



AGENDA
CITY OF SEASIDE
PARKS AND RECREATION

REGULAR MEETING
440 HARCOURT AVE (CHAMBER)
Monday, November 20, 2023
5:30 PM

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **ROLL CALL - PARKS AND RECREATION**

Alicia Louise Gaines-Lynch
Bobby Maxwell
James White
Dianne Nielson
Chris Moulton
Robert Daniels
Jeanette Walton
Karla Lobo

Chair
Vice Chair
Commissioner
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4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

B. October 02, 2023

C. OCTOBER 16, 2023

5. REVIEW OF AGENDA

If there are any items that arose after the 72-hour posting deadline, this is the point in the meeting where a vote may be taken to add the item to the agenda. (A 2/3-majority vote is required).

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. RECEIVE UPDATE FROM FOSPA

B. REVIEW AND DISCUSS CHAPTER 2.23 "YOUTH COMMISSION" OF THE SEASIDE MUNICIPAL CODE (COMMISSIONER LOBO)

C. RECEIVE AND DISCUSS THE TREE GIVEAWAY PROGRAM SURVEY RESULTS (DIANNE NIELSON)

7. REPORTS FROM RECREATION STAFF

8. REPORTS FROM PARKS STAFF

9. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

10. ADJOURNMENT

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December 18, 2023
5:30 PM

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MINUTES
CITY OF SEASIDE
PARKS AND RECREATION
COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING
HYBRID (VIRTUAL & IN PERSON)
440 Harcourt Avenue (Chamber)
Monday, September 21, 2023
5:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at: 5:45 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION:

Alicia Louise Gaines-Lynch	Chair	<u> X </u>	
Bobby Maxwell	Vice Chair	<u> X </u>	
James White	Commissioner	<u> X </u>	
Dianne Nielson	Commissioner	<u> X </u>	
Chris Moulton	Commissioner	<u> </u>	(Excused Absence)
Robert Daniels	Commissioner	<u> X </u>	
Jeanette Walton	Commissioner	<u> X </u>	
Karla Lobo	Commissioner	<u> X </u>	

STAFF:

Dan Meewis X Terry Navarro X Carolyn Burke X Nisha Patal X

3. GUESTS:

- * Dave Pacheco – City Councilman
- * Nicole Limesand – BFS Landscape Architects
- * Elizabeth Matz – BFS Landscape Architects
- * Tanja Roos – Blue Zones
- * Jeannie Reese - FOSPA
- * Catherine Crockett – Sustainable Seaside
- * Laura Murphy – Sustainable Seaside
- * Cathy Rivera – Communities for Sustainable Monterey County
- * Emily Howard – Wetlands Watch
- * Claudia Thomas – Zoom
- * Louise Barry
- * Donna Penwell
- * Christine Whisler
- * Amy Sheehan
- * Mike Lang

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

* None

5. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 21, 2023 MINUTES:

* Bobby Maxwell/James White (with 3 corrections) M/S/P

* No public comment

6. REVIEW OF AGENDA:

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* None

* No public comment

7. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. RECEIVE A PRESENTATION AND PROVIDE FEEDBACK TO PUBLIC WORKS STAFF REGARDING THE LINCOLN CUNNINGHAM AND HAVANA SOLIZ PARKS CONCEPTUAL MASTER PLAN:

- * Carolyn Burke (Assistant Public Works Director), Nicole Limesand and Elizabeth Matz (BFS Landscape Architects) presented the concept plans for Lincoln Cunningham and Havana Soliz Parks and received feedback from the Parks & Recreation Commission and the public on the draft plans. Then the plans will be refined as needed before the final concept plans are taken to the City Council for approval.
- * Carolyn stated that in July 2022 the City Council allocated just under \$270,000.00 from the 2022-2023 CIP budget for the One Trails Project with the intent of replacing trails in Manzanita Stuart, Lincoln Cunningham and Havana Soliz Parks in their existing locations. This is in line with the recommendations of the Blue Zones Project which aims to improve the health and wellbeing of the community by providing vibrant parks that is connected by a walkable network of trails. The money that was allocated will only cover the design, not the construction. If the trails are constructed first, without conceptual plans, there is a high likelihood that they could get demolished in the process of constructing future park amenities.
- * Carolyn stated in January 2023 the City Council approved a professional service agreement with Whitson Engineers and BFS Landscape Architects to develop a conceptual master plan for Lincoln Cunningham and Havana Soliz parks. They had two public outreach events in June 2023. The public input that was gathered at those two events was used to develop concept plans for the parks.
- * Nicole went over the community outreach summary, the identified initiatives and priorities of the City level and how they incorporated that in the concept plans. She stated they had a community townhall at the Oldemeyer Center on June 08, 2023. On June 13, 2023 they had a virtual townhall and on June 24, 2023 they had a community outreach event at Lincoln Cunningham and Havana Soliz Parks. Please see the attached Staff Report and Presentation for all the information and details.

- * Carolyn went over some of the next steps and timeline. She stated that providing the community with an arterial ADA accessible pathway for pedestrians and bikes as soon as possible is their guiding priority as they outline the next steps for the project. The fiscal year 2023-24 CIP budget allocated 1.5 million dollars to the project including the previous year allocation. They have about 1.7 million dollars to support development of conceptual designs, plans, specifications and physical construction of the reference trails. Regional bids results for similar work have come in higher than average, increasing over the past several years, combined with the square footage of the plan trails. This means that a portion of the trails that are shown on the conceptual plans can be constructed this fiscal year. The arterial path through Lincoln Cunningham Park (that is shown in green on the presentation) was identified as a critical pathway in the safe route to school plan and is targeted to be built in the next construction season. In addition, Public Works would like to also build the connections to Yerba Buena Court, Lindberg Court and Serape Court. This will depend on bid results and whether the work will then fit in the allocated budget. Their immediate steps are to incorporate the feedback that they receive from the community and the Parks & Recreation Commission, do the final ADA grading analysis and storm water retention area and then bring the refined concept plan to the City Council meeting on October 19, 2023 for approval. See the attached Presentation for more information and details.
- * Commissioner Daniels asked if the ADA upgrading will affect the concept plans. Carolyn stated that they want to get the feedback on the amenities first. Then they plan to work with the engineer to make sure of the best placement of those amenities first. Commissioner Daniels asked if the trails at Lincoln Cunningham Park are still considered safe routes with the bridge not being in compliance. Carolyn stated that the bridge will be in compliance when it is rebuilt. She stated that designs will be prepared for the bridge demolition and for the bridge reconstruction. The bridge will be demolished by the end of this fiscal year likely. The timing of the bridge reconstruction will depend on allocations need in next year's CIP budget in May or June of 2024.
- * Chair Gaines-Lynch wanted to know how the game pieces in the park are going to be controlled. Elizabeth stated that they could do what Morro Bay does. They have a storage structure outside where their big chest pieces are stored. Participants can call Public Works to have the storage structure unlocked so they can use the chest pieces and then put them back. Some of the other opportunities like the bocce ball and ping pong can be installed and the participants can bring their own equipment. Chair Gaines-Lynch stated for safety reason they may want to put a camera in the park.
- * Commissioner Nielson was concerned about the lighting on the trails. She hopes the lighting will be setup so you are not blinded by the lighting and you can see the pathway beyond the lights. She stated that the lights should have timers or sensors on them. She also stated that one of their priorities is to have at least one piece of accessible playground equipment in each park. The adult fitness area on the presentation does not look like senior could use the equipment. It would be great if some of the equipment was senior friendly. Commissioner Nielson stated she does see the need for the restroom in the park. Carolyn stated the lighting for the trails could be focus lighting that would be focus downward towards the trail to prevent the light pollution. The lights

could be motion activated and have timers for specific times. She thanked Commissioner Nielson about having one piece of accessible playground equipment in the parks. Carolyn stated that the restroom was a concern to the public on both sides. The restroom would be good for the children. Carolyn also stated that fitness equipment for seniors is a valid request.

- * Vice Chair Maxwell stated that he really like the concept plans, especially the width of the arterial pathways and the idea of having a restroom in Lincoln Cunningham Park. He is a strong component of including all inclusive playground equipment in the parks. He also likes the lighting on the trails. The restroom will be beneficial for a lot of the people that work on the weekends in the park.
- * Commissioner Walton stated that the concept plans are great. The remote lock is a great idea for the restroom, however, she has concerns. Her concern is people staying in the restroom longer than they should. Nicole went over some of the designs and the locking of the restroom. Camera's on the outside of the restroom was discussed. Commissioner Walton other concern was the lighting on the trails. She stated that motion activated lights does not address the security issues of seeing what is ahead of you. Nicole discussed what is required by the California Building Code about lighting. The lights cannot be on full blast all night long anymore. They put on dimmers on the lights at a certain time. They dim the lights about 25% to 35% to conserve energy. They do put on motion detectors on every other light.
- * Commissioner White stated he liked both concepts and they meet all the age groups. He thinks having a restroom at Lincoln Cunningham Park is appropriate.
- * Commissioner Lobo wanted the pros and cons of each pathways and the cost. Carolyn stated that in general the cost of the pathways are based on square footage of the material that they are using. They picked concrete for the paths because stabilized decomposed granite does not hold up and in the longer term it will not be a continuous ADA accessible pathway. They went for concrete for the main eight foot pathway with two decomposed granite shoulders for drainage. The Blue Zones Marquee Project does give them a guiding light for the phase one trail project to connect Manzanita Stuart, Lincoln Cunningham and Havana Soliz Parks and to be able to route all the foot traffic up from the school south going up through those and connecting to Ord Terrace School. Commissioner Lobo stated having a restroom with one stall is a concern. She stated that having at least two stalls would be good. Carolyn stated that they were being responsive to the community feedback that they got back. Keeping it small, simple, and streamlined was what they were going for, however, if they get more feedback wanting more they will look into it. Commissioner Lobo likes the expansion of the community garden. The only concern she has is that they are limiting the natural portion like the forestry items that grow around the area. She suggested to opening the community garden up more to grow forestry items. Carolyn stated that they are looking into a pathway around the perimeter of the community garden and maybe there will be the ability of pathways in between. All suggestion for the community garden will be looked at.

* Staff stated that the consultant will be giving a presentation on the Master Plan to the City Council at their next meeting.

* Public Comment:

** Jeannie Reese stated she is one of the Lincoln Cunningham Park stewards. She thanked everyone for looking at all the suggestions from the community. She loves the inclusion of all the art elements, the nature theme playground and the features in between. She was wondering if there would be room for swings. Jeannie also was wondering how all the trees were going to be watered. She would like a better understanding about the watering system at the parks. She would like to know what staff thinks a demonstration garden is because she noted that at Lincoln Cunningham Park. She also noted at Lincoln Cunningham Park there is a circle feature in the middle of the park and some trees around it. She wanted to know if it is only trees or if it was just a particular feature. At Havana Soliz Park, Jeannie loves the idea of the orchard, however, where is the water coming from. There is a central area at Havana Soliz Park that has eucalyptus trees and it seems like those are nowhere seen on the concept plan. She hopes that the final concept plan will be ready to go so that they can take the steps and move them in increments that are going to be able to be funded.

** Tanja Roos stated she is from the Blue Zones Project. She is excited to see the concept plans on paper for everyone to see and respond to and give their feedback on. She appreciates seeing the community demonstration garden maintained in Lincoln Cunningham Park as well as the community garden in Havana Soliz Park and an urban fruit forest. She feels it is important and is hoping that water fountains and water bottle refill stations will be considered for the parks. She also feels that it is important to have a painted crosswalk between Lincoln Cunningham Park and Havana Soliz Park and should be considered. Tanja stated that Blue Zones is available to always write letters of support and send grant opportunities.

** Louise Berry stated she lives in the area of Lincoln Cunningham Park and has volunteered for years cleaning up the park and making people more aware of the park. One of the things that concerns her is the heavy equipment that would be used to build the bathrooms or other big structures in the park. She feels it would be better to build the structures before spending money on walkways that would get destroyed by the heavy equipment. Louise likes the idea about the water fountains and water bottle refill stations. She does not feel there is not enough funding to do much of anything. She likes the idea about writing letters of support and raising money for the parks. Communication is important. Louise noticed that there was no mention about having the second well that needs to happen in the the park. She really does not want to see a well put in at Lincoln Cunningham Park.

** Donna Penwell stated she is a neighbor of Lincoln Cunningham Park and Havana Soliz Park. She has been working with FOSPA and Sustainable Seaside at Lincoln Cunningham Park in the garden in the last two years. She thinks the pathways are fabulous. She is a little disappointed that the city does not have the funding to do something with the pathway that is just

adjacent to the current community garden. She loves that the main pathway will be concrete. It seems to be positioned in the park that lots of things can happen on either side that large pathway. She is so happy that the pathways are going to be done. She actually is not a big fan of the ideas for the activities on the other side. She think there should not be a restroom in Lincoln Cunningham Park. It is unnecessary because the park has been there since the 1960's without one. It is a neighborhood park and if you need a restroom, you just go home and then come back. She is not a fan of the lighting. She stated that they use the light on their cell phones to walk their dogs. She is a fan of shade structures.

** Amy Sheehan stated she is so appreciative of having a visual of what is being consider for Lincoln Cunningham Park. She is hoping if there is any funding left, they will consider completing the pathway to Linberg Court. That is the way the kids are walking to school because of the new crosswalk that has been installed recently. She is on the fence about the restrooms. It seems to be a neighborhood park and people can go home quickly and come back. Maybe with all the amenities more people from further away will come to the park. In regards to the volleyball court, she does not feel anyone would use it. She would rather see more garden space.

** Catherine Crockett stated she is one of the stewards of Havana Soliz Park and she has been working in the parks for about three years. She stated that Havana Soliz is about sixty years old and the stone around it needs some repairs in some areas of the stone wall. Her concern is where will all the eucalyptus trees go. She feels that the stone wall and trees are the charm of the park.

** Staff received one public comment via email. Please see the attached email for the details.

B. DISCUSS IDEAS OF HAVING A CITY OF SEASIDE ARBOR DAY CEREMONY (COMMISSIONER NIELSON):

* Commissioner Nielson stated the Public Works plants trees on Arbor Day. This is great, but really no one knows about it. Seaside is a Tree City USA and Commissioner Nielson would like to put out the idea to have a ceremony at the place where Public Works is going to plant the trees or at City Hall. She would like to see the City Council and the Parks & Recreation Commission at the ceremony so a proclamation could be read that Seaside is a Tree City and they can tell people where they are planting the trees. They could have special amenities there or a tree pruning class or a demonstration about trees. She is hoping to let people know that they are planting trees and inspire Seaside residents. They could have information about where to buy trees or how to take care of trees. Commission Nielson would like that the city to fly a Tree City USA flag for a week or the month that Arbor Day is held.

* Commissioner Lobo asked if there is a budgetary allotment that Commissioner Nielson is asking for regarding Arbor Day. Commissioner Nielson stated that the flag is thirty dollars and she believes that volunteers would be doing the demonstrations. She would like to start with something simple and manageable to recognize Arbor Day in the City of Seaside.

- * Vice Chair Maxwell stated he looked up Arbor Day and it is on April 26, 2024. He is onboard in celebrating Arbor Day in some way or another. Hopefully, the Neighborhood Improvement Commission will like some of the ideas that they have presented to them and send some money their way so they can do the tree project again.
- * Chair Gaines-Lynch stated she thinks it is a wonderful idea to have an Arbor Day celebration that they can invite some of the nurseries to come out and have a table at the event and invite some arborists to come out to do a presentation of planting trees.
- * Staff stated that to fly an Arbor Day Flag it would have to go to the City Council first for approval.
- * Commissioner voted on the motion: "To create a sub-committee to formulate a proposal to present to the City Council asking for an Arbor Day Ceremony"
Dianne Nielson/Bobby Maxwell M/S/P
- * Chair Gaines-Lynch asked for volunteers to be on the sub-committee with Commissioner Nielson. Commissioner Lobo, Commissioner Maxwell, and Commissioner Walton volunteered to be on the sub-committee. Commissioner Daniels will be an alternate.
- * No public comment.

C. DISCUSS HAVING A SPECIAL MEETING FOR ANOTHER PARK TOUR:

- * Commissioner voted on the amended motion: "To have a Special Parks & Recreation meeting on Monday, October 02, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. to have a park tour of Robert's Lake Eco-Rec and Laguna Grande Park and at the next Regular Parks & Recreation meeting on Monday, November 20, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. to tour Soper Field, Metz Park and David Cutino Park.
Dianne Nielson/Bobby Maxwell M/S/P
- * No public comment

D. TOUR OF SEASIDE PARKS:

- Robert's Lake Eco-Rec
- Laguna Grande Park
- Soper Field
- Metz Park
- David Cutino Park
- * Staff stated that there is no driver available to take the Commissioners on the the tour of the Seaside parks.
- * Commissioner voted on the motion: "To have the next park tour at the next Regular Parks & Recreation meeting on Monday, November 20, 2023.
Bobby Maxwell/Dianne Nielson M/S/P (Motion passed - 6 Yes to 1 No).

* No public comment

8. REPORTS FROM RECREATION STAFF:

* Staff reported that they are preparing for the Oaxaca by the Sea weekend. There will be a Pop-Up Oaxaca Art Exhibit at Avery Gallery in Seaside City Hall from September 21, 2023 to September 26, 2023. There will be an Oaxaca Art reception at Avery Gallery in Seaside City Hall on Friday, September 22, 2023 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. On Saturday, September 23, 2023 the Oaxaca by the Sea Festival will be at Seaside City Hall Lawn and Laguna Grande Park from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. There will be a Public Safety Partnership between the Seaside Fire Department and the Oaxaca Fire Department. On Sunday, September 24, 2023 there will be an Oaxaca Business Expo at the Oldemeyer Center from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

9. REPORTS FROM PARKS STAFF:

- * Staff reported that the Lincoln Cunningham Park basketball court is near completion and will be completed by the end of September 2023. The ribbon cutting is planned for early October 2023. Staff will notify the Parks & Recreation Commission, FOSPA and the public.
- * Staff reported that the construction for the improvements will start on September 25, 2023 at Highland Otis Park at the lower area where there was some circles and they had taken out the swing set.
- * Staff reported that Fernando Park construction started on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 and will be completed by the end of December 2023.
- * Staff reported that the benches and picnic tables have been placed at Pacchetti Dog Park. Two of the picnic benches and picnic tables have been placed at Mescal Neil Park. The two additional picnic benches and tables will be placed at Mescal Neil Park at the end of September 2023.
- * Staff reported that Cutino Park project is still in construction and is 70% complete. The playground equipment is being install the week of September 16, 2023. The construction should be completed in early November 2023.
- * Staff reported that at Sabado Park they are working toward securing a Cal-Am Potable Water Use Reduction Grant. That way they can take out some of the natural turf to install drought-tolerant plants and gravel. They have been working with Blue Zones and they have agreed to donate some picnic tables and benches to the project.
- * Commissioner Lobo asked if the delay of the completion at Cutino Park has to do with the budget. Staff stated that it has to do with the retaining wall and there was a small area that they did not put any hydro-seed or any other landscape and now the contractor needs to work that in. They had to work out the design details on the storm drain.

- * Commissioner Nielson asked what hydro-seed is. Staff stated the hydro-seeding is a convenient, cost-effective way to plant grass seed. Commissioner Nielson stated the FOSPA is having a plant sale on October 14, 2023 and asked if the ribbon cutting at Lincoln Cunningham Park basketball court could be on the same day. Staff stated that they could talk to the City Manager about that.

10. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

- * Vice Chair Maxwell stated he went to the FOSPA meeting last month. He also attended the First Annual Grandparent Day Event at the Oldemeyer Center on September 09, 2023. It was a huge success. It was put on by the Teen Center and they should be applauded for their hard work on that.
- * Commissioner Lobo stated she attended the First Annual Grandparent Day Event at the Oldemeyer Center on September 09, 2023. She appreciated that they had childcare. The grandparents enjoyed the event. They had live music.
- * Commissioner Nielson stated she received an email from a woman in Monterey that has a lot of prunus avium canalesia cherry trees growing in her backyard and she is looking for homes for them. The cherries are not what human eats, but the wildlife love them. The trees are two and three feet tall. Commissioner Nielson stated she is getting some of the tree in the next week or so and if anyone wants one to let her know.

11. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at: 8:02 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Terry Navarro, PRC Clerk

Alicia Louise Gaines-Lynch, PRC Chair

Next Special Scheduled Meeting

October 02, 2023

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Oldemeyer Center

Attachments from
the September 21, 2023
Meeting

>>> Louise & Peter Berry <plberry850@comcast.net> 9/17/2023 7:00 PM
Hello,

Re: Item 6 A (concept plan for Lincoln Cunningham park) on agenda for
parks and recreation meeting:

I live on Yerba Buena Court and have been an active member of FOSPA,
with our wonderful park leader, Donna Penwell guiding us once every 8
weeks to help clean up, plant, restore and re-envision our park.

I attended the meeting at Lincoln Cunningham park where we were asked for
our input for a long range plan. I would like to reiterate my suggestion
for benches throughout the park and for some structures to provide
shade. The concept plan long term would provide shade from trees but
that will take many years of growth.

Many of us expressed concern that the trails/walkways need to follow
construction of bathroom (yes!) that would require heavy equipment
brought in, thereby destroying new pathway construction.

Mayor Goolsby has stressed that to get funding for walkway replacement
would require ADA parking places, none of which I can see on the concept
drawing.

The new basketball court looks amazing and well constructed! Thank you.

I whole- heartedly support the concept of a small amphitheater and bathroom.

A final comment: I totally reject the idea of locating a new well for
Seaside in our park.

Thank you,

Louise C Berry

24 Yerba Buena Ct

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LINCOLN CUNNINGHAM & HAVANA SOLIZ PARKS CONCEPT PLAN

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

Monday, September 18, 2023, at 5:30 pm

Seeking public input on the conceptual design alternatives for Lincoln Cunningham and Havana Soliz Parks during the general Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

IN PERSON

Seaside City Hall
440 Harcourt Avenue
Seaside, CA 93955

VIRTUALLY ATTEND

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CITY OF SEASIDE STAFF REPORT

Item No.: 6.A.

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

BY: Nisha Patel, Public Works Director/City Engineer
Carolyn Burke, Assistant Public Works Director

DATE: September 18, 2023

**SUBJECT: RECEIVE A PRESENTATION AND PROVIDE FEEDBACK TO
PUBLIC WORKS STAFF REGARDING THE LINCOLN
CUNNINGHAM AND HAVANA SOLIZ PARKS CONCEPTUAL
MASTER PLAN**

PURPOSE & RECOMMENDATION

Receive a presentation and provide feedback to Public Works staff regarding the Lincoln Cunningham and Havana Soliz Parks Conceptual Master Plan.

BACKGROUND

On January 30, 2023, City Council adopted a resolution authorizing the preparation of concept plans for the development of accessible trail and amenity locations in Lincoln Cunningham and Havana Soliz Parks. Development of the Lincoln-Cunningham and Havana-Soliz Parks Conceptual Master Plan is the first phase of the larger Blue Zones Marquee Project that aims to improve health and well-being of the Seaside community by providing vibrant parks connected by a walkable network of trails. The ultimate goal is to connect Manzanita-Stuart, Lincoln-Cunningham, and Havana-Soliz parks via a modern, accessible trail network.

Developing the Lincoln-Cunningham and Havana-Soliz park concepts before proceeding with a project to improve the trail only will provide park layouts, determine trail locations, ensure proper drainage, and prepare for accessibility in anticipation of future park amenities. If the trails were constructed first, without conceptual plans, there is a high likelihood that they could get demolished in the process of constructing future park amenities.

Public input on park needs and community priorities was solicited via two outreach

events; a park pop-up at Lincoln Cunningham park on Saturday, June 24, 2023, and a virtual town hall held on June 13, 2023. Both events were well-attended and feedback focused on several areas of interest: accessibility, preservation and enhancement of existing community-tended gardens, and amenities for a variety of age groups. Participants tended to favor more action-oriented installations at Lincoln Cunningham park and more relaxed activity and opportunities for social engagement at Havana Soliz park.

Led by community feedback and in collaboration with Public Works engineering staff, the City's consultants, BFS Landscape Architecture and Whitson Engineers, have prepared concept plans for trail alignments and park amenities at both Lincoln Cunningham and Havana Soliz parks. Due to the existing basketball court anchoring improvements at Lincoln Cunningham park, one concept has been prepared for this park. In contrast, two concepts have been prepared for Havana Soliz park, with different options for social activities and amenities for different age groups.

The intent of our presentation to the Parks and Recreation Committee (PRC) is to gather feedback on the concept plans from both the PRC body and community stakeholders. This feedback will be considered and incorporated into the concept plans where possible, with final concept plans presented to the City Council for their approval at the October 19, 2023 City Council meeting.

Once final concept plans are approved by City Council, Public Works staff will engage a civil engineering consultant to prepare construction plans for the main trail segment in Lincoln Cunningham park that runs from San Pablo Avenue to Lincoln Avenue, with the goal of beginning construction this fiscal year. Due to budget constraints, only one trail segment could be considered for construction; this segment was chosen to be built first due to its connection to both Ord Terrace Elementary and the Havana Soliz park entrance. As funds become available, trails and amenities will be constructed in both parks, guided by the concept plans currently under consideration.

ATTACHMENTS

1. 20230913_LCHS Parks Concept Sketches

Reviewed for Submission to the City Council by:



Jaime M. Fontes, City Manager

Lincoln Cunningham & Havana Soliz Parks Concept Plan

Carolyn Burke, Assistant Public Works Director
Nicole Limesand & Elizabeth Matz, BFS Landscape Architects

September 18, 2023 | Parks & Recreation Commission



Agenda

- Background
- Community Feedback
- City Initiatives & Priorities
- Concept Plans
- Next Steps & Timeline
- Questions



Background

July 2022

- CIP - Phase 1 Trails Project
- Stuart Manzanita – Lincoln Cunningham – Havana Soliz Parks
- Design for in-kind replacement of existing trails

January 2023

- PSA for conceptual plans – Whitson Engineers
- Lincoln Cunningham – Havana Soliz Parks
- Conceptual design for amenities and ADA pathways

June 2023

- Public Outreach Events

July – August 2023

- Concept design development

Community Outreach Summary

June 8, 2023: Community Townhall at
Oldemeyer Center

June 13, 2023: Virtual Townhall

June 24, 2023: Community Outreach Event at
Lincoln Cunningham and Havana Soliz Parks



**LINCOLN CUNNINGHAM &
HAVANA SOLIZ PARKS
VIRTUAL TOWN HALL
REUNION PUBLICA VIRTUAL**

Monday, June 13, 2023, 6:00 - 7:30 PM

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**LINCOLN CUNNINGHAM &
HAVANA SOLIZ PARKS CONCEPT PLAN
COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENT
EVENTO COMUNITARIO PARA DIVULGAR
INFORMACION SOBRE**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2023, 9:00 - 11:00 AM
SABADO, 24 DE JUNIO DE 2023, 9:00 - 11:00 AM**

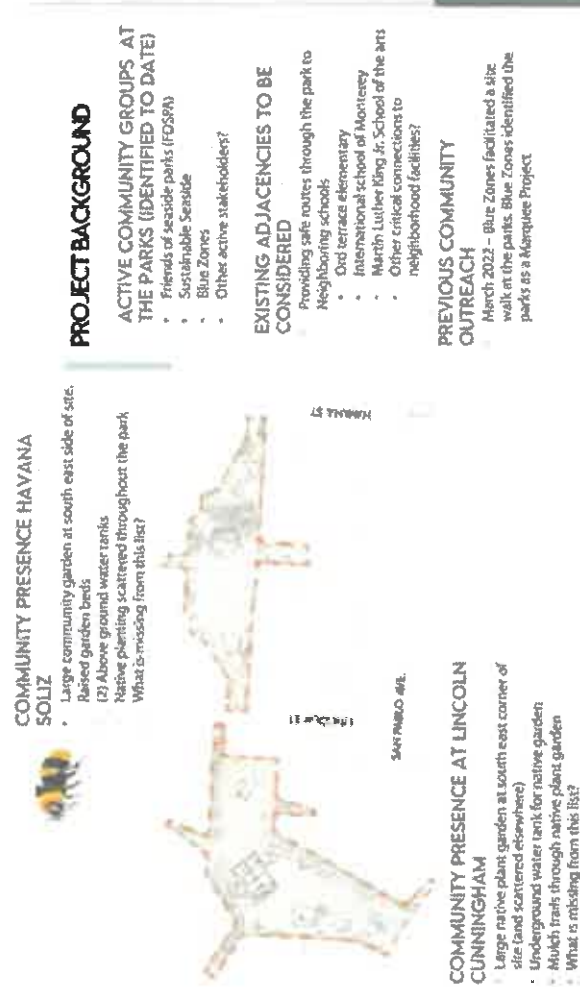
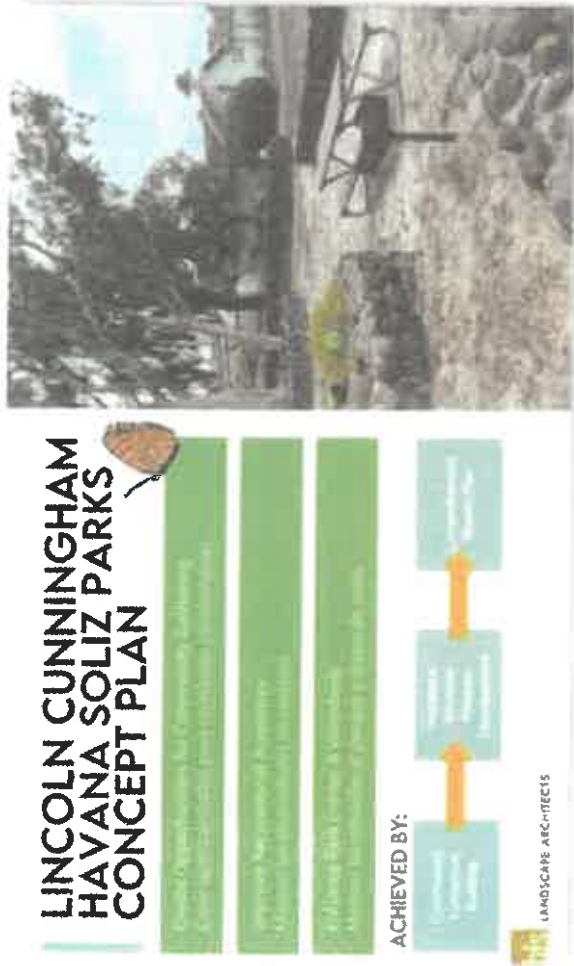
Seeking public input on the recreation and modernization of Lincoln Cunningham and Havana Soliz Parks. Meet at Lincoln Cunningham Park.

Buscamos la opinión pública sobre la recreación y modernización de Lincoln Cunningham y Havana Soliz Parks. Reunión en Lincoln Cunningham Park.



Virtual Townhall

- Samples of questions and comments received
 - “Play areas and structures could include sensory plan and be accessible. Include watering systems for the native plant and community gardens that are at the parks.”
 - “Kuddos on the bioswale completed by you at Sonoma/Yosemite apartments. Exactly the kind of sustainable design that makes sense and is beautiful. For the lighting, please consider a style that diminishes light pollution; i.e. downward facing shades. Crosswalk art is an awesome idea!”
 - Question: Is there any plan to build a well at Lincoln Cunningham?
 - Response: The City has engaged a consultant to study potential well locations at multiple sites.



PROJECT BACKGROUND

ACTIVE COMMUNITY GROUPS AT THE PARKS (IDENTIFIED TO DATE)

- Friends of Seaside Parks (FOSP)
- Sustainable Seaside
- Blue Zones
- Other active stakeholders?

EXISTING ADJACENCIES TO BE CONSIDERED

- Providing safe routes through the park to neighboring schools
- Old terrace elementary
- International school of Monterey
- Martin Luther King Jr. School of the Arts
- Other critical connections to neighborhood facilities?

PREVIOUS COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- March 2022 - Blue Zones facilitated a site walk in the parks. Blue Zones identified the parks as a Marquee Project

COMMUNITY PRESENCE HAVANA SOLIZ

- Large community garden at south east side of site. Raised garden beds
- (2) Above ground water tanks
- Native planting scattered throughout the park
- What is missing from this list?



COMMUNITY PRESENCE AT LINCOLN CUNNINGHAM

- Large native plant garden at south east corner of site (and scattered elsewhere)
- Underground water tank for native garden
- Much trails through native plant garden
- What is missing from this list?

Community Outreach Event

Samples of questions and comments received

- Replace sand around concrete sculpture in LC (lots of broken glass has been found in the sand)
- There should be community gardens with raised beds that are easily accessible for the elderly and those in wheelchairs.
- Focus on interconnection of the parks for good circulation.
- Benches in covered areas – need shady spots to sit.
- Utilize flat areas for non-organized recreation spaces.



Community Feedback

Most comments discussed...

Pathways &
Accessibility

Amenities &
Furnishings

Play Area
Renovations

Variety of
Recreation

Plantings &
Gardens

Community Priorities

- Lincoln Cunningham Park:
 - More active recreation.
- Havana Soliz Park:
 - More passive recreation.
- Both Parks:
 - More seating.
 - Improve path & amenity accessibility.
 - More intergenerational activities.
 - Spread out activities between parks.
 - Flexible open spaces.
 - Protect existing community efforts.
 - Lighting to be sensitive to neighbors.
 - More native, pollinator-friendly plants.



City of Seaside

Initiatives & Priorities

Safe Routes to Schools

Blue Zones



Safe Routes to Schools

- Seaside & Marina Safe Walking & Biking to School: Complete Streets Plan (2020)
 - Funded by Caltrans & Measure X.
 - Prepared in partnership with TAMC, County of Monterey, SB1, MPUSD, Ecology Action, City of Marina, and City of Seaside.
- Considerations for Lincoln Cunningham Park:
 - Multi-use path.
 - San Pablo Ave pedestrian bridge future improvements.
 - Connect park & community to Manzanita Stuart Park and the International School of Monterey to the south via San Pablo Ave pedestrian bridge.
 - Connect park and community to Ord Terrace Elementary to the north via Lindberg Ct.



Blue Zones

- Seaside Marquee Project (2022):
 - Guiding document prepared by Blue Zones Project Monterey County in partnership with the City of Seaside.
 - Revitalization recommendations that include Lincoln Cunningham and Havana Soliz Parks.
- Considerations for Lincoln Cunningham & Havana Soliz Parks:
 - Connectivity - trail system access points & regional connectivity.
 - Bicycle & pedestrian access to recreational facilities.
 - Accessibility improvements.
 - Intergenerational design.
 - Natural play areas.
 - Defensible space principles.





Parks Concept Plan

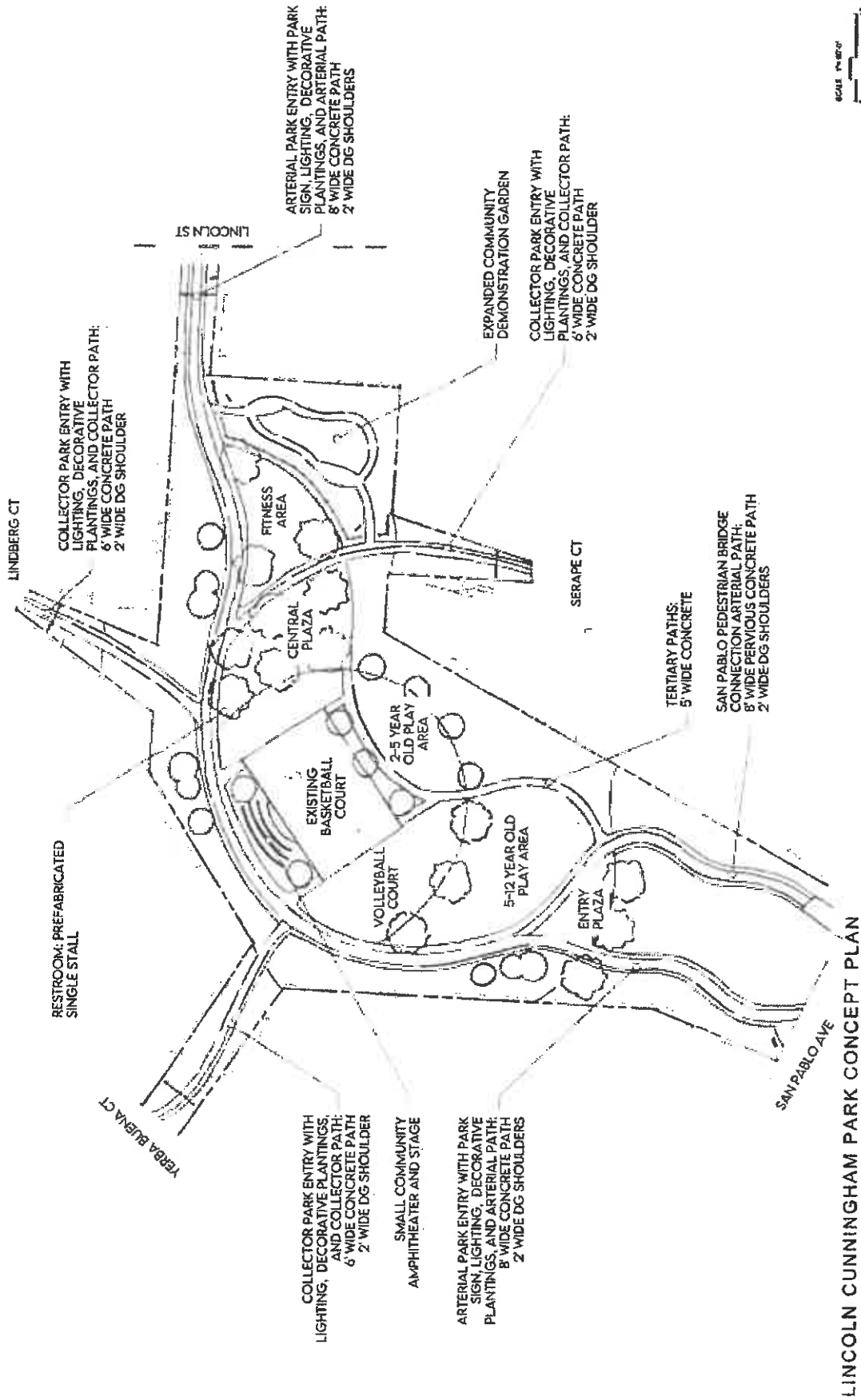
Design Alternatives

Conceptual Design Plans

Concept Images

Pathway Sections





LINCOLN CUNNINGHAM PARK CONCEPT PLAN



VOLLEYBALL COURT - SAND COURT WITH POST AND RAIL



CENTRAL BLAZA - PICNIC STRUCTURE WITH PICNIC TABLES, SEATING AND CONCRETE PAVING



PLAY AREA - 5-12 YR OLD - NATURAL THINGED PLAYGROUND



RESTROOM - REFINISHED TO SINGLE STALL FACILITY



PLAY AREA - 5-12 YR OLD - NATURAL THINGED PLAYGROUND



PLAY AREA - 2-5 YR OLD - NATURAL THINGED PLAYGROUND

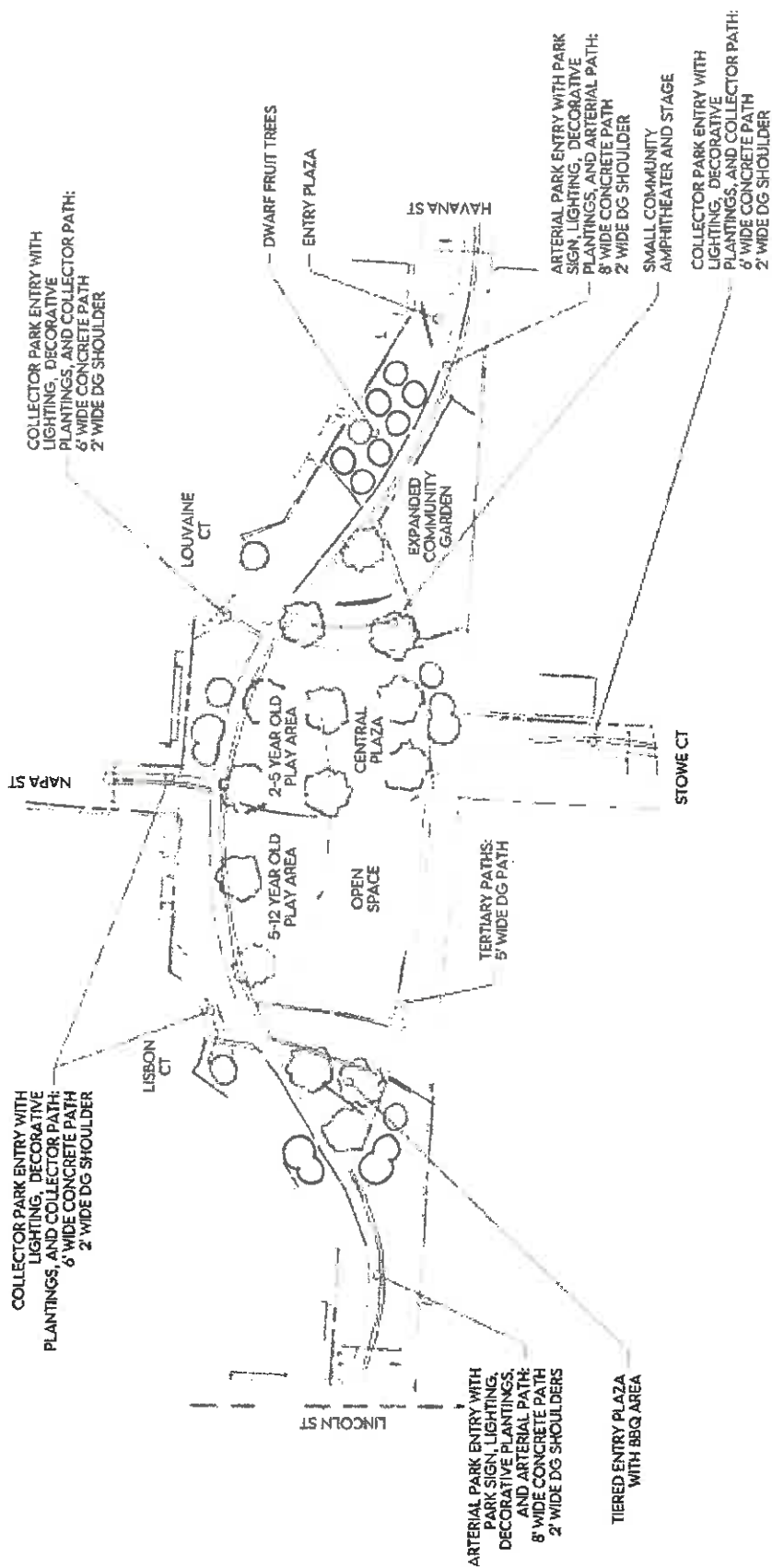
LINCOLN CUNNINGHAM PARK CONCEPT IMAGES





LINCOLN CUNNINGHAM PARK CONCEPT IMAGES





HAVANA SOLIZ PARK CONCEPT PLAN - ALTERNATIVE #1



PLAY AREA 2-3 AND 5-10 OUT COME IMPACT THERE



FOUNDED COMMUNITY GARDEN SPACE



ADJACENT WITH EXTENDED TERRACING



EXTENDED NATURE PLAY ELEMENTS ALONG EDGES OF PARK ENTRANCES



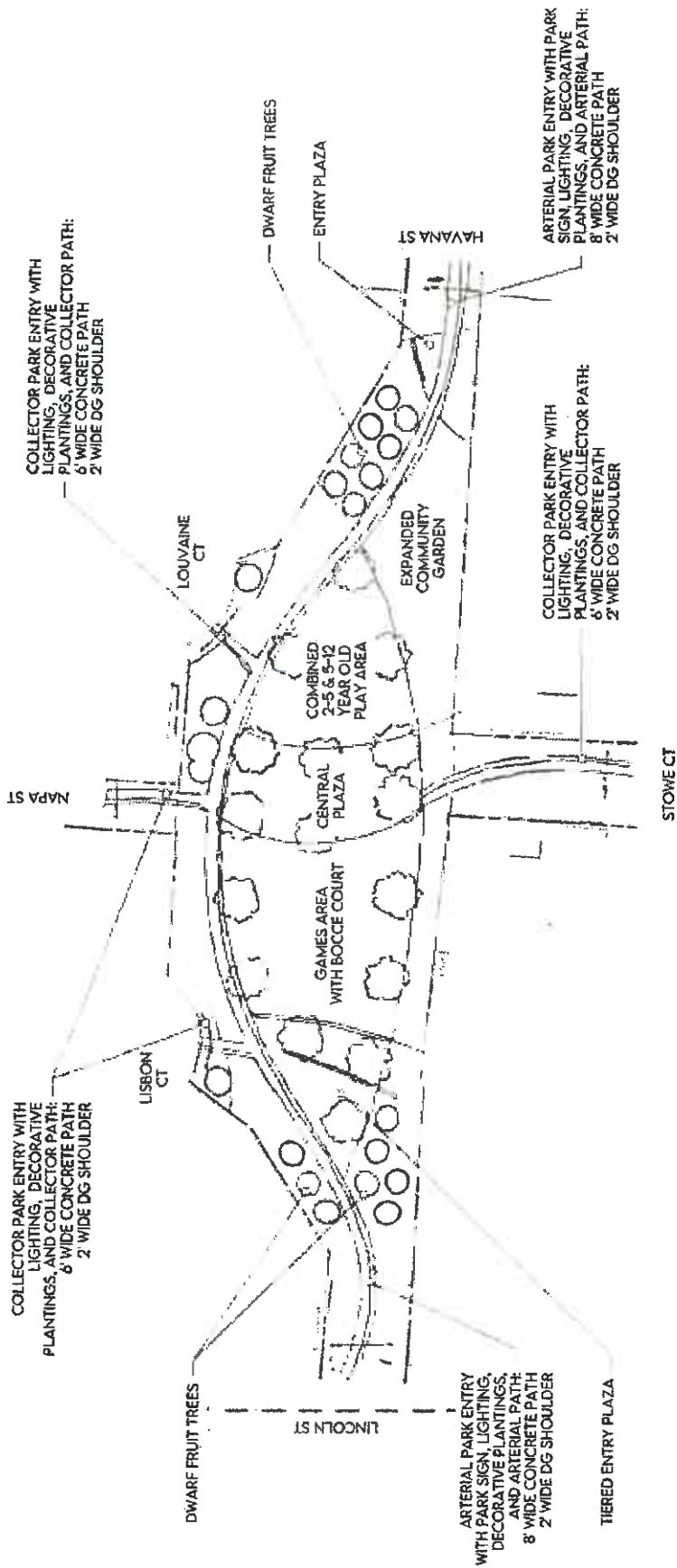
CENTRAL GATHERING SPACE - SHADE STRUCTURE, BENCHES, CEMENT PAVING



ADJACENT WITH EXTENDED TERRACING

HAVANA SOLIZ PARK CONCEPT IMAGES





HAVANA SOLIZ PARK CONCEPT PLAN - ALTERNATIVE #2



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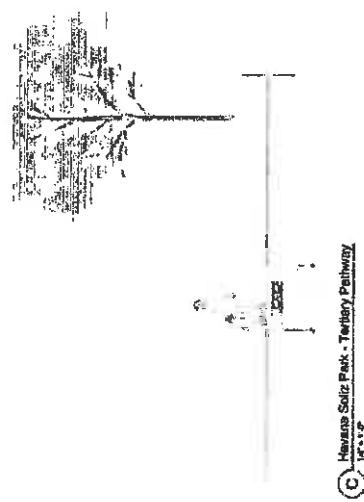
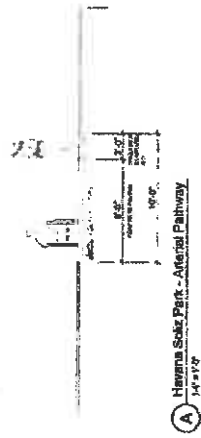


BOOTS BALL COURTS

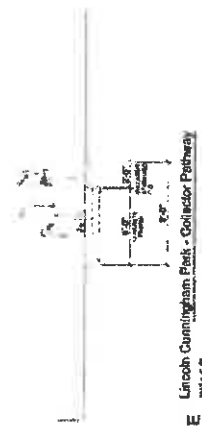


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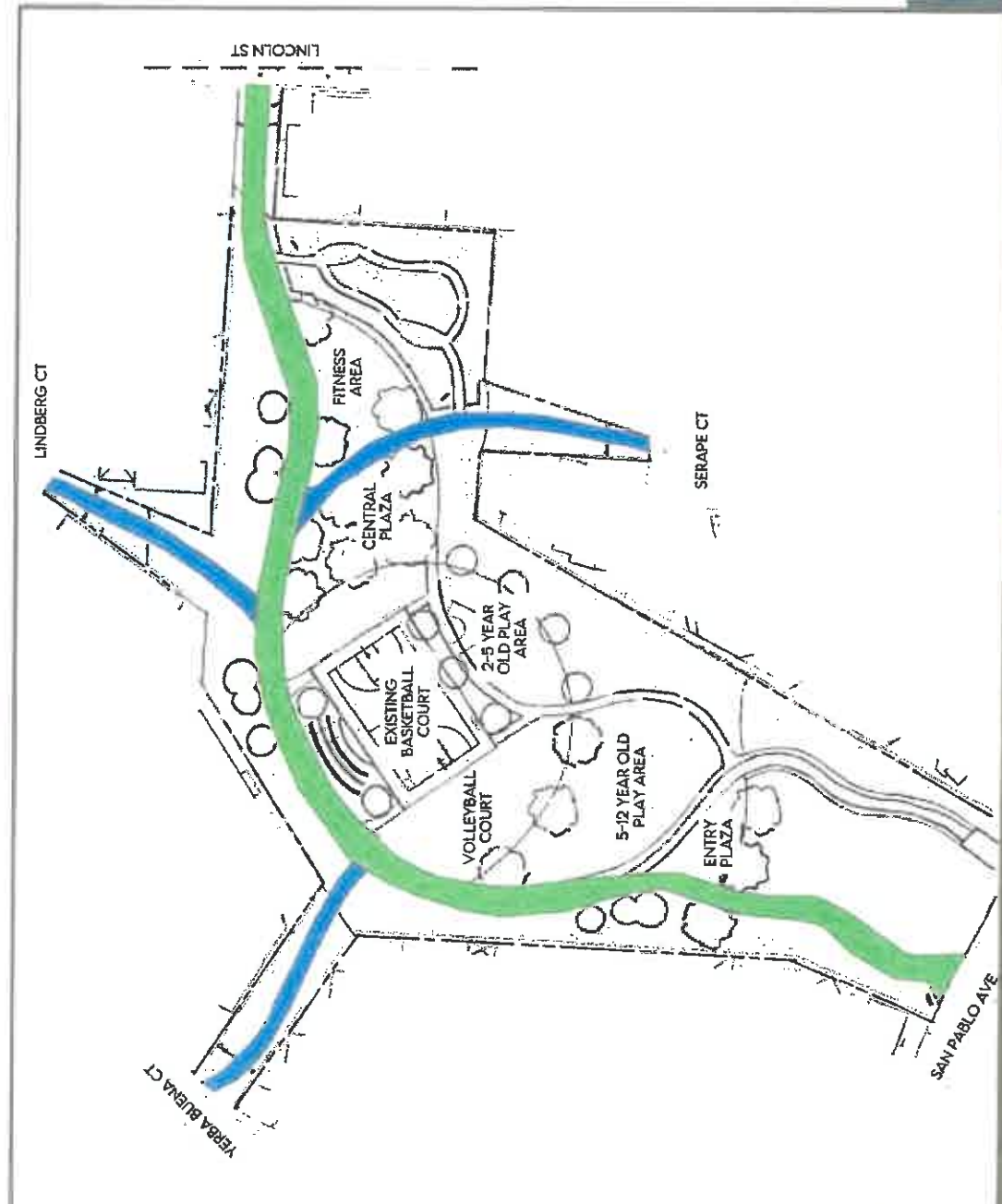




PATHWAY SECTIONS



Next Steps & Timeline



Next Steps & Timeline

October 2023

- Incorporate community feedback from PRC
- Final ADA grading analysis and stormwater retention areas
- Recommend concept plan approval
- City Council Agenda - October 19, 2023

November – April 2023

- Construction plan & Specification Development

May 2023

- Construction bidding & award

June 2023

- Begin construction on LC trail segment



Staff Recommendation

Receive this presentation and provide feedback to Public Works staff regarding the Lincoln Cunningham and Havana Soliz Parks Concept Plans.

Questions



Thank you!



MINUTES

CITY OF SEASIDE
PARKS AND RECREATION
COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING

HYBRID (VIRTUAL & IN PERSON)
Oldemeyer Center (Seahorse Room)
Monday, October 02, 2023
5:00 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at: 5:15 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:**

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION:

Alicia Louise Gaines-Lynch	Chair	<u> X </u>	
Bobby Maxwell	Vice Chair	<u> X </u>	
James White	Commissioner	<u> </u>	(Excused Absence)
Dianne Nielson	Commissioner	<u> X </u>	
Chris Moulton	Commissioner	<u> X </u>	
Robert Daniels	Commissioner	<u> </u>	(Excused Absence)
Jeanette Walton	Commissioner	<u> X </u>	
Karla Lobo	Commissioner	<u> X </u>	

STAFF:

Dan Meewis X Terry Navarro X

3. **GUESTS:**

* Heather Moulton

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

* None

5. **REVIEW OF AGENDA:**

If there are any items that arose after the 72-hour posting deadline, this is the point in the meeting where a vote may be taken to add the item to the agenda. (A 2/3-majority vote is required)

* None

* No public comment

* Meeting was adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

6. **BUSINESS ITEMS:**

A. TOUR OF SEASIDE PARKS:

- Robert's Lake Eco-Rec
- Laguna Grande Park

- * The Commissioners and staff walked through each park and made notes of what was is currently at each park, and what amenities needs to be added or upgraded.
- * Meeting reconvene at 6:34 p.m.
- * Chair Gaines-Lynch stated they walked through Robert's Lake Eco-Rec and Laguna Grande Park. They walked the trails and the boundaries of Seaside and Monterey at Laguna Grande Park. They also walked into the deep part by Walgreens and they saw that there was a lot of work that needs to be done.
- * No public comment

7. **ADJOURNMENT**: The meeting was adjourned at: 6:36 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Terry Navarro, PRC Clerk

Alicia Louise Gaines-Lynch, PRC Chair

Next Joint Special Scheduled Meeting

October 16, 2023

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Oldemeyer Center



MINUTES
CITY OF SEASIDE
PARKS AND RECREATION
COMMISSION

JOINT SPECIAL MEETING
HYBRID (VIRTUAL & IN PERSON)
Oldemeyer Center (Blackhorse Room)
Monday, October 16, 2023
5:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at: 5:35 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION:

Alicia Louise Gaines-Lynch	Chair	<u>X</u>
Bobby Maxwell	Vice Chair	<u>X</u>
James White	Commissioner	<u>X</u>
Dianne Nielson	Commissioner	<u>X</u>
Chris Moulton	Commissioner	<u>X</u>
Robert Daniels	Commissioner	<u>X</u>
Jeanette Walton	Commissioner	<u>X</u>
Karla Lobo	Commissioner	<u>X</u>

ART AND HISTORY COMMISSION

Madison Parker	Chair	<u> </u>	(Excused Absence)
Francoise Avery	Vice Chair	<u>X</u>	
Janie Silveria	Commissioner	<u> </u>	(Excused Absence)
Emerson Brown	Commissioner	<u> </u>	(On Zoom)

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Emily Gottlieb	Commissioner	<u>X</u>	
Parvaneh Keivanfar	Commissioner	<u> </u>	(Excused Absence)
Miguel Alvarado	Commissioner	<u> </u>	(Excused Absence)

STAFF:

Dan Meewis X Terry Navarro X Kee Hyon Higgins X Sandra Gray X

3. GUESTS:

- * Steve Duh – Conservation Technix
- * Tanja Roos – Blue Zones
- * Jeannie Reese – FOSPA
- * Michelle Overmeyer
- * Cody Oliver – FOSPA Volunteer
- * Catherine Crockett – Sustainable Seaside (On Zoom)

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

* Tanya Roos from Blue Zones stated that she has been collaborating with the stewards of Havana Soliz Park Community Garden to support the good effects that have been happening in the community garden. Blue Zones has had an opportunity to make an contribution to support some infrastructure development in the garden, namely installing irrigation, supporting the health and vitality of the crops there, and ease some of the volunteer hours of watering the crops. They are also exploring the possibility of putting a small portable shed there to house tools, equipment, seeds, etc. They would like to put up signage to let the community how they can help.

5. REVIEW OF AGENDA:

If there are any items that arose after the 72-hour posting deadline, this is the point in the meeting where a vote may be taken to add the item to the agenda. (A 2/3-majority vote is required)

* None

6. BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. RECEIVE UPDATE FROM CONSERVATION TECHNIX ON THE CITY OF SEASIDE PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN:

* Steve Duh gave an updated presentation on the 2024 Parks & Recreation Master Plan. He gave an overview of the plan, what it is going to do for the city and how they are moving through the project. The Parks & Recreation Master Plan (PRMP) is a 10-year guide and strategic plan for managing and enhancing parks. There are open spaces, trails, and recreation opportunities for the Seaside community. The last PRMP was adopted in 2005. Steve presented the project overview and status, what they have heard so far, park site assessment highlights, system gap highlights, goals and potential recommendations and the next steps. The intent is to have an updated plan before the City Council approval sometime in February 2024, but to come back to the Parks & Recreation Commission at least one more time before that for review of that draft and getting feedback. Please see the attached presentation for more information.

* Chair Gaines-Lynch wanted more information on the next open house. Staff stated it will be in the evening, however, they are still working on where and what time it will be.

* Vice Chair Maxwell stated that they did a ribbon cutting on a brand new basketball court on Saturday, October 14, 2023. Now there is one more outdoor basketball court in Seaside.

* Commissioner Daniels would like to see a map without the showing the schools. He wanted information on the inspection on the playground equipment at Lincoln Cunningham Park. Staff stated that playground equipment was taken down because it was at the critical point of its end of its useful life.

Commissioner Lobo stated the basketball court is in need of being updated. She spoke about her concerns about safety and the trails. She asked if the playground that was removed at Lincoln Cunningham Park going to be replaced in the same amount of time that the project is being developed now or is it going to be a later project. Staff stated that public works removed the playground for safety reasons. Staff is not sure when it will be put back in because of funding.

- * Commissioner Nielson wanted to know the demographics of the people that were sent surveys the demographics of the people that returns surveys. Steve stated they mailed out 2500 surveys from a random list of people in the city. Commissioner would like to see a map of where the surveys were sent. Steve stated they could probably pull that together. They did get responses from all over the City of Seaside. They did get responses from single households and households with children that live in houses and apartments. The survey was fairly represented of the community. Commissioner Nielson was concerned with diversity. Steve stated that a little under ten percent of the surveys were Spanish. That did trigger them to go out to more community events to get feedback from the community that did not response to the survey. She was concern about the pocket parks at dead end streets and the parking. She is really interested in the walking and running on the trails. She stressed the idea of the combination of children and adult equipment in the same area in the park. She would like to see at least one piece of accessible playground equipment in each park. She liked the idea of shade trees and pollinators.
- * Commissioner Walton asked if there was an online survey. Steve stated that there was an online survey that was available to all of the community. They promoted the survey through emails, social media and newsletters.
- * Commissioner Avery asked if there was any feedback on public art in the parks. Steve stated not specifically, but, there has been notes for more interest in art in public spaces.
- * Commissioner Gottlieb asked if the plan will include resiliency like infrastructure, watering infrastructure, sidewalks and drought tolerant plants. Steve stated that have not developed all those ideas yet. They have not heard much about resiliency from the community. Climate action planning is a trend and will make some recommendation.
- * Public Comment:
 - ** Michelle Overmeyer stated she appreciated all the opportunities that were offered to get information and give input. She was surprised that sports fields did not rise to a higher priority. She stated there is not enough of soccer fields in the area. She does not like to see fences and gates that can detour access for people. She think it should be as easy as possible to walk into a park. She likes the idea of strip parks and pop-up parks. She thinks that people should be able to walk to these opportunities instead of driving. She likes the ideas of the bike routes. She stated that there is a new accessible park in Soledad and would like to see one in Seaside. She stated there may be an opportunity for public art in designing the shade structures in the parks. She thinks that live art should be concerned in public parks.

- ** Tanya Roos stated she is glad to hear about the Open House on November 08, 2024. She appreciated that Steve highlighted the aspects of the alleyways. She really likes the public art piece. She appreciated the maps in presentation. She stated that the action transportation plan in Seaside has not been updated in quite some time and think that should be one of the priorities. She is hoping there will be staffing structure to maintain the parks.
- ** Catherine Crockett stated she is glad to see that there are goals that integrates sustainable practices and the consideration of resiliency in view of the impact of climate change. She hopes that they will consider having cooling centers in the parks. Tree canopies are the single most effective natural solution. Splash pools in parks are good for the summer months.

7. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at: 6:55 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Terry Navarro, PRC Clerk

Alicia Louise Gaines-Lynch, PRC Chair

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting

Parks & Recreation Commission - November 20, 2023 – 5:30 p.m.

Art & History Commission – November 14, 2023 – 5:45 p.m.

Environmental Commission – November 14, 2023 – 5:30 p.m.

HYBRID (Virtual & In-Person)

Attachments from
the October 16, 2023
Meeting



2024 Parks & Recreation Master Plan

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

OCTOBER 16, 2023



Agenda

1. Project Overview & Status
2. What We've Heard So Far
3. Park Site Assessment Highlights
4. System Gap Highlights
5. Goals & Potential Recommendations
6. Next Steps

What is the Parks Plan?

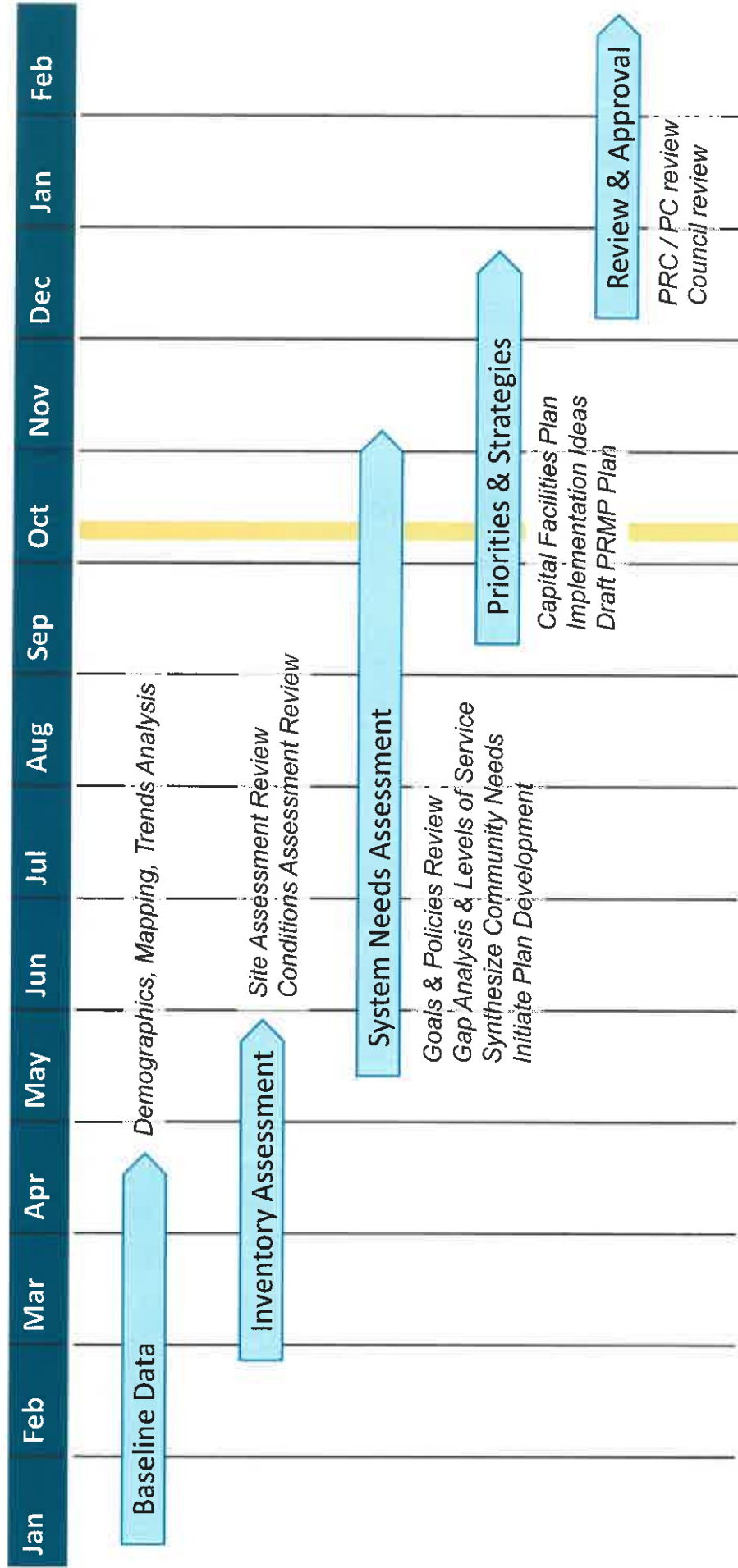
Planning Forward

The Parks & Recreation Master Plan (PRMP) is a 10-year guide and strategic plan for managing and enhancing parks, open space, trails, and recreation opportunities for the Seaside community.

The Parks & Recreation Plan will guide investments to improve the park and recreation system and help the City pursue grants and other funding.



Project Timeline



Community Outreach

- Community survey: usage & interests
- Event tabling
- Open house meetings
- Stakeholder discussions
- Parks & Recreation Commission
- City Council touch points

**Over 500 participants
provided feedback
to date**



Survey Highlights

358 responses

Dual language:

- English
- Spanish

96%

feel that local parks, recreation opportunities are important or essential to the quality of life.

53%

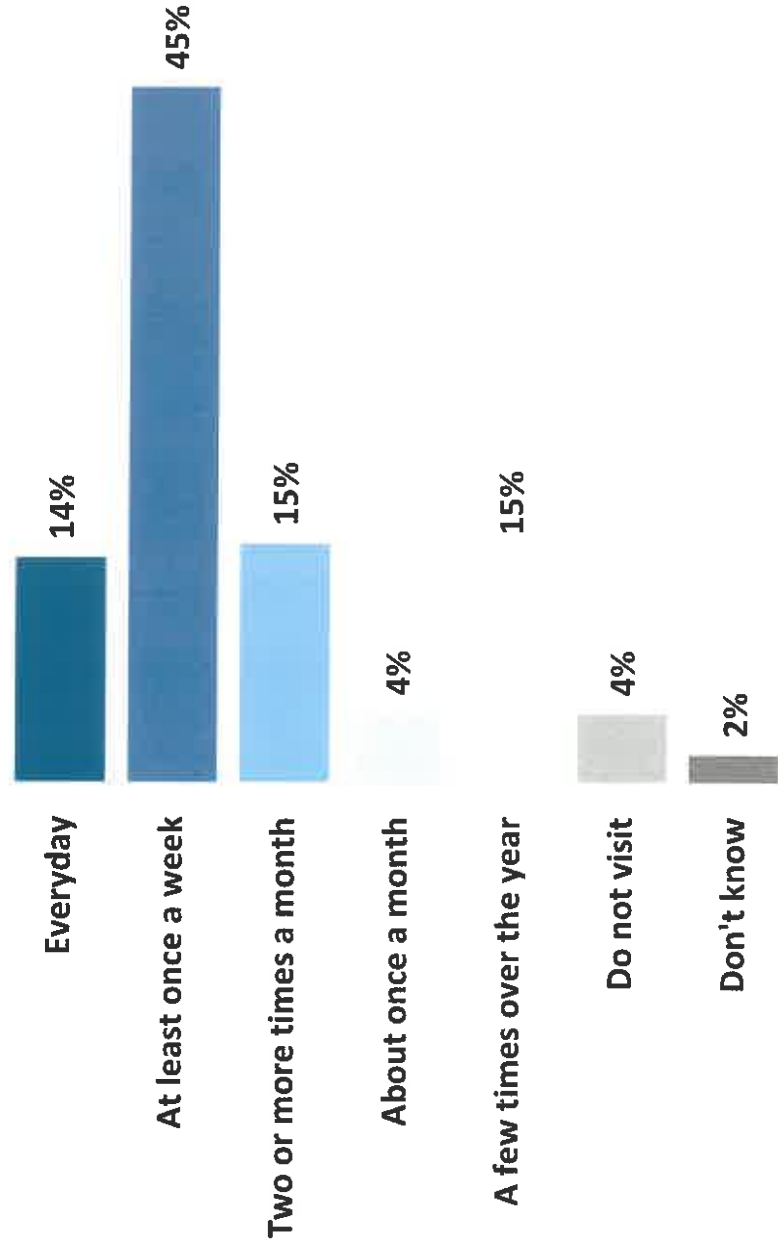
said that the condition of parks they have visited as either excellent or good

Survey Highlights

Visitation

79%

Visit monthly

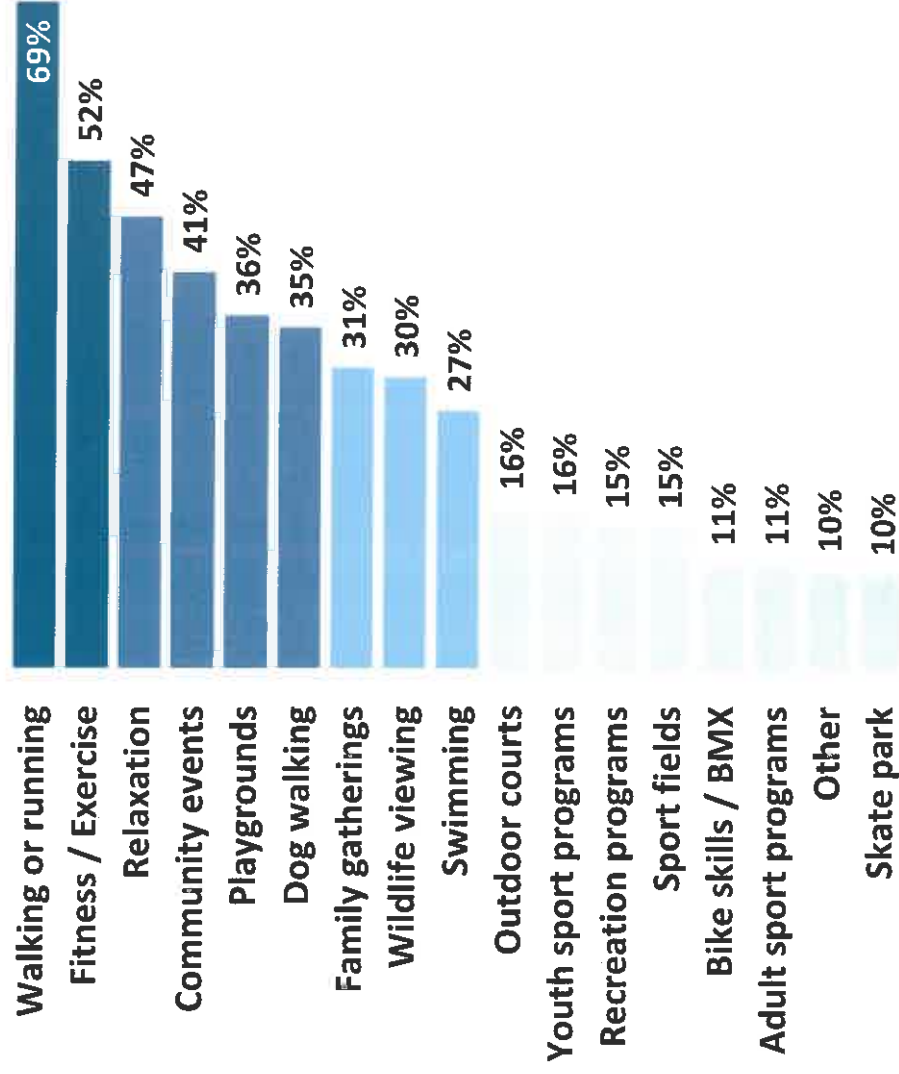


Most Visited

- Laguna Grande Park
- Cutino Park
- Metz Park
- Soper Field Park
- Farallones Park

Survey Highlights

Visitation - Top reasons



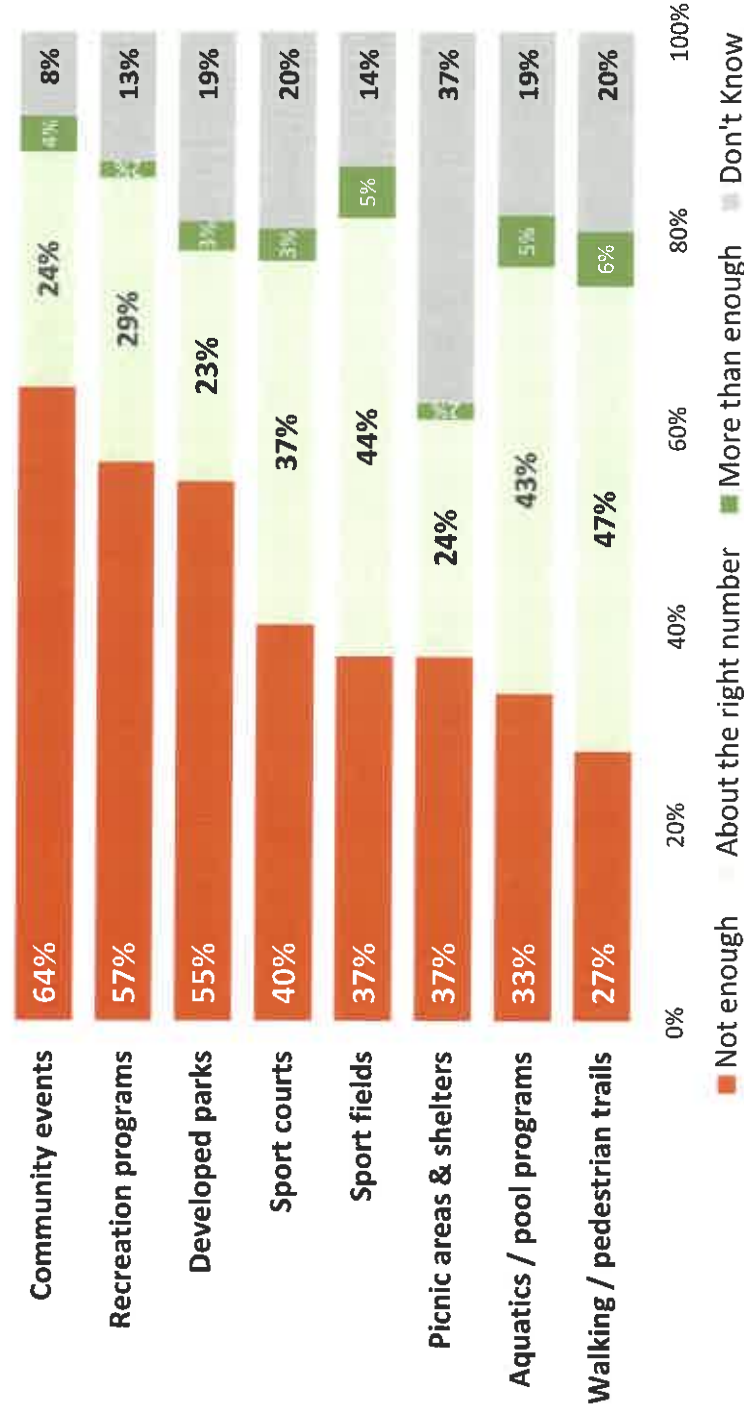
Top Reasons for Not Visiting More

- Are not well maintained
- Not enough restrooms
- Do not know what is offered
- Do not feel safe

Survey Highlights

‘Goldilocks’ question

- Community events
- Recreation programs
- Developed parks



Survey Highlights

Highest Need Amenities

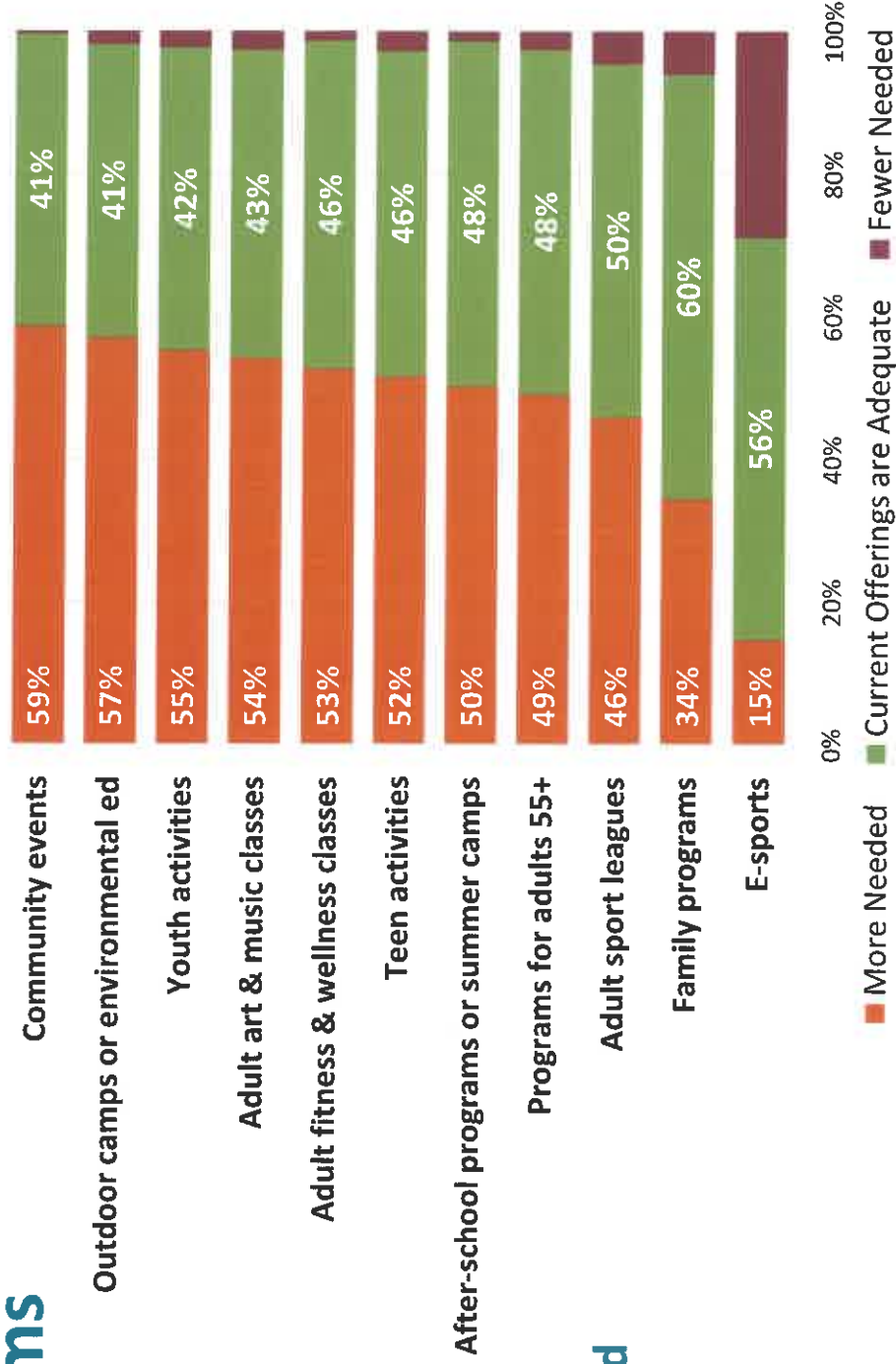
- Additional walking trails (50%, 82%)
- Renovated playgrounds (43%, 71%)
- Community gardens (35%, 66%)
- Additional sport courts (29%, 61%)
- Indoor fitness facilities (29%, 54%)

#1 & 2

Park renovations and trails ranked as top or high priority across multiple questions.

Survey Highlights

Recreation Programs



Majorities indicated demand for all program choices, except four

Park Site Assessments

Visual observation of physical assets to capture obvious safety, maintenance and accessibility concerns.

Focus on:

- Accessibility
- Playability
- Durability
- Sense of Place



Park Site Assessments

Accessibility

- As with many older parks, some architectural and design barriers were present in the park system
- Entrance access – designated parking & connections into facility
- Access to most amenities



Park Site Assessments

Playability

- Aging play equipment in older parks
- Create more universal play opportunities
- Sports courts & fields generally in good condition

Durability

- Pavement & surfacing management
- Standardization of park amenities
- Vegetation management



Core Themes

Priority Improvements

Take Care of What You Have

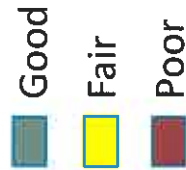
- Renovate and upgrade existing parks
- Playground upgrades
- ADA compliance – barrier removal
- Safety & maintenance

Expand Recreational Opportunities

- Playground variety, including all-inclusive play
- Splash pad
- Facilities for futsal, pickleball, group picnic areas & community gardens
- Additional community events & youth activities
- More art in parks
- Trail system expansion & connections
- Add more user conveniences, including restrooms, parking & signage

Park Site Assessments

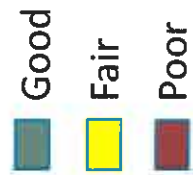
Overall, park facility conditions are highly variable, mostly due to water availability, age of infrastructure and FOSPA support.



Site Name	Ac.	Recreation Amenities										Site Amenities			Park Structures			Vegetation		ADA				
		Playgrounds	Basketball Courts	Tennis Courts	Pickleball Courts	Soccer Fields	Baseball / Softball Fields	Pathways / Trails	Skate Park	Other Rec Amenity	Site Furnishings	Lighting (Y/N)	Signage	Parking Areas	Restrooms	Picnic Shelters	Kiosks	Concession Building	Natural Turfgrass		Park Trees	Pollinator Garden	Landscaped Beds	Natural Areas
Beta Park	1.13	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	N	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	2
Capra Park	0.81	2	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	N	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	3
David Cutino Park	5.62	-	2	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	Y	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	1
Durant Park	0.48	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	N	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	2	-	1
Ellis Park	0.4	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	N	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	1
Farallones Park	0.82	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	N	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	2	-	2
Fernando-Montgomery Park	0.13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	N	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	2	-	3
Havana Soliz Park	2.58	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	N	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	2	-	1
Highland Otis Park	1.17	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	N	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	3
Laguna Grande Park	10.73	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	N	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	3
Lincoln Cunningham Park	2.86	3	3	-	-	-	3	-	-	3	N	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	-	3
Manzanita-Stuart Park	0.77	3	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	3	N	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	3
Martin Park	0.58	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	Y	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	3
Mescal-Neil Park	2.22	2	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	3	-	2
Metz Park	2.1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	N	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	3
Pacchetti Dog Park	1.69	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	N	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	2
Portola Leslie Park	1.11	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	2	N	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	3
Roberts Lake Eco-Rec Park	5.67	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	N	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	3
Sabado Park	0.42	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	N	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	2
Sonoma Sports Court	1.2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	N	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	2
Soper Field	1.2	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	Y	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	2	-	1
Stephen E. Ross Memorial Park	1.25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	2
Trinity Park	0.83	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	N	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	2
Wheeler Tennis Courts	1.63	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	1	N	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1
Eucalyptus Road Trail Access	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	N	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Average	1.5	1.5	1.4	2.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	1.7	1.0	1.0	1.5	1.3	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.5	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.6	1.5	1.0	2.1

Park Site Assessments

Partial list; for example only



		Recreation Amenities										Site Amenities				Park Structures				Vegetation		ADA												
Site Name	Ac.	Park Site Average										Playgrounds	Basketball Courts	Tennis Courts	Pickleball Courts	Soccer Fields	Baseball / Softball Fields	Pathways / Trails	Skate Park	Other Rec Amenity	Site Furnishings	Lighting (Y/N)	Signage	Parking Areas	Restrooms	Picnic Shelters	Kiosks	Concession Building	Natural Turfgrass	Park Trees	Pollinator Garden	Landscaped Beds	Natural Areas	Compliance*
PARKS & FACILITIES																																		
Beta Park	1.13	1.3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	2	
Capra Park	0.81	1.5	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	3	
David Cutino Park	5.62	1.1	-	2	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Y	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	
Durant Park	0.48	1.1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	N	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	1	
Ellis Park	0.4	1.1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	
Farallones Park	0.82	1.1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	N	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	
Fernando-Montgomery Park	0.13	1.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	2	
Havana Soliz Park	2.58	2.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	2	-	2	
Highland Otis Park	1.17	1.1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	N	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	2	-	3	
Laguna Grande Park	10.73	1.4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	N	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	3	
Lincoln Cunningham Park	2.86	2.9	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	N	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	-	3	
Manzanita-Stuart Park	0.77	2.5	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	N	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	
Martin Park	0.58	1.0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	Y	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	1	
Mescal-Neil Park	2.22	2.3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	-	3	

Park Site Assessments



Park Name	Conditions Rating				FOSPA Site
	2005	2023	Change		
Beta Park	Poor	Good	1.3	↑	Y
Capra Park	Poor	Fair	1.5	↑	Y
David Cutino Park	Good	Good	1.1	→	Y
Durant Park	Fair	Good	1.1	↑	Y
Ellis Park	Fair	Good	1.1	↑	Y
Farallones Park	Fair	Good	1.1	↑	Y
Fernando-Montgomery Park	Fair	Fair	1.5	→	Y
Havana Soliz Park	Fair	Fair	2	→	Y
Highland Otis Park	Poor	Fair	1.1	↑	Y
Laguna Grande Park	Good	Good	1.4	→	Y
Lincoln Cunningham Park	Fair	Poor	2.9	↓	Y
Manzanita-Stuart Park	Poor	Poor	2.5	→	Y
Martin Park	Poor	Good	1	↑	Y
Mescal-Neil Park	Fair	Fair	2.3	→	Y
Metz Park	Good	Good	1.4	→	Y
Pacchetti Dog Park	Fair	Good	1.4	↑	Y
Portola Leslie Park	Poor	Fair	2.2	↑	Y
Roberts Lake Eco-Rec Park	Good	Good	1.3	→	Y
Sabado Park	Poor	Fair	1.7	↑	Y
Sonoma Sports Court	N/A	Good	1.2	→	Y
Soper Field	N/A	Good	1.2	→	Y
Stephen E. Ross Memorial Park	Fair	Fair	1.6	→	Y
Trinity Park	Fair	Good	1.2	↑	Y
Wheeler Tennis Courts	Fair	Good	1.3	↑	Y

Park Renovation Projects

Renovations & Upgrade

- Upgrade playgrounds: Mescal-Neil & Sabado Parks
- Implement Lincoln-Cunningham & Havana-Soliz park plans

ADA & Accessibility Enhancements

- Remove barriers & improve universal access
- Install all-inclusive playground

User Convenience Improvements

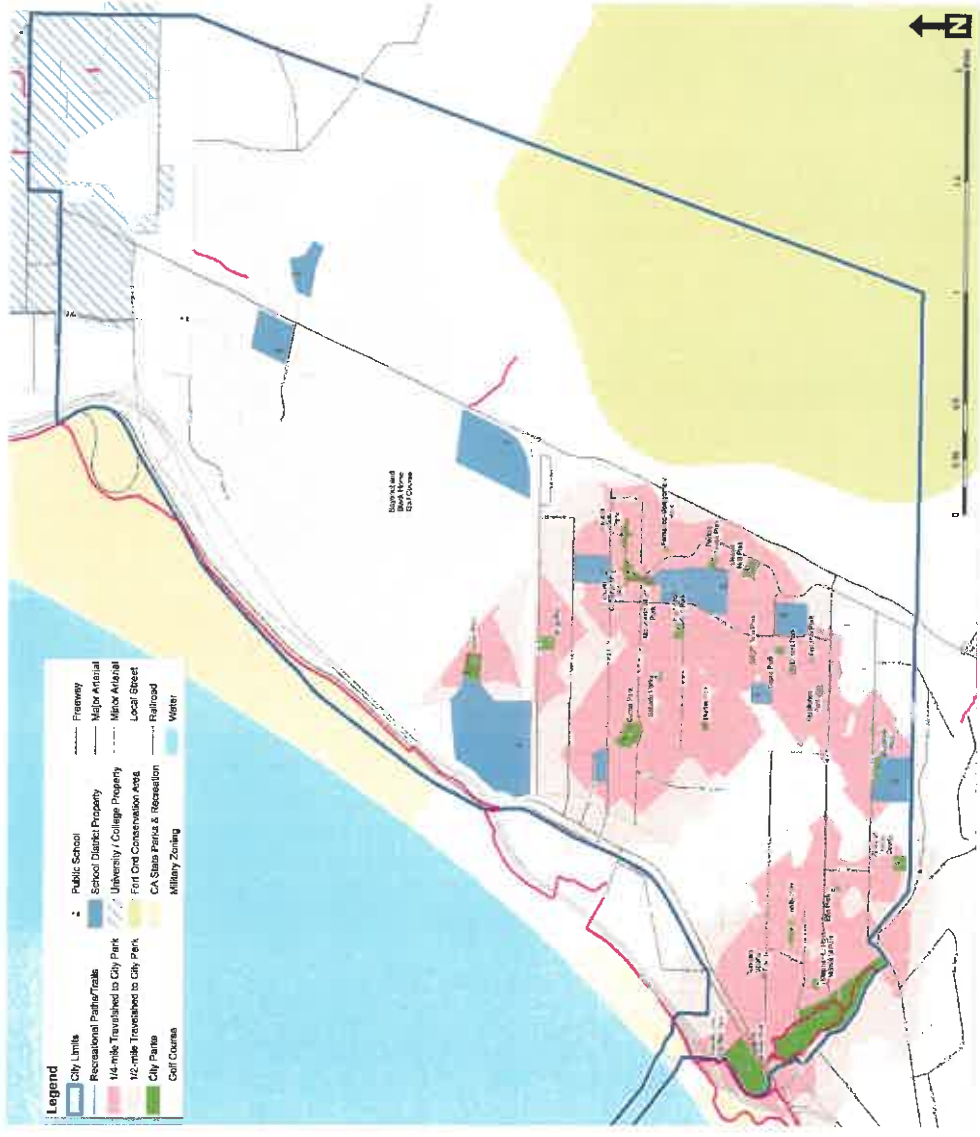
- Play area & picnic area shade
- Improve signage & wayfinding



Park Access & Distribution

Examining System Gaps

- Park Access & Distribution
- Physical Accessibility
- Diversity of Places & Spaces
- Programs, Events & Activities
- Serving Today's Residents
- Planning for Future Growth



Park Access

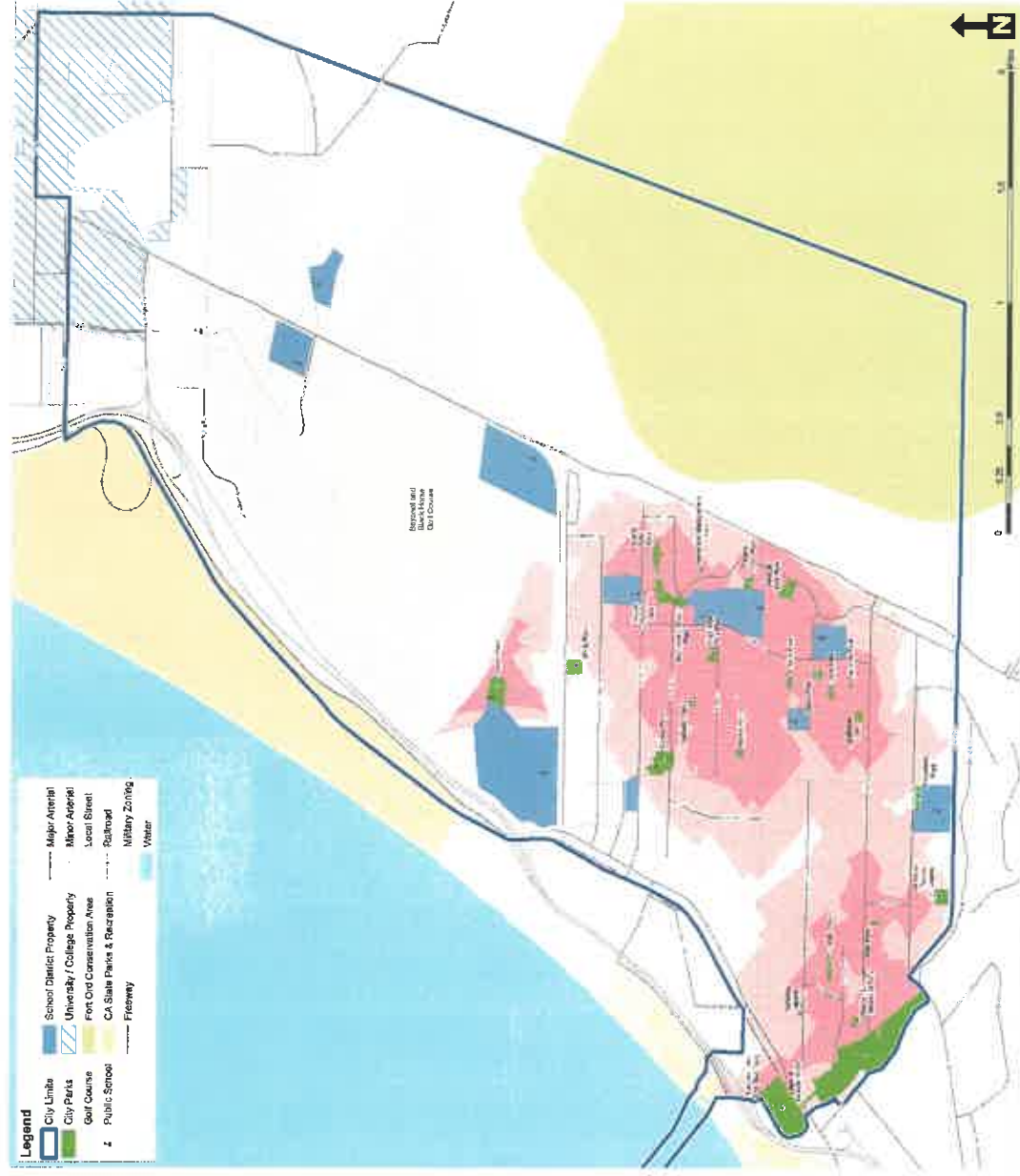
Playgrounds

1/4-mile watershed

1/2-mile watershed

Based on:

- Park entry points (not property edge)
- Travel along road network
- Data segmented by park classification

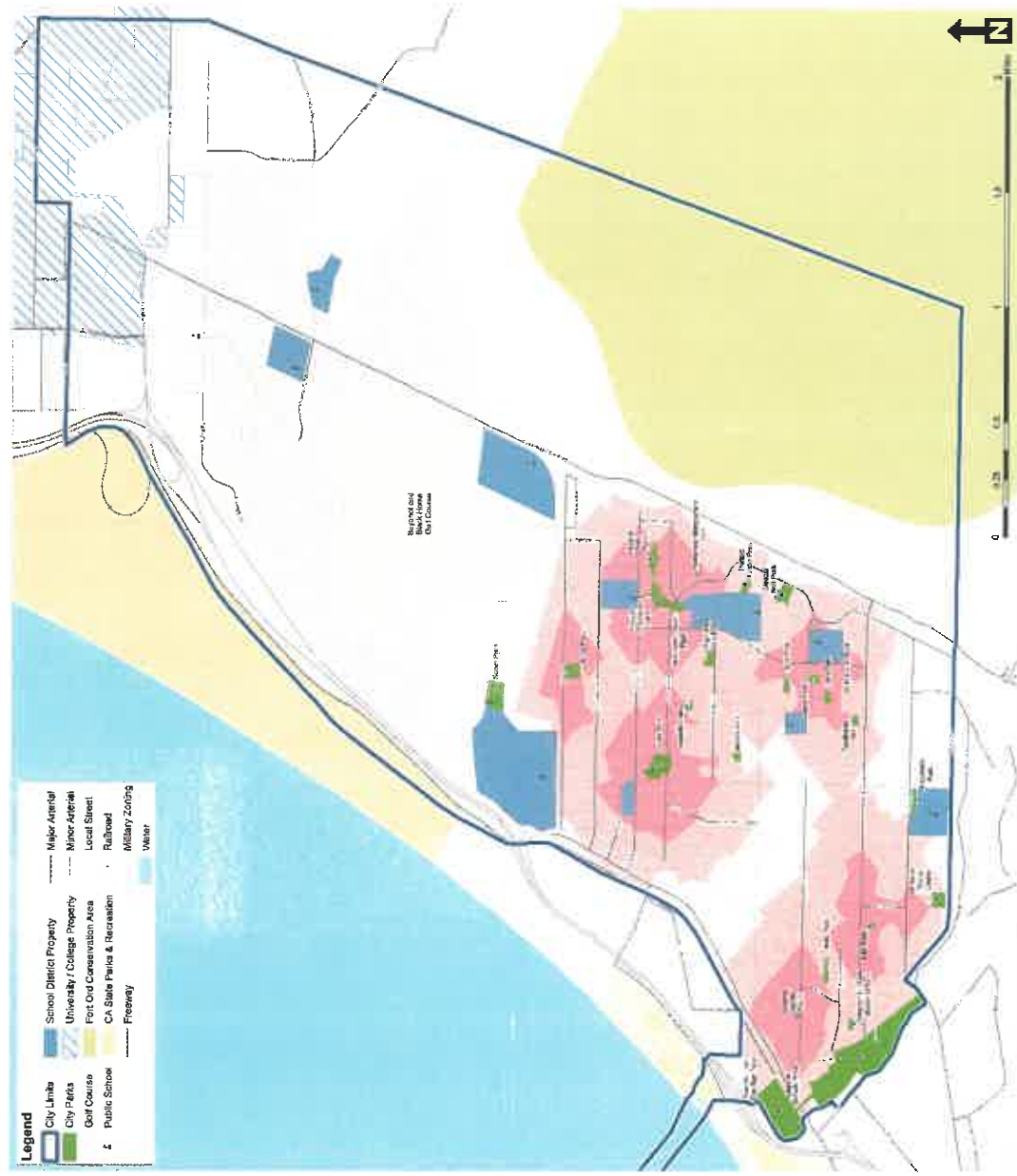


Park Access

Outdoor Basketball

1/4-mile walkshed

1/2-mile walkshed

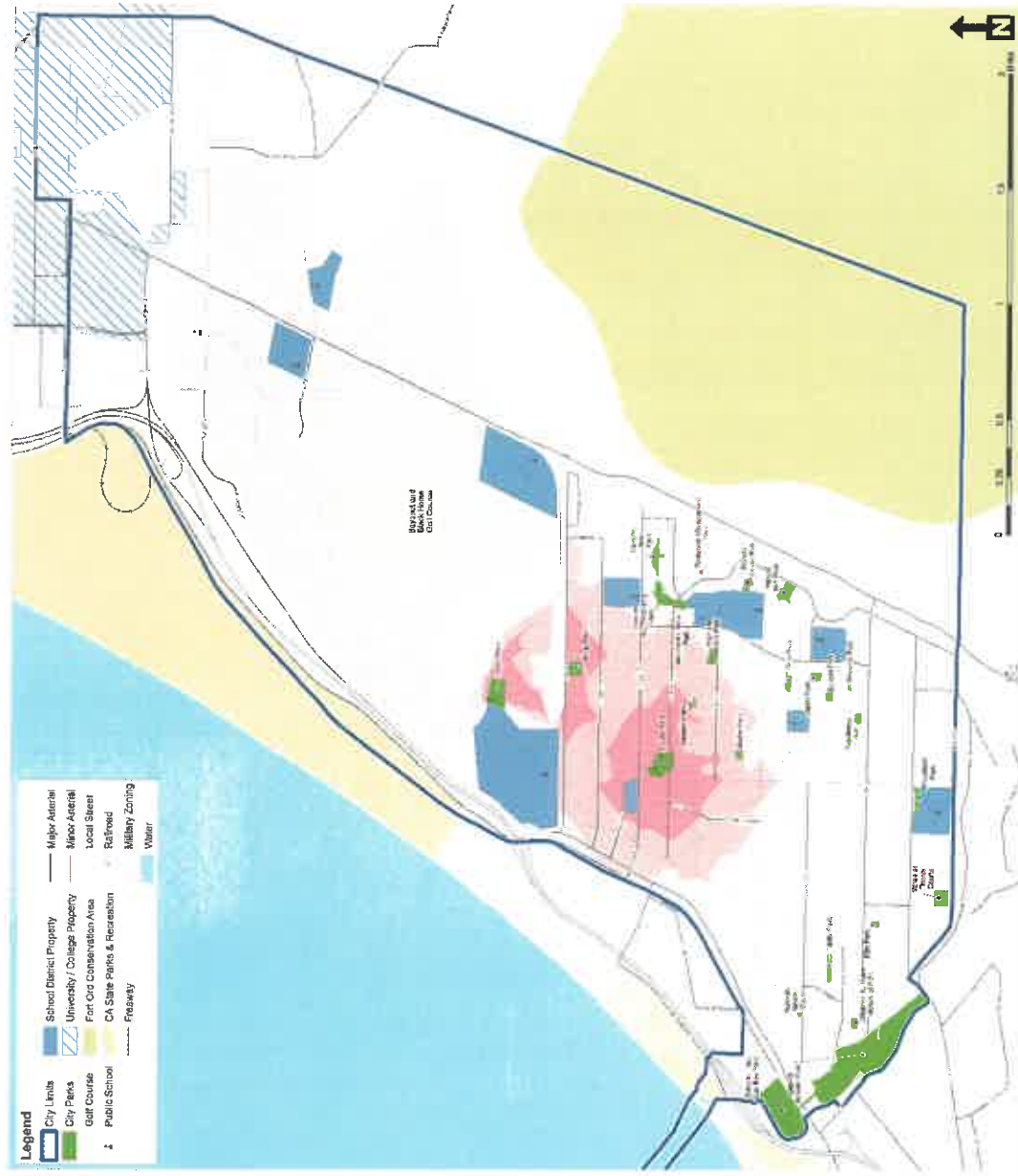


Park Access

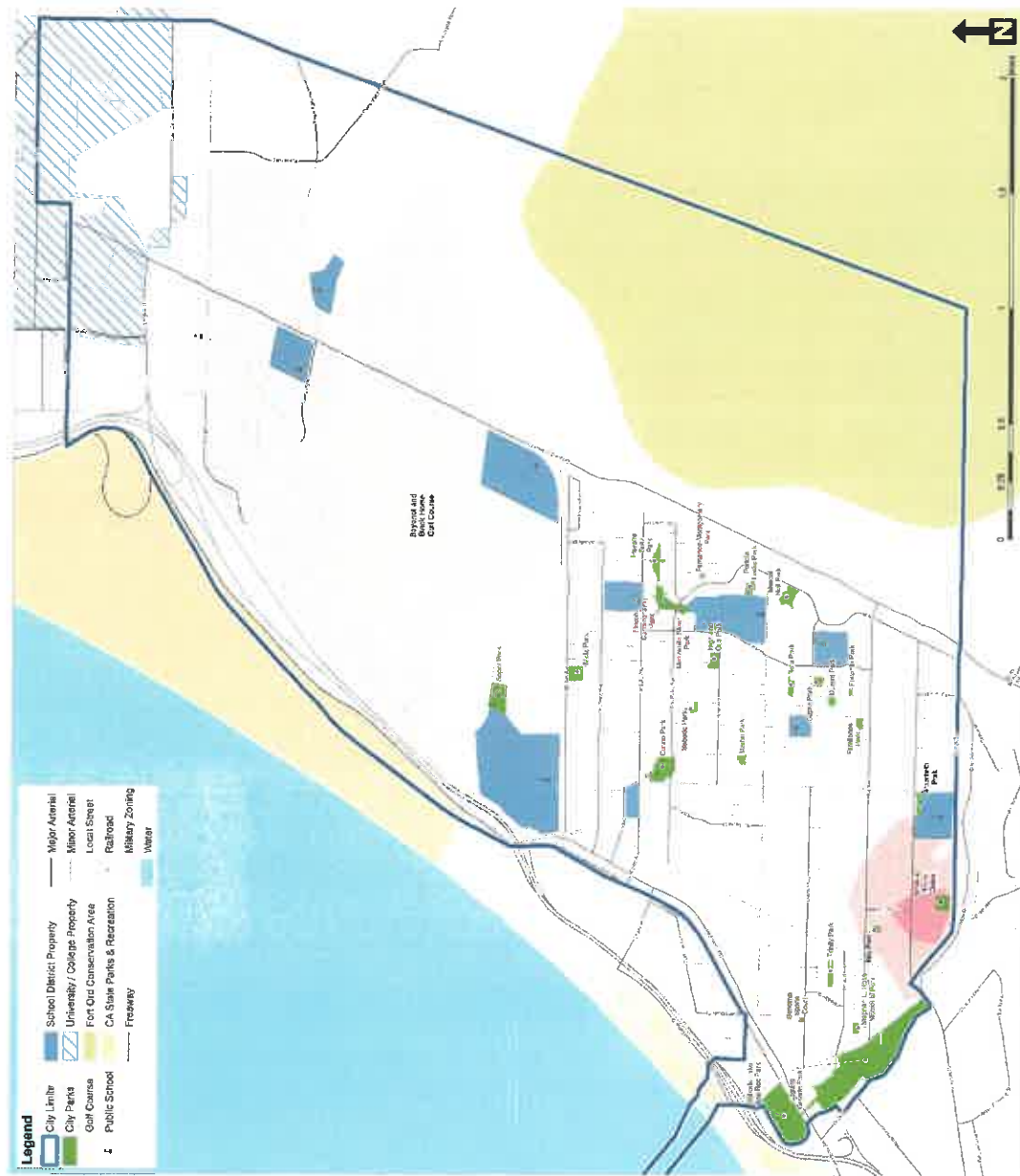
Baseball Fields

1/4-mile walkshed

1/2-mile walkshed



1/4-mile walkshed
1/2-mile walkshed



Park Access

Composite

Playgrounds

Basketball

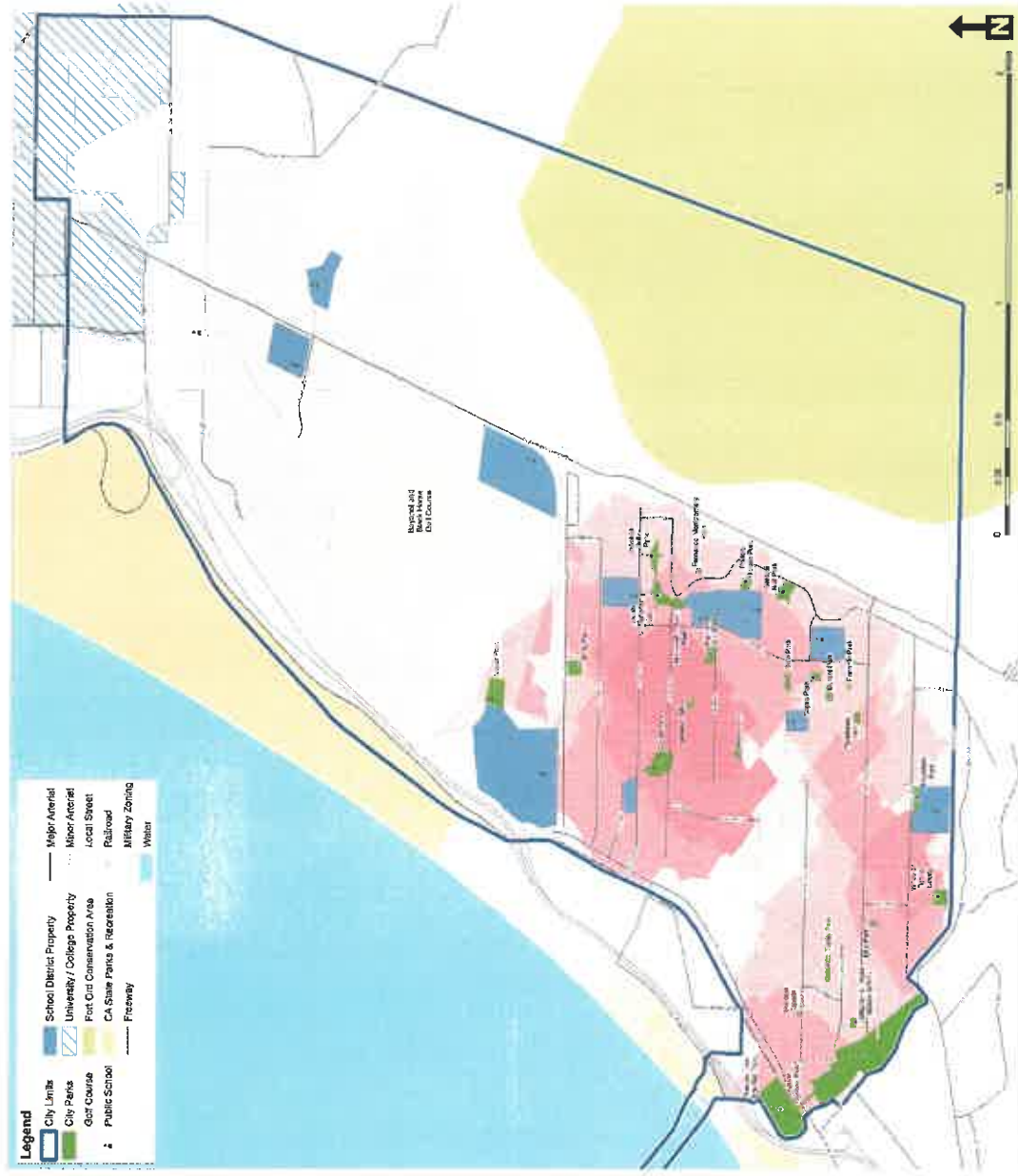
Baseball

Soccer

Tennis

Volleyball

Shelter / Group Picnic



Park Access

Composite

Playgrounds

Basketball

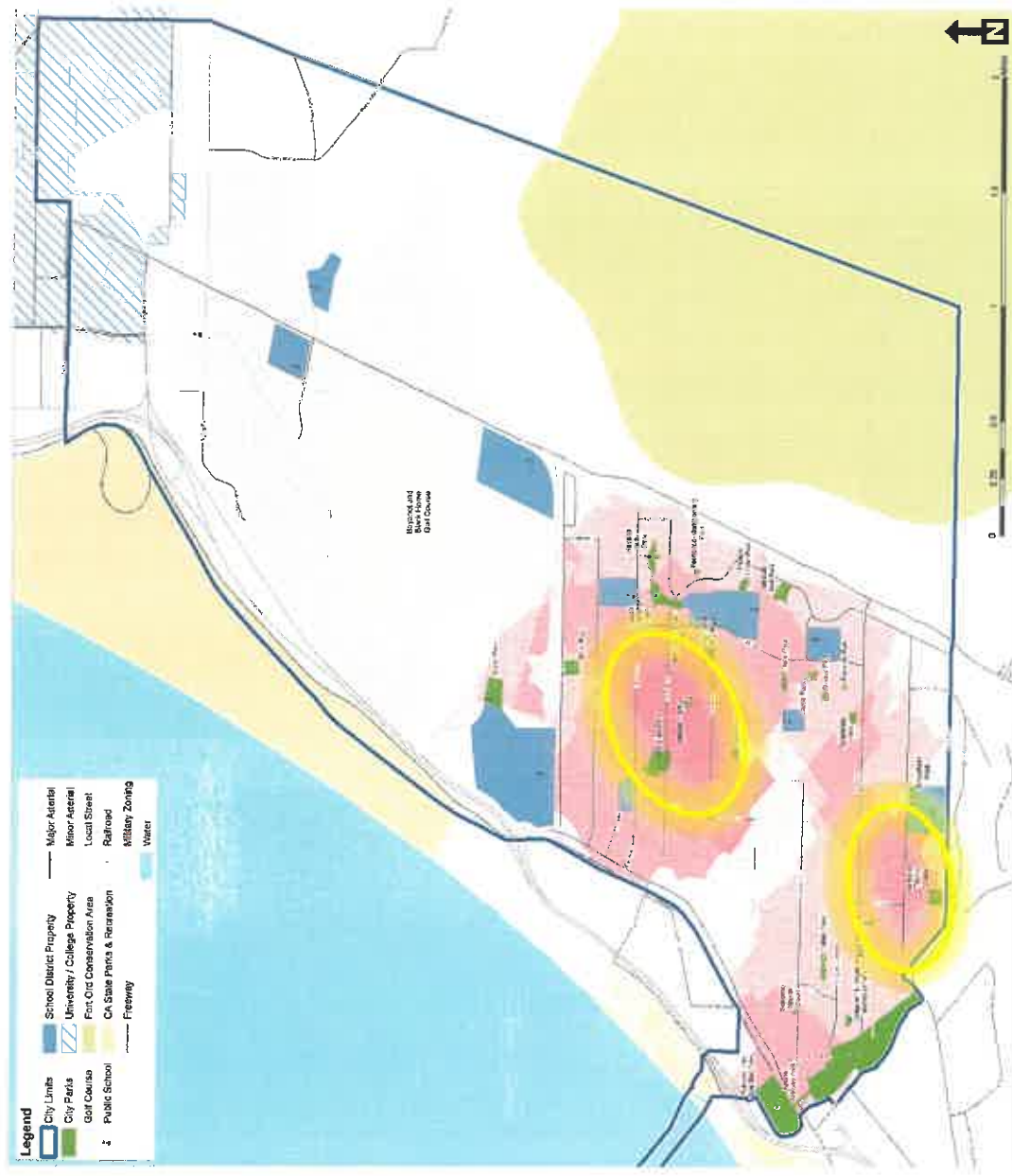
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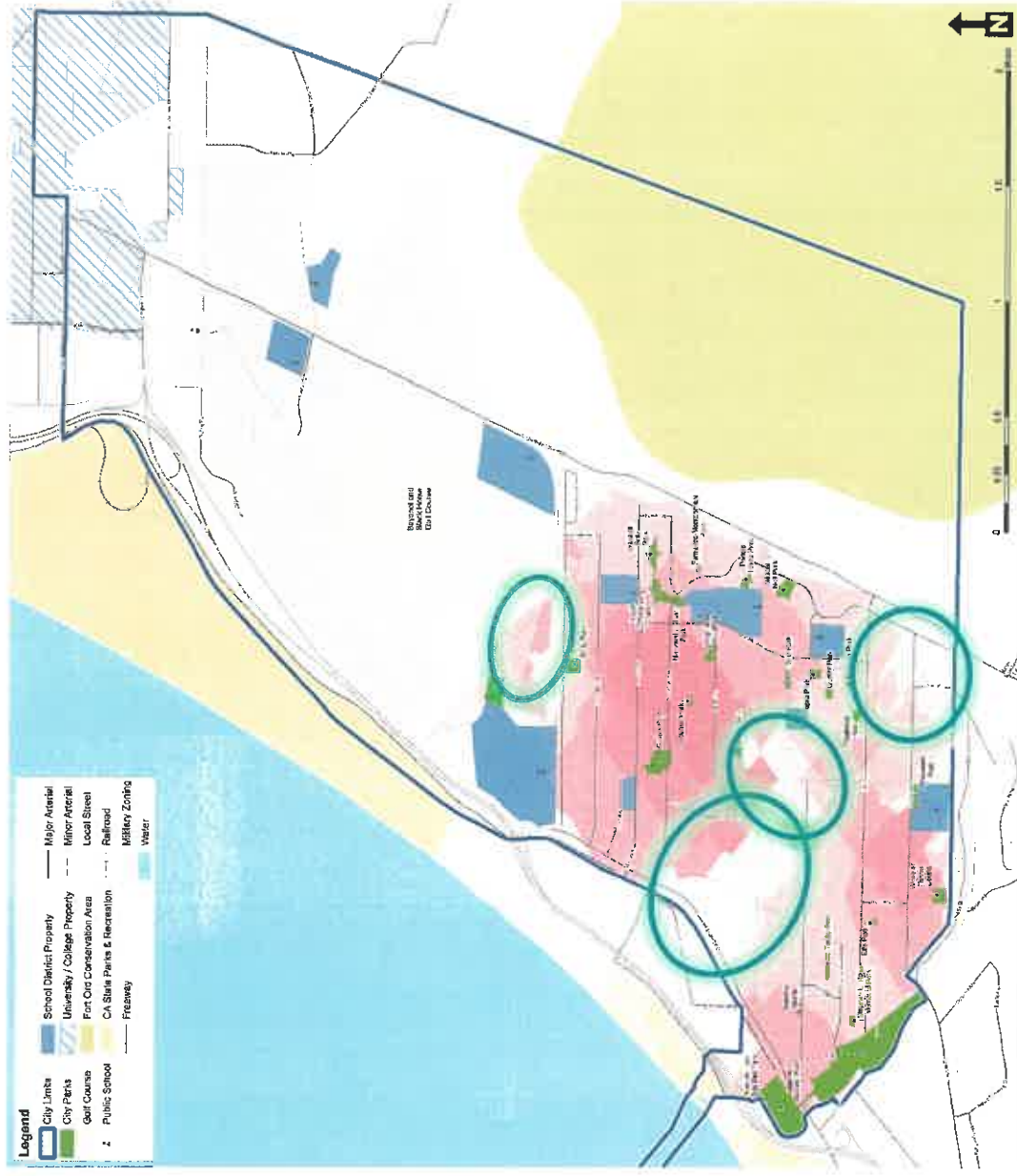
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Park Access

Existing Gap Areas

- Improve equity & close-to-home recreation
- Enhance place-making
- Increase connectivity
- Provide relief valve



Filling the 'Gaps'

Traditional Approaches

- Acquire additional land for parks
- Utilize unused / underused right-of-way
- Lease
- Partner



Filling the 'Gaps'

Urban Design

- Mini parks / parklets
- Pop-up parks
- Plazas

- Linear parks
- Linking alleys



Filling the 'Gaps'

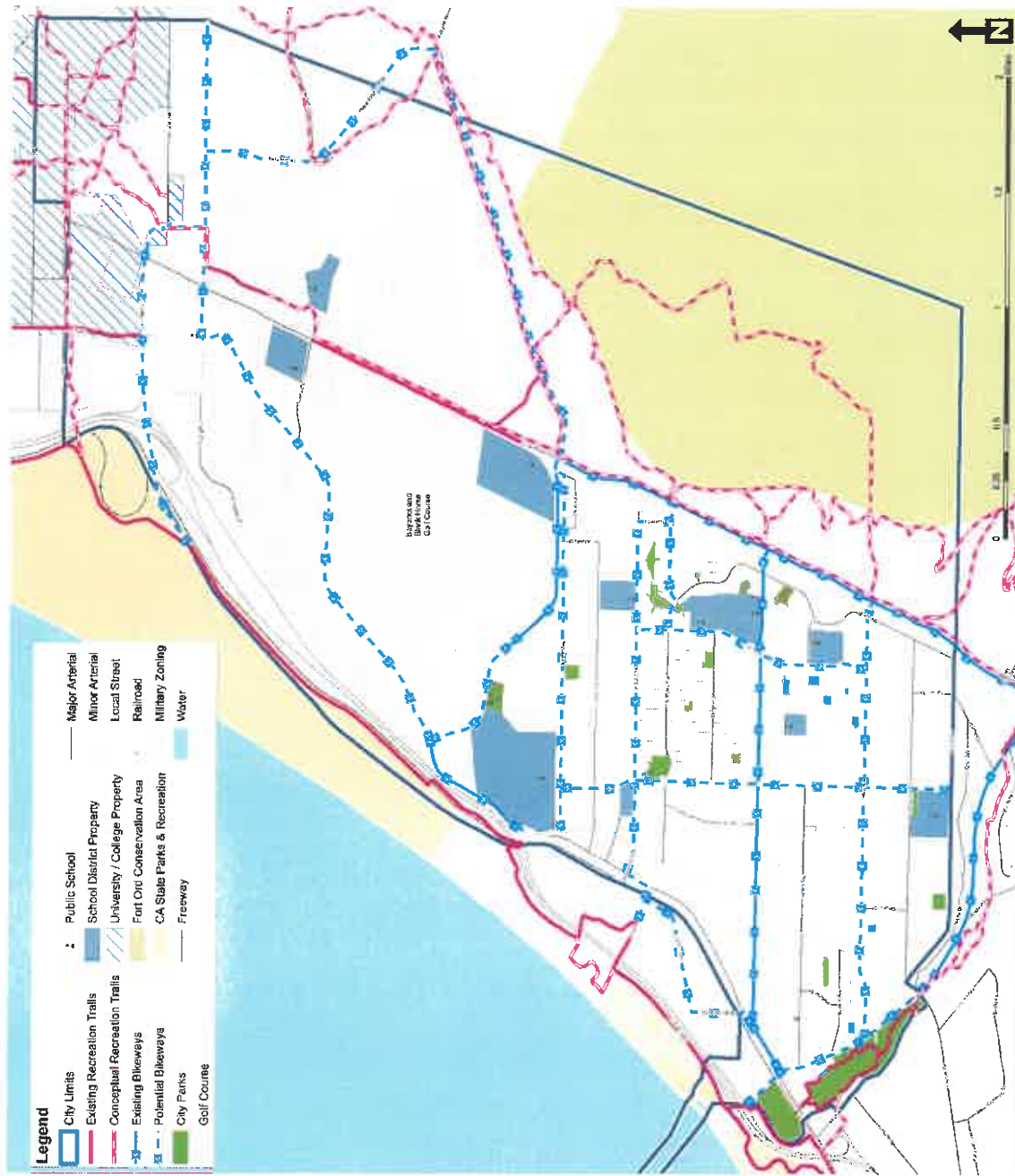
Programming

Pop-up events
Mobile programs
Temporary /
interactive art

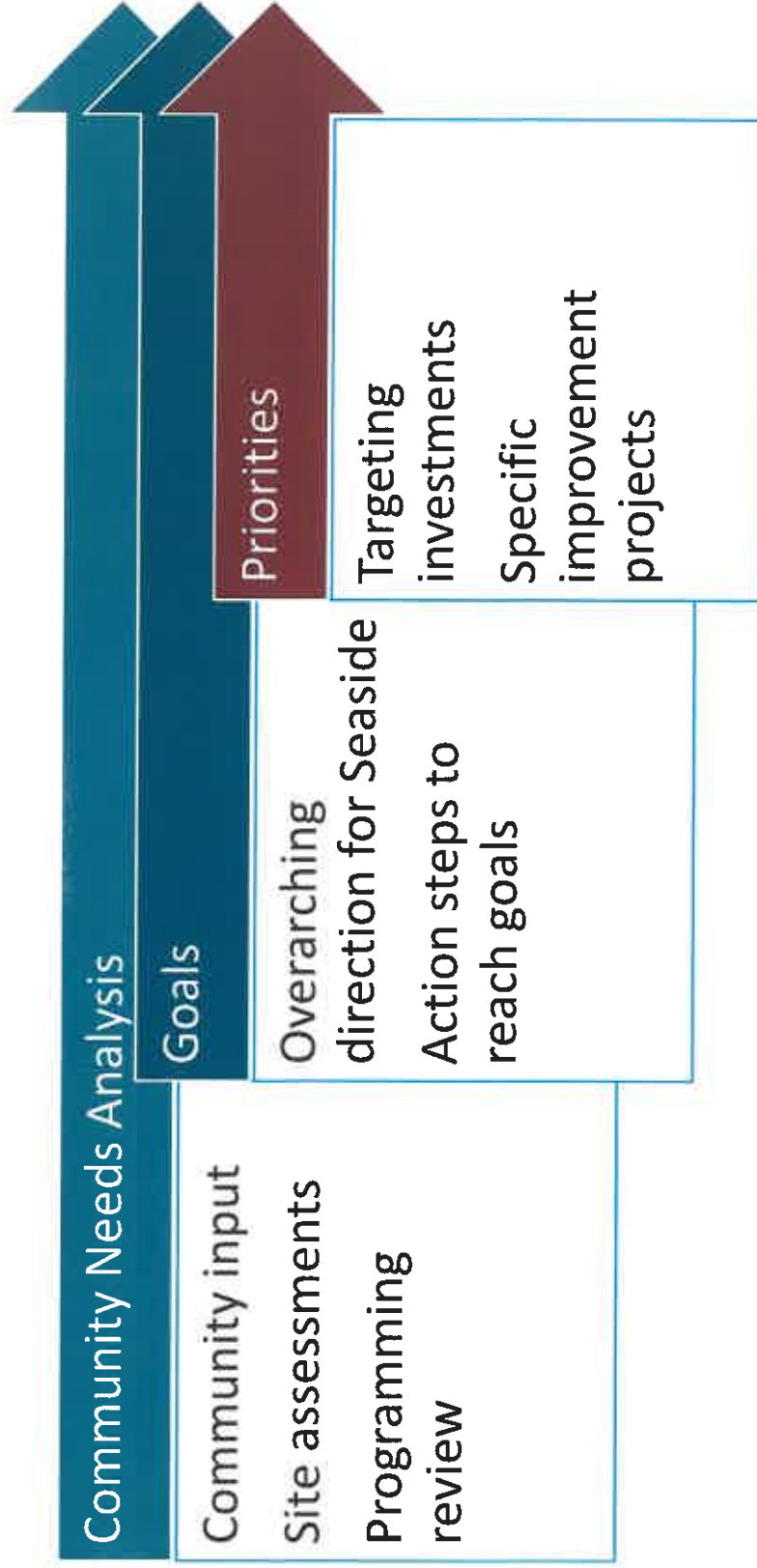
Rotating
activities, like
3-on-3
basketball



Conceptual Trail Connections



Planning for the Future



Goals & Actions

Engagement: Encourage and support **active and ongoing participation** by diverse community members in the planning and decision-making for parks and recreational opportunities.

Equity & Inclusion: Provide park and recreation opportunities throughout parklands, facilities, and programming that **engages all members** of the community to the best of their ability.

Goals & Actions

Parks & Open Space: Provide a **diversified, interconnected** network of parks, trails, active recreation facilities, and open spaces that delivers a variety of **active and passive recreational opportunities** that are easily accessible to the Seaside community.

Maintenance: Maintain Seaside parks and recreation facilities to ensure **longevity** of assets, a positive **aesthetic** and sensory experience, preservation of natural systems, and **safety** for park patrons.

Goals & Actions

Trails & Connections: Develop a network of non-motorized recreational trails to **expand connectivity** between parks, neighborhoods, and public amenities.

Recreation, Events & Culture: Provide recreation opportunities and support partnerships that provide **lifelong play**, active living, health and wellness, discovery, **creativity**, and **learning** for individuals and families.

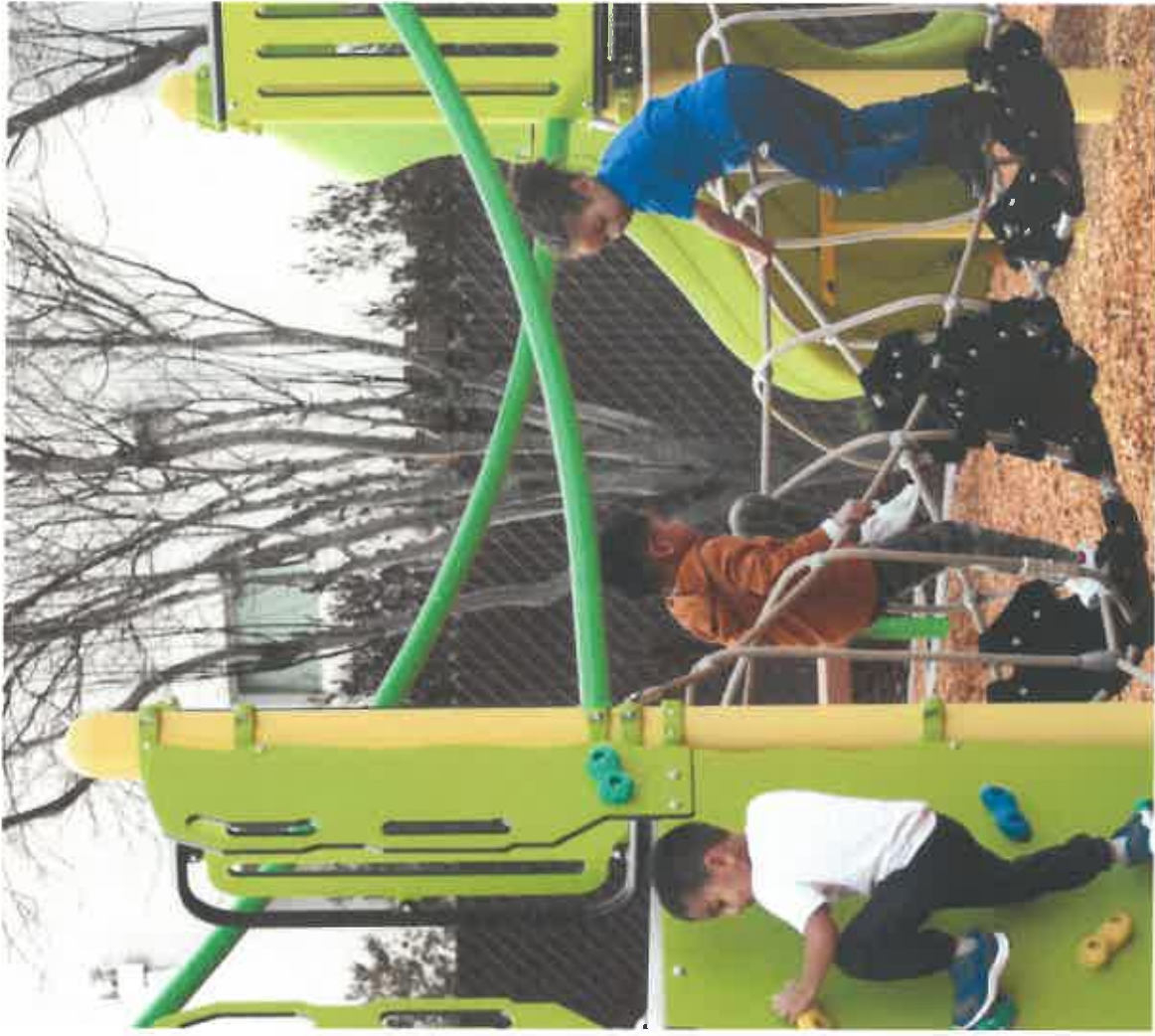
Goals & Actions

Resiliency: Integrate **sustainable and proactive policies** and practices for addressing long-term environmental changes due to climate changes.

Administration: Identify and pursue **financing strategies and partnerships** for the development and operations of parks and recreation facilities to serve the residents of Seaside.

Next Steps

- 2nd Open House: November 8th
- Draft Plan preparation
- Parks & Recreation Board review
- Planning Commission review
- City Council review & adoption

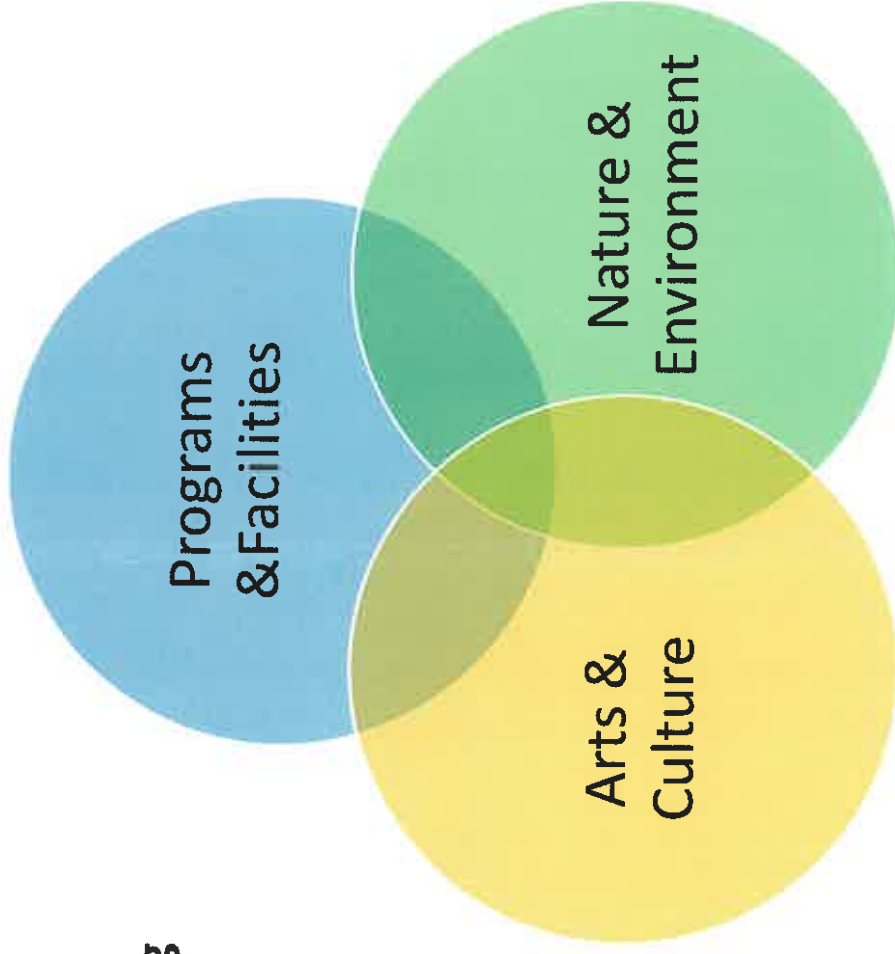


Discussion

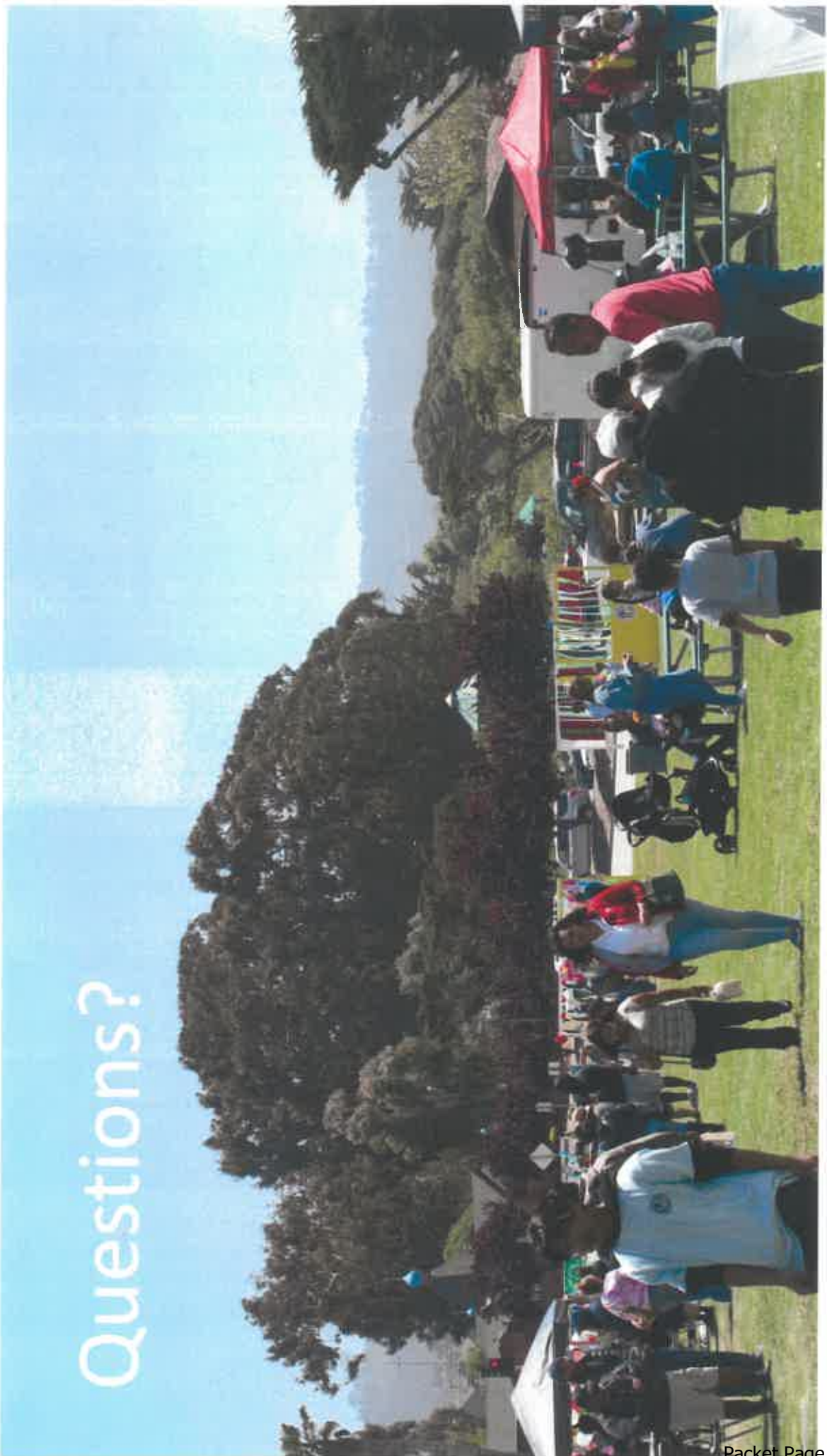
With a range of interests/needs competing for resources, where should the City focus and prioritize over the next five years?

What other recreation opportunities are missing?

What other issues or policies need attention?



Questions?





CITY OF SEASIDE STAFF REPORT

Item No.: 6.A.

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

BY: Dan Meewis, Recreation Director

DATE: November 20, 2023

SUBJECT: RECEIVE UPDATE FROM FOSPA

PURPOSE & RECOMMENDATION

Recieve presentation from Friends for Seaside Parks Association.

BACKGROUND

The Friends of Seaside Parks Association would like to give quarterly updates to the Parks and Recreation Commission on the programs and efforts throughout the Seaside Community.

ATTACHMENTS

None

Reviewed for Submission to the City Council by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Jaime M. Fontes".

Jaime M. Fontes, City Manager



**CITY OF SEASIDE
STAFF REPORT**

Item No.:6.B.

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

BY: Dan Meewis, Recreation Director

DATE: November 20, 2023

SUBJECT:
**REVIEW AND DISCUSS CHAPTER 2.23 "YOUTH
COMMISSION" OF THE SEASIDE MUNICIPAL
CODE (COMMISSIONER LOBO)**

PURPOSE

BACKGROUND

The City of Seaside Youth Commission was established in 1990. The commission did meet regularly for the first 15 years after its inception. However, the commission has been dormant for over ten years. There is interest in revitalizing the Youth Commission, but prior to doing so, there needs to be a review of Chapter 2.32 of the Seaside Municipal Code "Youth Commission" as there have been significant changes to the City structure since this code was established.

Since the Youth Commission falls under the Recreation Department's purview, the Parks and Recreation Commission has taken the lead to review the code and recommend possible amendments to Chapter 2.32 which would bring the code online with the City's current structure.

FISCAL IMPACT

No impact with this item.

ATTACHMENTS

Chapter 2.32 YOUTH COMMISSION

Sections:

2.32.010 Created.

2.32.020 Composition and terms of office.

2.32.030 Eligibility and selection of members.

2.32.040 Duties.

2.32.010 Created.

There is created a youth commission for the city. (Ord. [773](#) § 1 (Exh. A), 1990)

2.32.020 Composition and terms of office.

The commission shall consist of eleven members. The appointed members of the commission shall hold office for one year. The commission shall also include one nonvoting adult over the age of twenty-one years who shall act in a supporting capacity to the commission to facilitate the meetings and activities of the commission. (Ord. [787](#) § 1, 1991; Ord. [773](#) § 1 (Exh. A), 1990)

2.32.030 Eligibility and selection of members.

A. Any resident of Seaside in grade six or higher, and under the age of twenty-one, is eligible to serve on the youth commission. A minimum of one commissioner shall be appointed by the city council from each of the following schools: Seaside High School, Monterey High School, King Middle School, Walter Colton Middle School, and Cypress High School. The remaining members shall be at large.

B. At-large members shall be citizens of Seaside, and may be students at Monterey Peninsula College, or any of the schools identified in this section. Affiliation with a school is not a prerequisite for appointment as an at-large member.

C. Nomination of student candidates to the youth commission shall be made by the president of the student body of the school represented. The president may nominate him/herself, or any other member of the elected student body, provided said candidate is otherwise qualified to serve. If there are no student body representatives able or willing to serve on the commission, the president of the student body may nominate any qualified student for appointment. (Ord. [787](#) § 2, 1991)

2.32.040 Duties.

The duties of the youth commission shall be to:

A. Advise and consult with the mayor, city council, and all city advisory bodies and city officials on matters pertinent to youth and the city;

B. Inform youth in the community of governmental activities, decisions and civic actions;

- C. Ensure, to the extent possible, that the various needs of the youth in the community are satisfied;
- D. Establish and maintain a positive relationship between police and youth by promoting better understanding of police duties and functions of the law enforcement process within the youth community;
- E. Provide an easily accessible channel of communication between police and youth so that complaints may be heard and acted upon;
- F. Conduct workshops, seminars and rap sessions concerning the need for better understanding between individuals;
- G. Take appropriate measures to ensure the participation of all youth of the city so that a more humane society may evolve in the future. (Ord. [773](#) § 1 (Exh. A), 1990)

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**CITY OF SEASIDE
STAFF REPORT**

Item No.:6.C.

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

BY: Dan Meewis, Recreation Director

DATE: November 20, 2023

SUBJECT: **RECEIVE AND DISCUSS THE TREE GIVEAWAY
PROGRAM SURVEY RESULTS (DIANNE NIELSON)**

PURPOSE

Discussion on the survey results for the Tree Giveaway program.

BACKGROUND

In April 2023 the Recreation Department, in conjunction with Public Works and the Parks and Recreation Commission, launched the inaugural Tree Giveaway program for Seaside residents. Staff received 137 applications for free trees, and distributed 125 vouchers. Residents were able to take their voucher to Hana Gardens and use it to redeem a free tree. Residents had the option of selecting a native tree, or a fruit-bearing tree.

During the application period, the "Friends of Seaside Parks Association" (FOSPA) held multiple tree planting workshops to teach residents the basic fundamentals of how to plant their trees, as well as basic tree care. There were also a variety of videos uploaded to the Tree Giveaway web page that were an added resource for residents to utilize. After the conclusion of the program, staff sent out a survey for all recipients that received a tree to see how their trees were faring.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact for this item.

ATTACHMENTS

October 30, 2023

FOLLOW-UP SURVEY 4-MONTH POST FREE TREE GIVEAWAY PROGRAM

This past September an electronic followup survey was sent to residents that participated in the inaugural Residential Free Tree Giveaway Program in FY 22-23.

The survey results and feedback will provide important information for continued success for future tree giveaway programs and guide us in improving aspects of the program where needed.

There were 48 household responses to the survey with the following findings:

Did you receive a native tree or fruit tree?	Native tree	50%
	Fruit Tree	50%
What is the current condition of your tree?	Good	67%
	Fair	23%
	Poor	8%

These are some of the comments:

3 responded their new fruit trees produced fruit already

15 responded with thank you's and/or requesting the program be offered again

1 responded that their Satsuma Plum needs a second plum to cross pollinate in order to bear fruit

1 responded they weren't aware of the training/info videos

2 responded they didn't know about the water rings

1 responded their tree is still in the pot with spider mites

Going forward, this survey can be used as a reference tool for making improvements and potential trouble shooting support to tree recipients for to future tree giveaway programs.