

Creating Community - EG Historic Arts District Survey results 5/29/2025

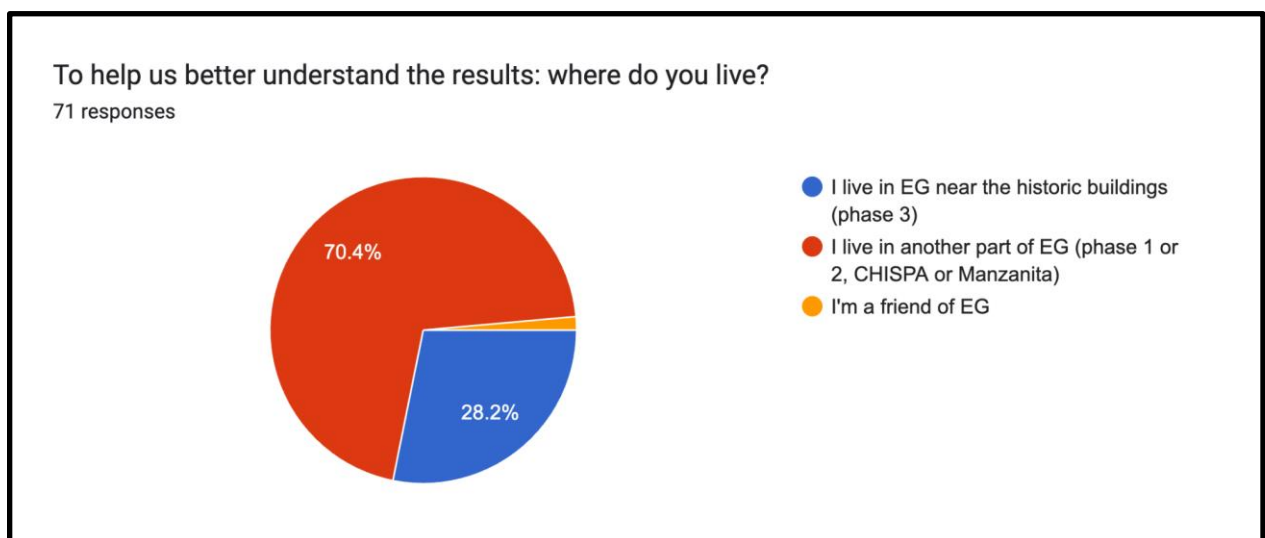
A summary of the results of the Creating Community survey - English only. Distributed on social media (FaceBook and Nextdoor) and through PREG email newsletter. A Spanish version was created and forwarded to several organizations, however no replies were recorded

Responses: 73 responses with a broad range of interests.

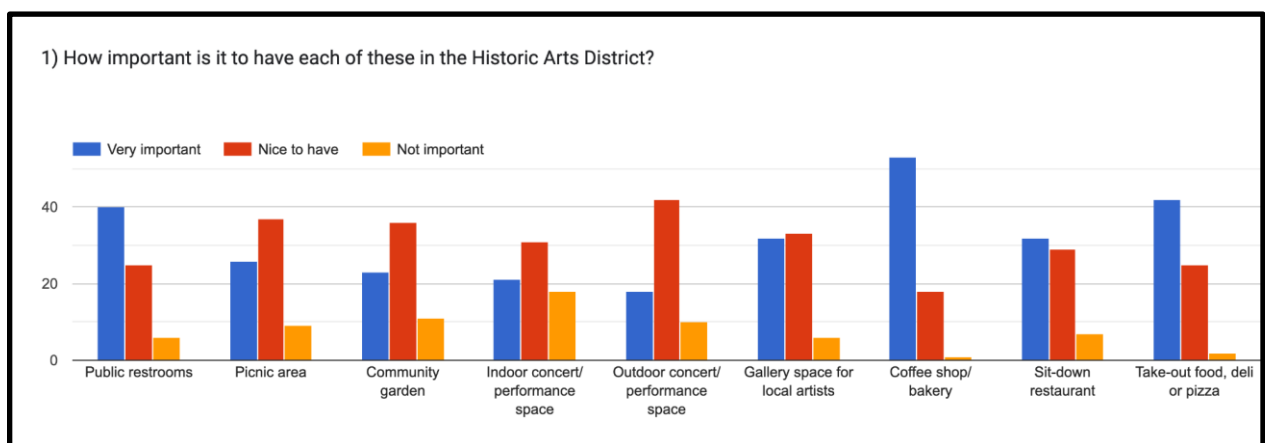
Conclusion: The community was fairly well represented, with the responses reflecting the general distribution of housing in EG. As with previous surveys the desire for a coffee shop/restaurant is still the predominant interest of EG residents. Exercise classes and spaces to learn and perform are also important

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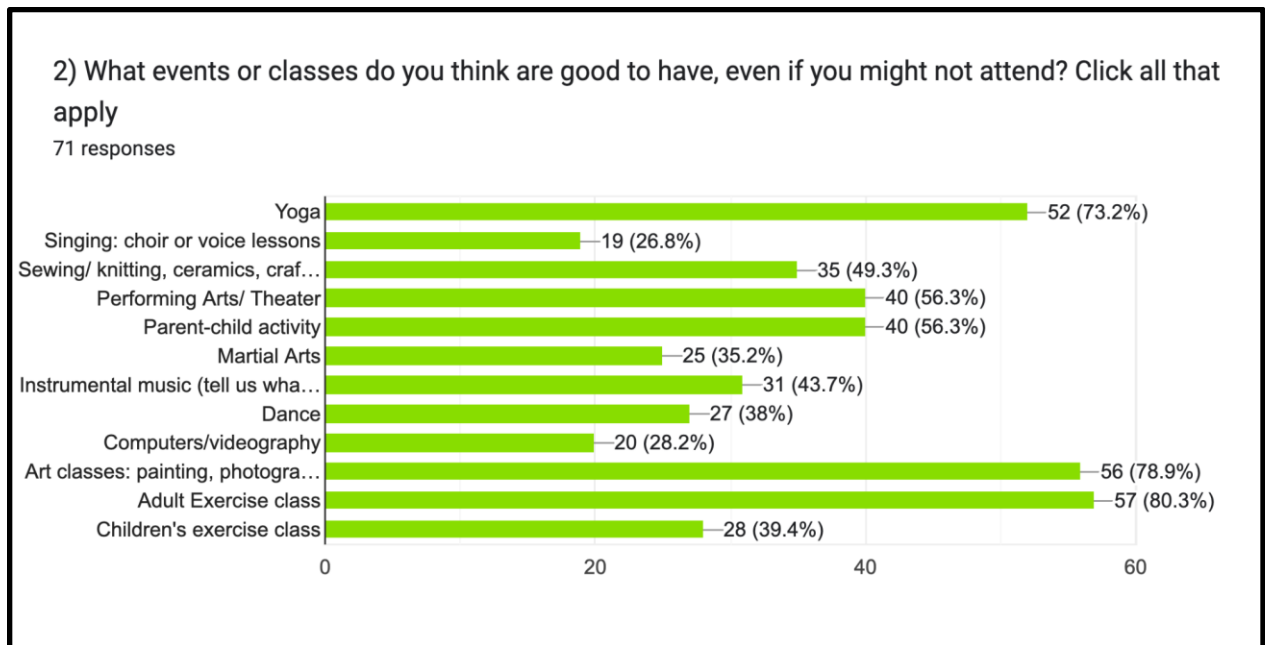
Here are the results for the 73 replies



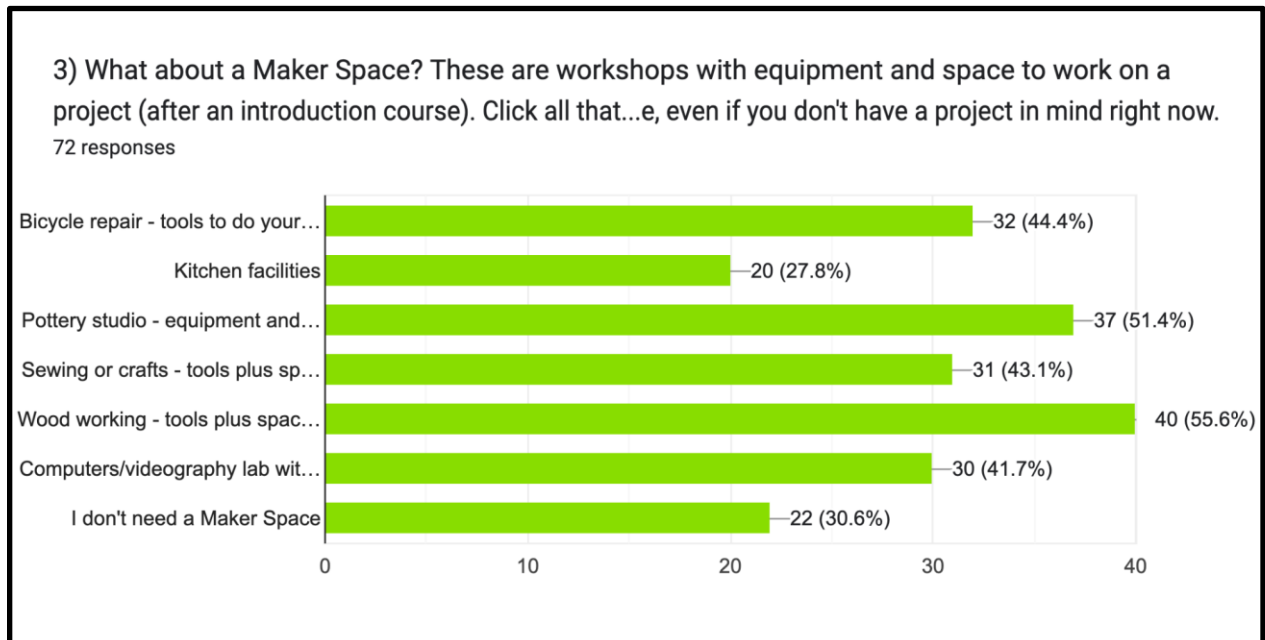
Given the housing distribution in EG, this is a fairly representative sample of the community



Places to purchase food are again the most important, and a restroom ranks high. Outdoor spaces for performances and gatherings, and a community garden are nice to have



There is a lot of interest in exercise classes, as well as art classes and performing arts spaces. In the comments "Do you have more ideas?" both classes for seniors and for teens were mentioned, geared toward the special interests of the group: journaling, stretch and toning or pickleball for seniors; DJing, screenprinting, sports classes, after school tutoring for youth



There seems to be interest in a few types of Maker Spaces: wood working, pottery, bike repair. Some interest in computer/videography lab, less in having kitchen facilities. Under "more ideas" there were suggestions for a 3D printer, and a community dark room

4) Would you use a "Tool Lending Library" with things like shovels, wheelbarrows, leaf blowers, wrenches, etc.? If yes, tell us what tools you'd like to borrow.

If no, skip to the next question

33 replies with suggestions, 6 reply “no” and the rest skipped to next question. So only 27 of the 73 respondents had ideas for a Tool lending library. This shows little support at this time. The ideas given were mostly for garden supplies and a power washer.

5) Is there something we've left out? Tell us your vision for the Historic Arts District

There were many suggestions, including:

- Tear down the older buildings to make way for more housing
- Questions about access and security - how to limit access to specialized equipment. Which entity is in charge of making sure that happens and everyone stays safe? Who will be managing these responsibilities and the day-to-day nitty-gritty of running this collective?
- The importance of having things pre-teen and teen kids can participate in, including after school care and Boys/Girls Clubs or similar
- Build upon spaces and events that draw folks in from outside the community - at the moment it's bicyclists and hikers, could expand with museums, restaurants serving local food, events
- Space for temporary exhibits of sculpture, etc
- “Where is the money coming from? Without funding this is just talk in the end”