

Carmichael

RECREATION AND
PARK DISTRICT

Memo

To: Advisory Board Directors

From: Stacey Yankee, District Administrator
Ingrid Penney, Administrative Services Manager

Date: November 21, 2024

Subject: Glancy Oaks Park Conceptual Design

Introduction/Discussion:

CRPD staff and the Cumming Group have been actively collaborating with WDSL A to redesign Glancy Oaks Park. The project aims to update and enhance the park based on community needs and input. We have made significant progress since initiating the redesign process, and we are now seeking your approval of a playground concept as part of the overall conceptual design and cost estimates so we can proceed to the construction documents phase.

Project Timeline and Stakeholder Engagement:

Bi-Weekly Meetings (Since Late June 2024):

CRPD staff, the Cumming Group, and WDSL A have been conducting regular bi-weekly meetings since late June 2024. These meetings have been crucial in shaping the design direction and ensuring alignment with community interests and project goals.

Community Survey (Late August 2024):

In late August, we conducted an extensive comprehensive survey of the surrounding neighborhood, slightly beyond a 500 ft radius. The survey was promoted through multiple channels, including postcards to local residents, signage in the park itself, and social media outreach.

Online Community Meeting (September 17, 2024):

Following the survey, an online community meeting was held on September 17, 2024. During this meeting, we presented key findings from the survey and opened the floor for further community input. We noted less neighborhood feedback at the meeting but strong survey response.

Initial Presentation to the Advisory Board (September 19, 2024):

Conner Waters with WDSL A presented a project overview and scope, site photos depicting existing conditions, survey summary, and a concept draft for the Park. WDSL A was invited to report back on playground concepts once the renderings and cost estimates were available. Two playground concepts will be shared at the meeting.

Key Findings from Community Engagement Related to the Playground Concepts:

The community survey provided us with valuable insights. Some of the most frequently mentioned priorities included:

- Improved recreational facilities, including updated playground equipment and seating areas, appealing to all age groups.
- Climbing structures, Post and deck, Slides and Swings
- Theme: nature and/or adventure with natural, earthy colors.
- Shade
- Enhanced accessibility for individuals with disabilities.

Conceptual Design:

The overall conceptual design integrates the feedback we received from the community. Some highlights of the proposed design include:

- Revamped Playground: Modernized play structures suitable for children of different age groups and abilities.
- Accessible Pathways: ADA-compliant pathways that improve access.
- Sustainability Features: Low-water landscaping and the inclusion of native plant species to support the local ecosystem and reduce maintenance costs.

Recommendation:

Staff recommend choosing a playground concept, accepting the presented conceptual design by WDSL A. Upon your approval, we will move into the detailed construction drawing phase, where we will further refine the project and work towards bidding of the project and construction.