

Summary of Engagement and Name Options

- The “Renaming of Sibley Park” survey was open from June 13th to August 31st. During this time 754 people responded to the survey. 46.73% of respondents reported that they lived in the same zip code (55407) as Sibley Park. 32.4% reported living in zip codes directly adjacent to Sibley. 20.9% reported living further away.
- Of the five Dakota names proposed in the survey, the most popular was **Oškokpa** (translation: basin or bowl shape), which received 217 votes (30.56%). When asked why people chose Oškokpa, 68% of respondents mentioned liking that the name describes the location of and reflects the shape of the park. Nearly one-third of respondents additionally mentioned that the name was easy to pronounce and easy to learn. An additional 10% mentioned that Oškokpa is fun to say, and like how the word sounds.
- The second most popular choice was **Chaŋté T’iŋza Wíŋyaŋ** (translation: strong hearted women), which received 181 votes (25.49%). Half of the respondents said they chose Chaŋté T’iŋza Wíŋyaŋ for its meaning- liking that the name honors, acknowledges, empowers, and elevates women. An additional 24% of respondents also mentioned that they felt the name honors the Dakota people and explicitly acknowledges the history of the land. Unlike the other names on the list, no one reported thinking that the name was easy to pronounce and/or learn. 10% of respondents said the drawback of this name is that it is tough to pronounce or too long, however a common theme throughout these critiques was that even though “it might be a harder name to pronounce...it’s worth it”. A handful of respondents also mentioned that they are raising kids and the name resonates with values they want to teach their child/they like the idea of children playing in a space that honors strong women.
- The third most popular name was **Paha Çete** (translation: bottom of the hill), which received 133 votes (18.73%). Half of the respondents said they

chose this name because it describes the location of the park, and where it is geographically situated. 10% also mentioned that the name describes how the park is used- kids often are sledding, biking, and running down to the bottom of the hill, and many have fond memories of participating in these activities. Just over one-third mentioned that the name is easy to pronounce, which makes it more likely for people to use it. And an additional 11% mentioned that name is fun to say and has a nice sound.

- The fourth most popular name was **P'eçaᅇ** (translation: elm), which received 108 votes (15.21%). 69% of respondents said they chose this name because it is easy to say. 15% of respondents mentioned the meaning of P'eçaᅇ, saying that they liked that the name brought up a connection to trees/nature and/or the name reflected the trees in the area.
- **Çaᅇpaçaᅇ** (translation: cherry tree) received 71 votes (10%). 37% of respondents said they chose Çaᅇpaçaᅇ because they liked the meaning of the word. Of these responses, nearly 90% mentioned the specific connection cherry trees have to the area, and the happy memories of family and spring time elicited. Just over half of the respondents mentioned liking the auditory nature of Çaᅇpaçaᅇ- saying the word is beautiful, fun to say, not too long and has a lovely sound.
- 41 people (5%) who took the survey did not choose any of the names listed above. 29% of these respondents said they want the park to remain Sibley Park, an additional 29% said they did not like any of the names provided and 15% said they felt like none of the names were pronounceable. A few people suggested additional Dakota words they believe should be taken into consideration for the new park name.