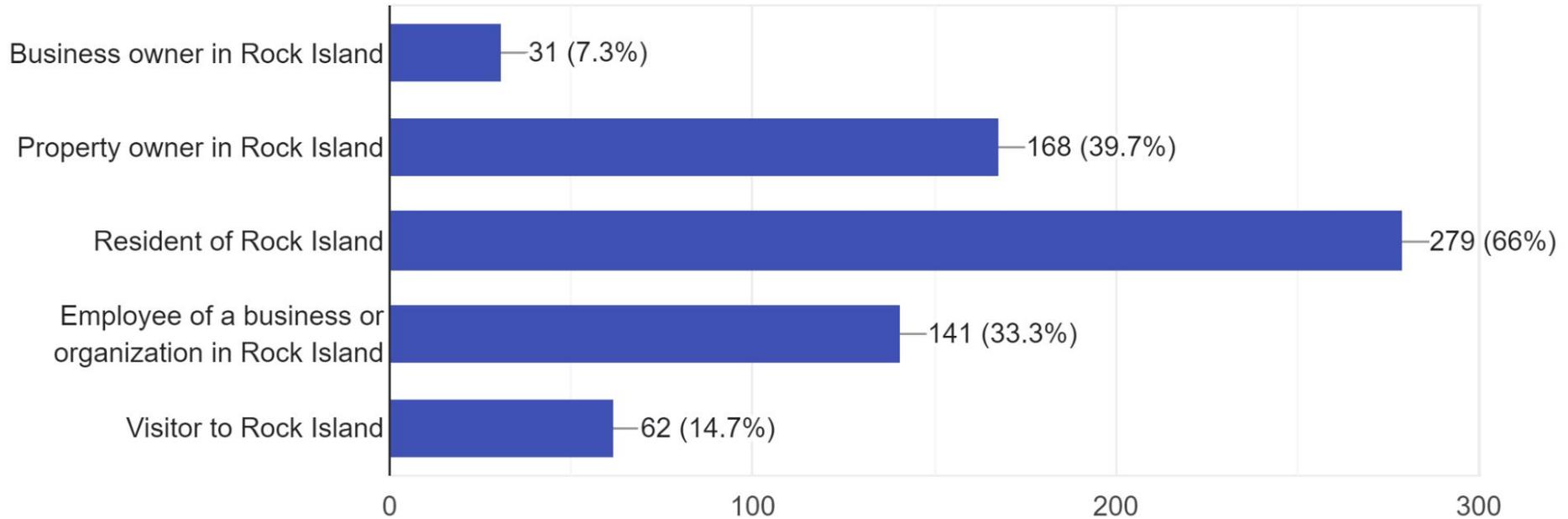
423 responses



- Asian or Pacific Islander
- Black or African American
- Hispanic or Latino
- Native American or Alaskan Native
- White or Caucasian
- Multiracial or Biracial
- Prefer not to say
- Race or ethnicity not listed here

What is your role in Rock Island? (check all that apply)

423 responses



If you are a business or property owner or employed in Rock Island, please specify which business, property or organization.

Rock Island Public Library

Rock island high school and Augustana college

Homeowner

WHBF Local 4 News

Skeleton Key Art and Antiques

Rock island bible church

Rock Island Police Department





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3RD AVENUE AND 18TH ST FACING NORTH





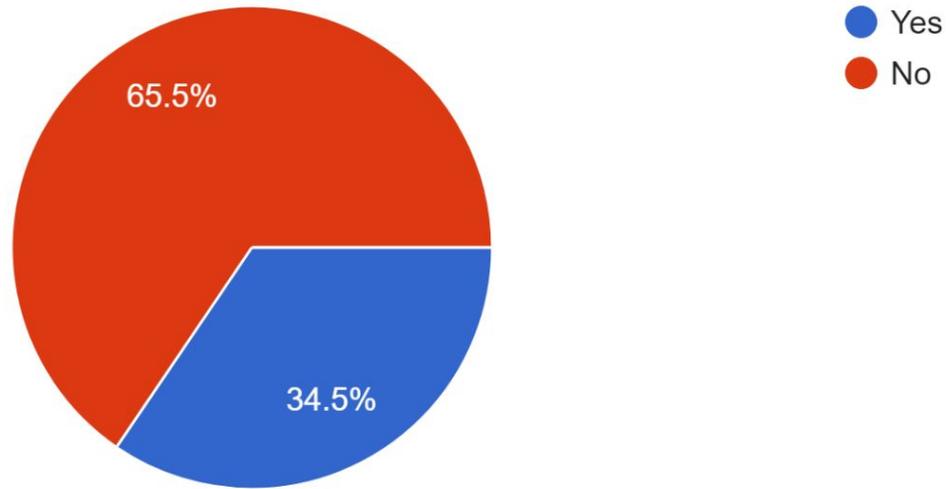


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WHBF TOWER

Would you like to see another playground in downtown Rock Island? (Note: there is a playground at Schwiebert Riverfront Park.)

423 responses



I love the ideas that have been presented, however there is always more need for plants and greenery especially of native plants and trees as they help air quality and aesthetic value.

Need "green grass area (s)" & return to once during the summer to have area businesses/churches/organizations have a booth to sell various foods and items after paying a fee to R.I.. Lots of people participated in that event yrs ago/worth a try again.

Walkability is best. Don't care for the dog park concept at all, hope it's scrapped from the plans. Could use the space instead for a native plant garden

Yes! I would love to see these incorporated in the downtown area. Especially if you made it more kids friendly.

It's ok, underwhelming. Not necessarily desiring an additional park, but would be nice to have more kid friendly interactive structures.

Also not having public restrooms nearby is un-inviting



DOWNTOWN AERIAL OF 2ND AVE & 18TH ST







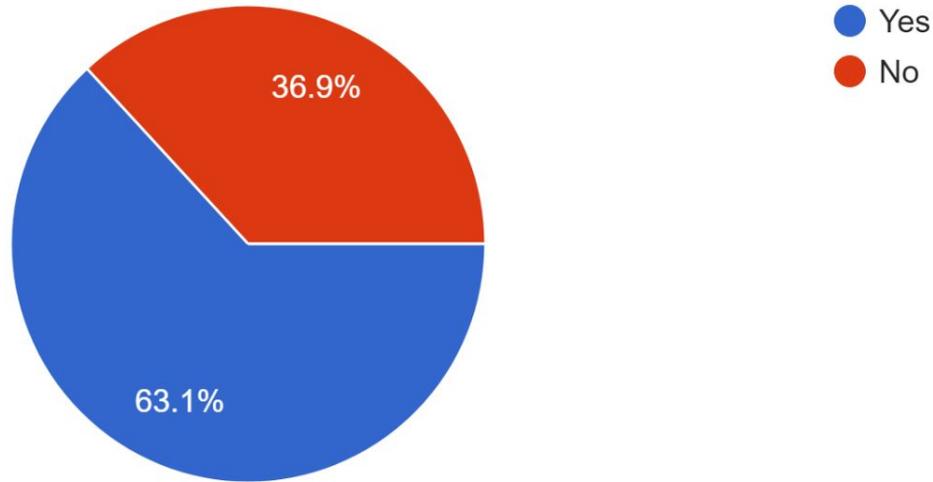






A “mini-roundabout” is proposed at the intersection of 2nd Avenue and 18th Street to reduce vehicle speeds and calm traffic, leading to increased pedestrian safety. This is derived from numerous research reports, including one by the [Insurance Institute for Highway Safety](#), an independent nonprofit scientific and education organization. Are you in support of the roundabout at this intersection?

423 responses



Please explain your answer regarding the mini-roundabout.

300 responses

More and more cities are using them. I think it's a great tool to help with traffic & safety. All for it!!

Seen them in other areas an think they have merit.

I think it's a lovely and attractive way to slow traffic down.

As long as the research mentioned applies to the size of roundabout being considered, it seems like a logical choice. Otherwise it could be a waste of money and effort.

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I think it would cause confusion.









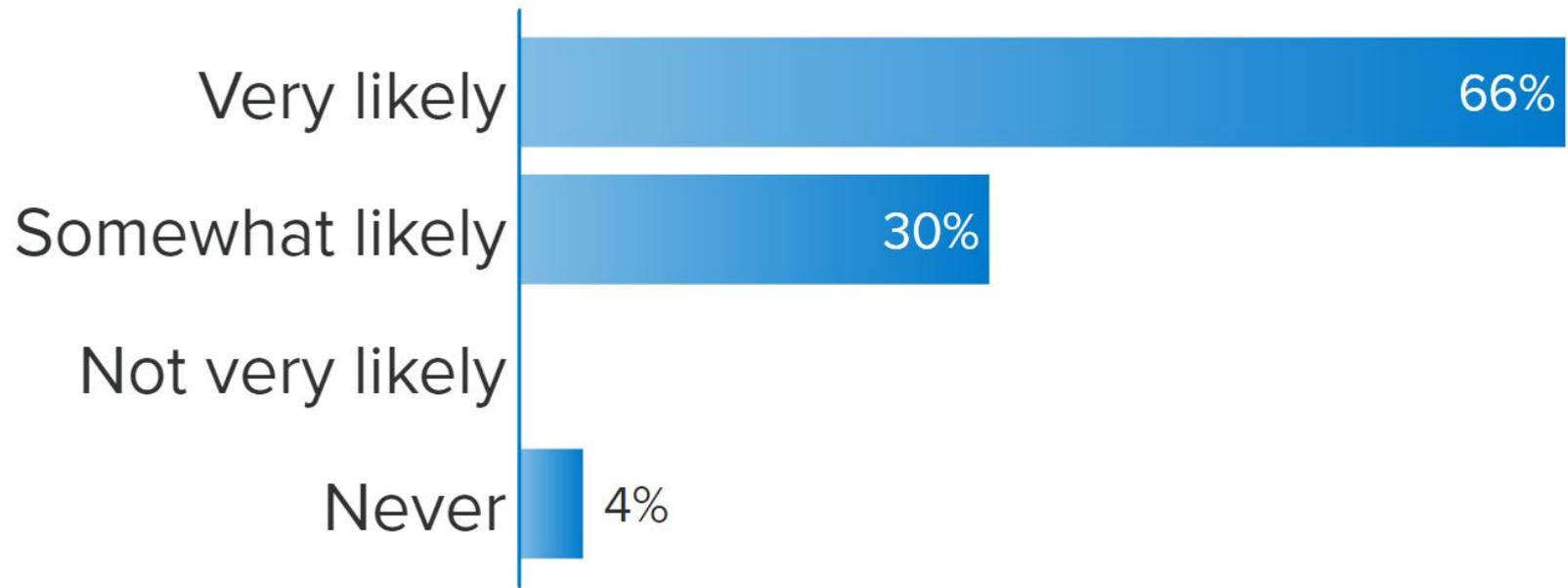






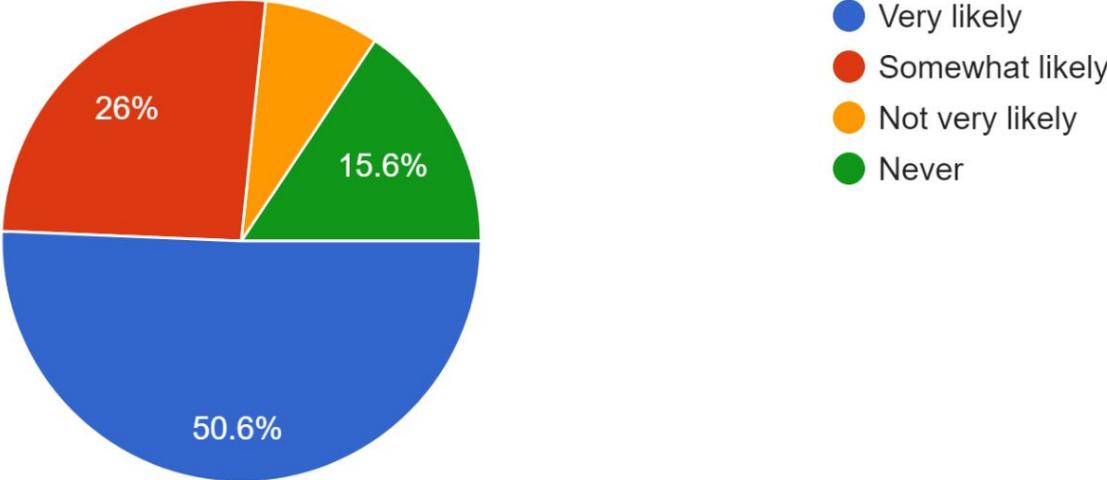
If you are visiting a dining establishment downtown, how likely are you to use outdoor dining structures?

74 responses



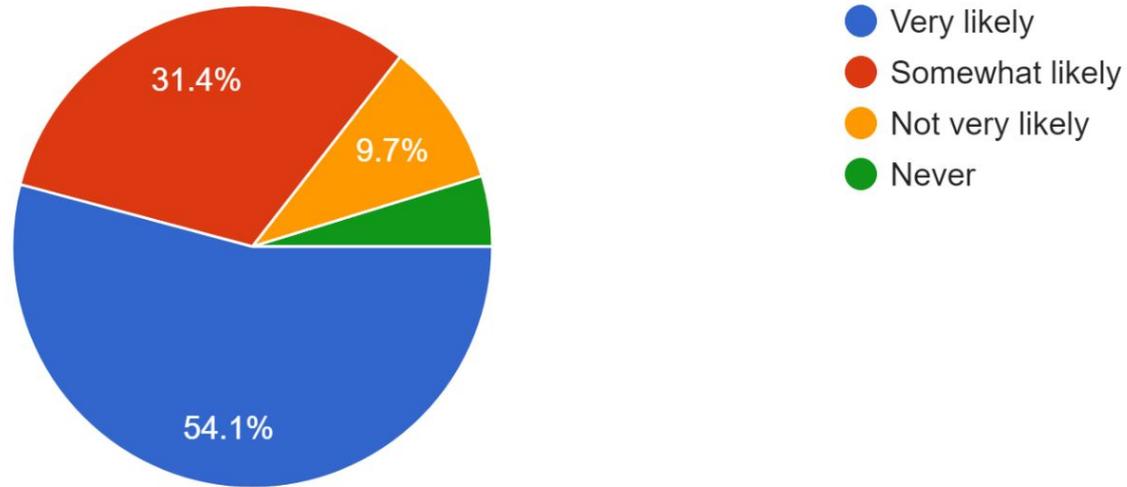
If you are the owner of a dining establishment downtown, how likely are you to use outdoor dining structures provided by the City?

77 responses



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423 responses









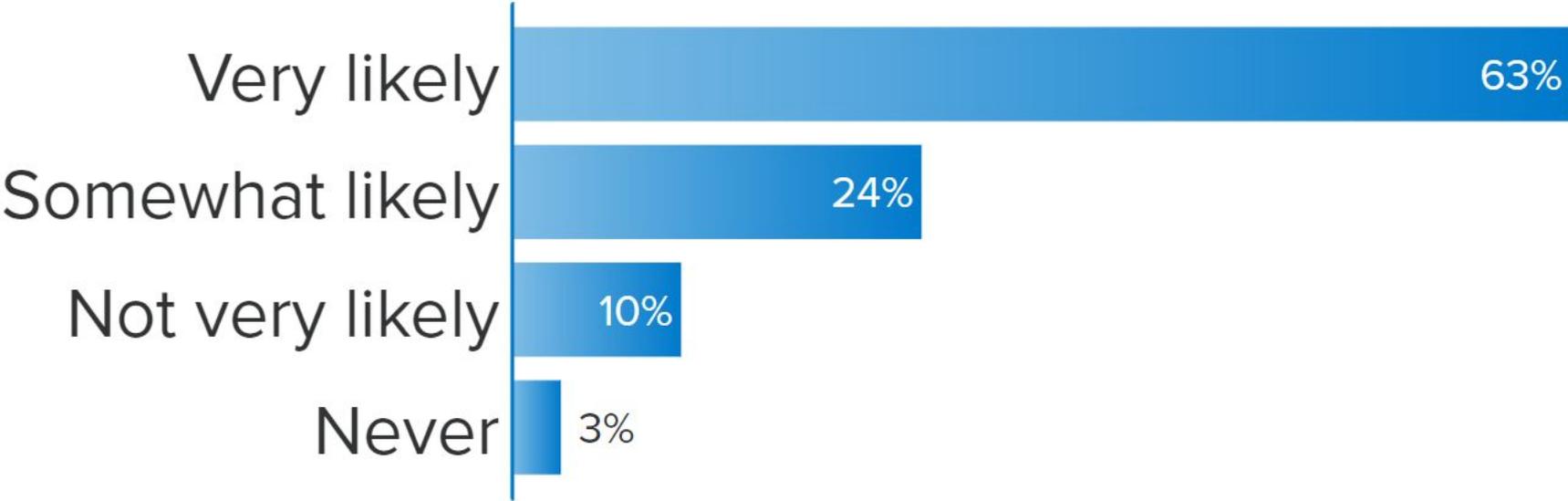


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POP - UP STAGE ON 2ND AVE

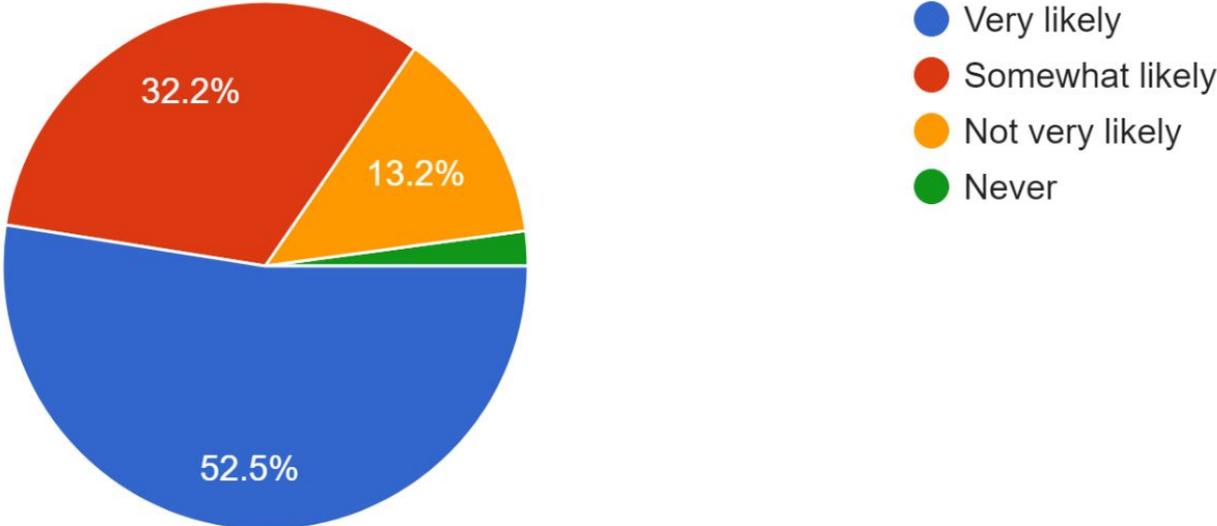
How likely are you to visit 2nd Avenue if these designs are incorporated?

70 responses



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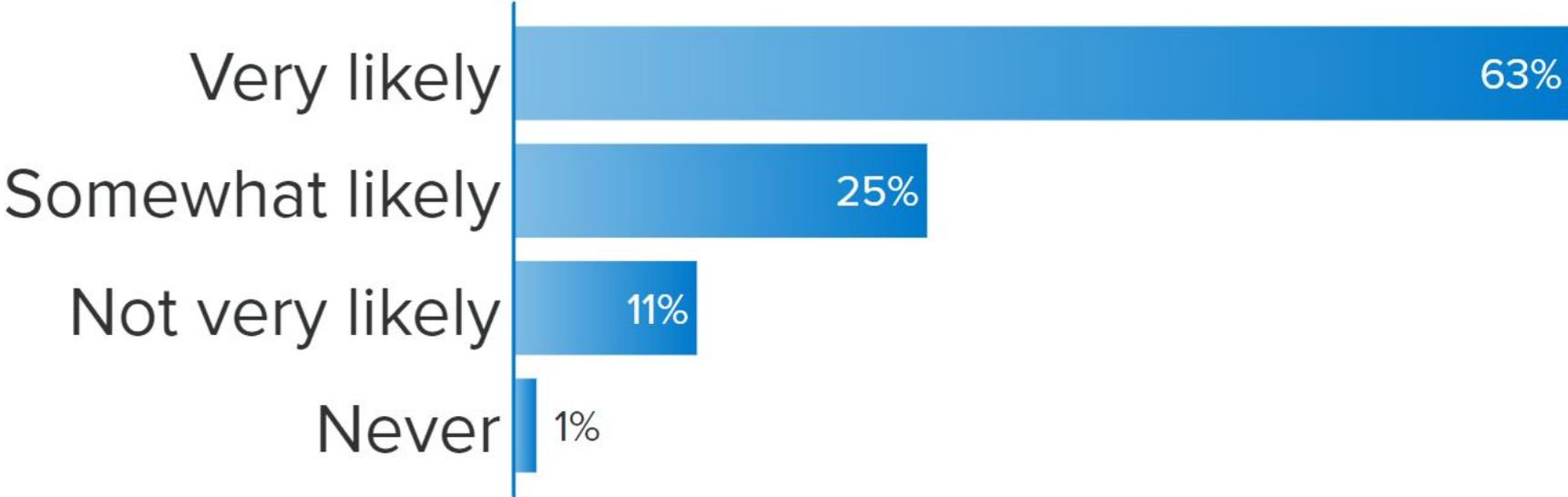






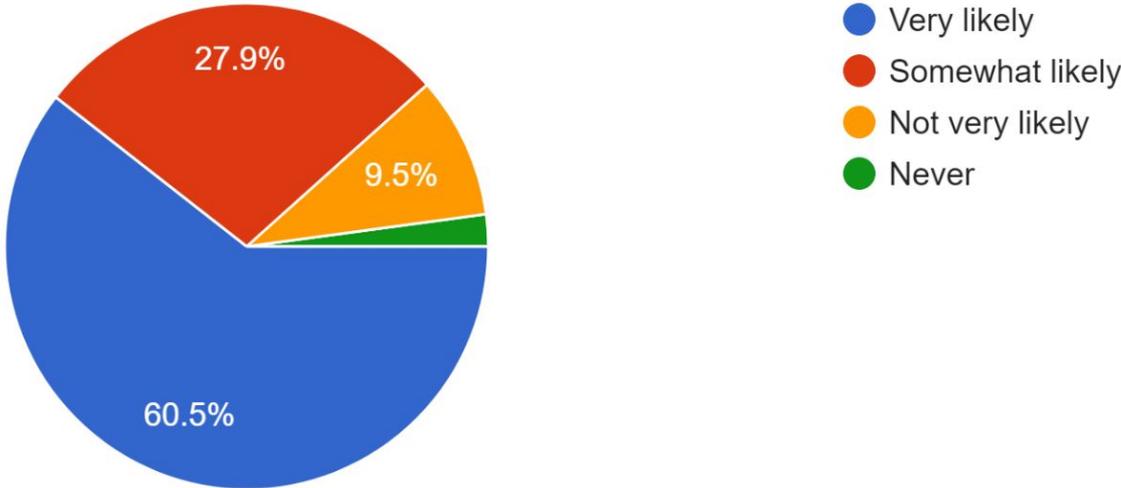
How likely are you to visit an outdoor market on 2nd Avenue?

73 responses



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423 responses







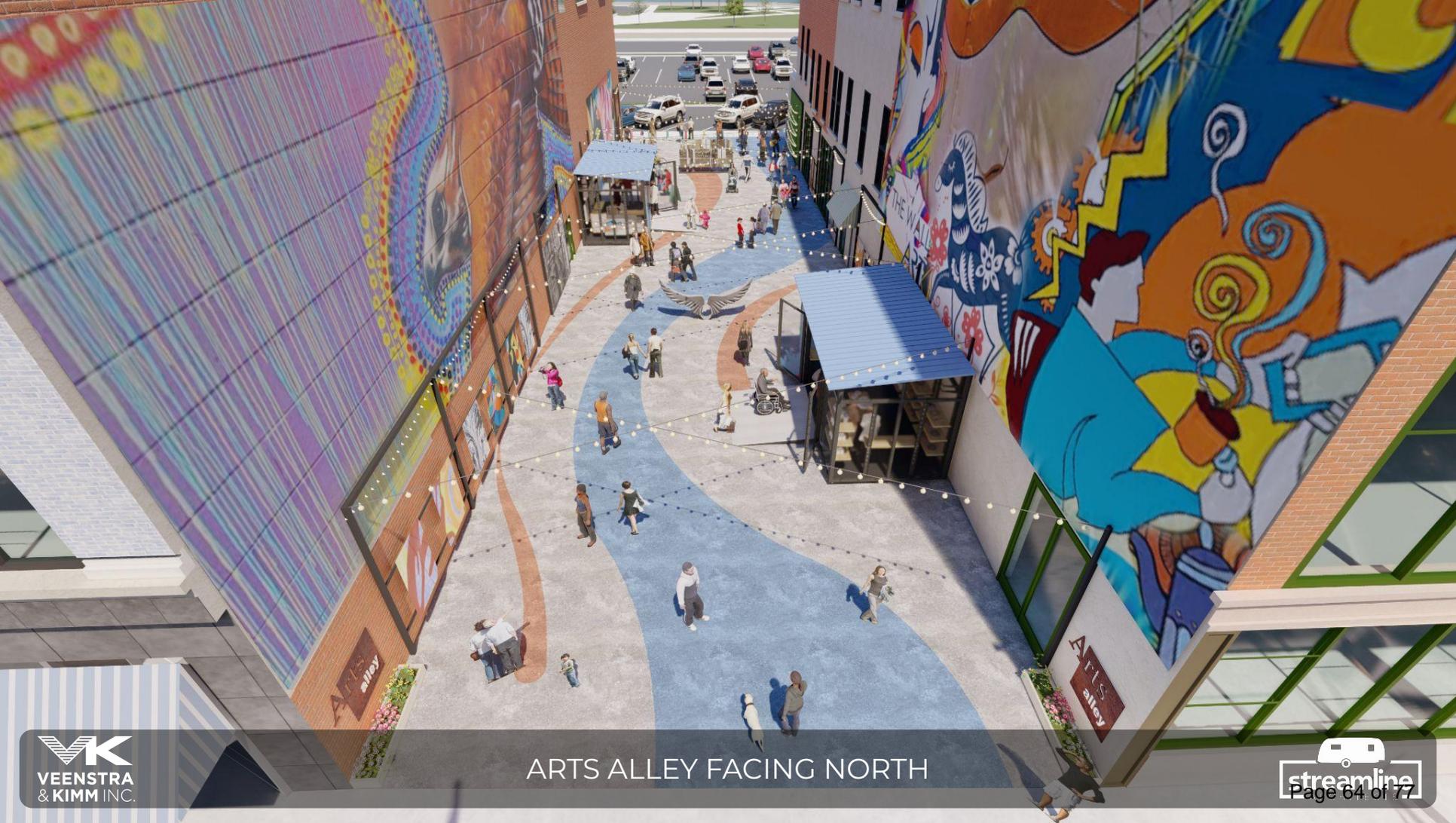














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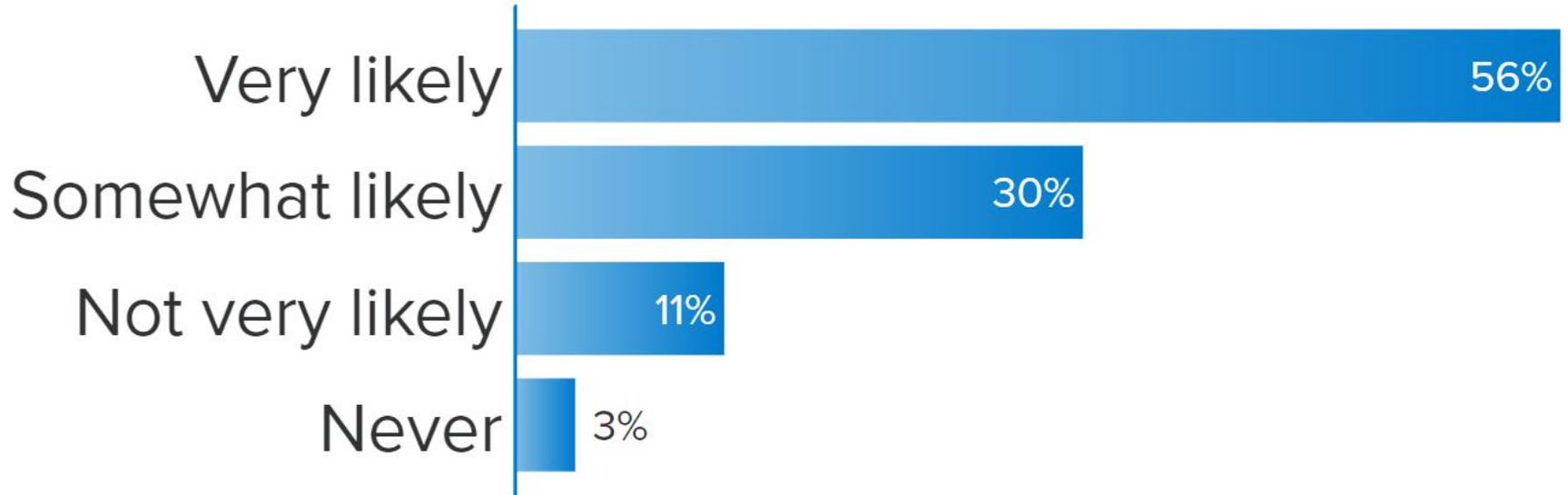


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How likely are you to visit Arts Alley if these designs are incorporated?

63 responses



What are your overall thoughts on the concepts presented for downtown Rock Island?

345 responses

The renderings look beautiful! I'm excited for the potential changes and am hopeful that this will encourage more positive attitudes about the downtown and about Rock Island in general.

Wonderful concept! I hope these plans get put into action. We love supporting local!

Fresh and attractive improvements that help Rock Island grow its downtown identity.

I think it's a great idea, but I hope additional plain clothes police are available to police and keep people safe. There are a lot of transient folks in the area and it makes it difficult to feel safe. I would most likely only go at night with my husband. Day time would depend...I am hopeful it will be great!

I love it! This has been needed to be done for a long time

I think getting rid of the pedestrian mall is a bad idea. I do like the idea of adding a dog park downtown. None of it matters if there aren't better places to park off street, and more things (new businesses) to draw people downtown.

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345 responses

I think it's a great start and hope it continues throughout the city.

I love that we're trying to revitalize downtown. This is a cool concept and better than what other QC Communities are providing.

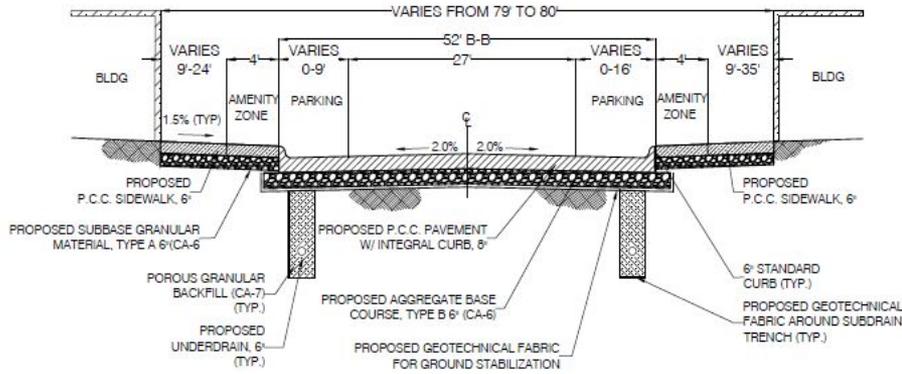
I think the concepts look great, and if implemented, could be a fantastic improvement to rock island

I'm hopeful it can turn RI's downtown into a fun and safe place to be.

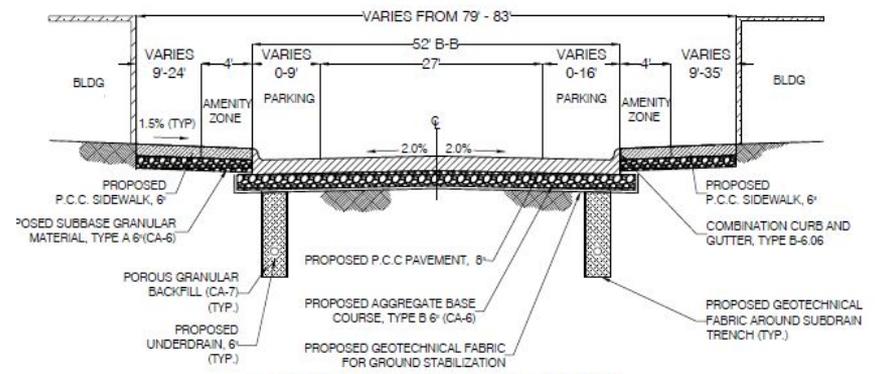
The designs in their current form lack a human scale and could benefit from the expertise of a landscape architect. Consider creating a unique graphic brand for Downtown that can improve the proposed signage.

Think it's a great start over for the city. Bring more people to Rock Island. Downtown used to be booming when I grew up... now just bars 🙄

It looks beautiful and is badly needed in the downtown area.



TYPICAL PAVEMENT CROSS-SECTION
18TH ST-2ND AVE TO 3RD AVE
52' B-B



TYPICAL PAVEMENT CROSS-SECTION
3RD AVE-18TH ST TO 19TH ST
52' B-B



Lights spaced 50 feet apart on alternating sides

Tree and in ground planters spacing 60 feet

Picture frame concrete for the sidewalks

1 Waste/recycle can per block



	Cost (Incl. Added Scope)	Extra Scope Costs Since Initial Estimate
18th St from 3rd Ave to 1st Ave and 3rd Ave from 18th St to 19th St (4 city blocks)	\$ 3,821,300	
2nd Ave from 18th St to 19th St	\$ 1,287,400	
3rd Ave from 17th St to 18th St	\$ 1,069,000	\$ 1,069,000
Dog Park	\$ 598,300	\$ 33,522
Alley Reconstruction	\$ 87,200	
Arts Alley	\$ 569,300	
WHBF Tower	\$ 332,000	\$ 282,000
18th St and 2nd Ave Lawn	\$ 47,642	\$ 47,642
Misc Project Expenses, General Conditions, Mobilization, Fees, Contingency	\$ 836,900	
Project Subtotal	\$ 8,649,042	\$ 1,432,164

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QUESTIONS?