



# *Parks & Recreation System Master Plan*



## **PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION WORKSHOP – MAY 2018**

### **PUBLIC WRITTEN INPUT**

#### *#1: Aquatic Facility/ Year Round Pool*

- Do we need an aquatic facility in Cupertino?
  - De Anza right across the street
    - Huge pool/available to public
  - Blackberry Farm pool & YMCA

Seems redundant
- Pool available for recreation/open swim would be great and does not exist in CPT.
- How about an indoor pool? YMCA!
- I actually think this is quite important – there is pent-up demand. De Anza is not available
- More opportunities and ownership having our own community pool, rather than renting.
- There should be two swimming areas, one for competitive swimming and another for fun. I honestly think that Blackberry Farm may be a great place for kids, but maybe not a great one for teens, and since De Anza won't provide their pool to the public, we should have a bigger competitive swimming pool, for competitive teams.
- Since there is talk of a new gym facility, maybe where tennis courts are now, why not put in an indoor pool? Then there would be a combo gym w/ indoor pool-25 yards, 306 lanes. Ask, what is the purpose of the pool:
  - Pure workout
  - Place for kids to play in pool
  - Competitions
- Build a pool that meets greatest demand. No separate pool building.

#### *#2: Performing & Fine Arts Center*

- Partner with De Anza for larger site
- Balance with:
  - professional theatre + programming
  - use of space to inspire youth in the arts

- Great for other performing art groups, and great location for a performing arts center. This also inspires our next generation for events/performance like this because besides programming, math, & STEM, performing arts is important as well.
- Is there an existing building that can be repurposed? A partnership with private company or De Anza College?
  - Concur with this – CUSD maybe.
- Having a convertible performance area would give flexibility (moving wall, etc.) Maybe have a teen center location here focusing on performing arts.
  - Love this idea – concur
  - Good idea

### #3: Gym/ Recreation Center – Sports Fields, Courts & Facilities

- Seems like youth sports groups need fields
- Not excited about creating more facilities that encroach or use existing park space. With all of the development proposed for Cupertino – need open spaces/fields
- Keep softball field
- Great idea of adding in a new gym & new sports field, I feel like that some of our current sport courts are pretty outdated so it's a great thing that new sport courts are being added.
- Balance of active and passive (un-regulated pickle ball, ping pong tables, passive exercise equipment) rec opportunities
- Add/create pickle ball courts for regular use – drop in? reserved?
- Expand sports center into multi-story facility, consider whether an indoor pool could be here instead of a separate facility.
- Add outdoor athletic equipment – Greenfield makes excellent equipment
- Inside basketball better than outside!

### #4: Senior Space/Teen Space – Incubator Hub/Maker Space

- We have a great senior center. Perhaps more facilities for recreation classes would be nice – but we lack facilities for teens. As a senior, I would not prioritize greatly improving senior center
- Adding outdoor senior (:
  - Exercise equipment
  - Conduct “how to” classes
  - Have more parking.
- More technology for Senior Center (Greenfield)
- Put a second story on the Senior Center to handle future expansion. Lots of room for seniors to use teach “stuff”. For example, how to use cell phone and text and load movies on TV.
- Add Greenfield Outdoor Fitness Equipment to an area near the Senior Center. Great idea for all.
- As great as concept for teen space is, they are rarely used by teens past 14 years.
- Versatile spaces not limited to a single type of activity
  - Use this to expand program variety.

## #5: Memorial Park, Arts & Events Concept

- Like the idea of a performing arts/theatre, but the City should use Flint Center or the small music department theatre at De Anza or the City should purchase additional land to build a dedicated theatre arts/performance arts/children's theatre complex like Sunnyvale or Mountain View.
- Parking will be a huge issue.
- Not happy to have playground area near Quinlan taken away.
- Love performance/art center – wrong site
- Like performing arts, but not enough parking
- There are too many “activities” and buildings for space available with little parking.
- Not enough parking, too much festival area.
- Multi use building, include new teen center, is great, but look at existing builds elsewhere or work w/ De Anza or local companies.
- Look at multi-site teen center to serve different areas. It's dangerous for teens to bike to it now. Joint use w/ high schools?
- Mountain bike access to Quinlan/new performing center through park.
- No need for water feature – eliminate – expensive difficult to maintain. Don't forget we already spent \$ to take it out of Quinlan.
- Redoing the amphitheater is a great idea – orient for shade and for avoiding sun in eyes while sun is setting.
- Expanded amphitheater is brilliant – consider canopy for bands + symphonies.
- Like shade area by center, expand over preschool.
- Like expended lawn.

## #6: Memorial Park, Active & Multi-Use Concept

- The idea about an aquatic facility & new sports courts is a great renovation to have, but more green and nature spaces would make the park even better.
- Concur with above, except that Cupertino doesn't need another aquatic facility – we have Blackberry Farm pool & De Anza pool.
- Senior Center pretty good as is.
- Add bike path in addition to walking paths – link bike paths to park.
- No gym/facilities – keep it green.
- Aquatic center is a long overdue need – De Anza pool is not generally available – no public place to swim.
- Expansion of play area and addition of tot lot are important.
- More green space here would be good.
- Multi-use trails please!
- Like preschool playground idea NEED SHADE + bigger sandbox area.
- All plans need parking.
- Like multi story gym with parking.
- Too many activities for this park!!!
  - People need quit, green spaces, not more traffic, congestion & lack of parking
- This concept would increase the need for parking which is expensive & would worsen traffic.
- The site access is already limited & would worsen.
- Like this concept

- Combine Aquatic & Gym
- Improved parking
- Too congested, too noisy with aquatic center & gym so close to home at the Commons. These would cause huge traffic problems. Not enough parking for busy facilities, there are many pools and gyms in Cupertino already (high schools, De Anza, YMCA, etc.)
- Provide outdoor fitness equipment such as Greenfields Outdoor Fitness Equipment
  - Partner with Rotary Club to make it happen.
- Renovate the open air amphitheater. Improve seating on hillside and renovate “stage” area.
- Put the lawn back!
- No need for water features. This conflicts with water conservation. Think of other drought tolerant plants for décor.
  - Agreed by a second person.
- Playground needs to be fenced off for safety.
- Need for more water features in all of the concepts. Could be smaller than current ponds, but larger than shown on 3 plans. Need more push to bring recycled water to this area (also for landscaping). Water feature add serenity to the park.
- Public pickleball courts!
- The plan seems a bit too busy.
  - Agreed by a second person.
- Add a signal at Alves – replace all the flashing lights and bumps.
  - This would make exiting Sports Center easier.
  - Agreed by a second person and third person.

## #7: Memorial Park, Naturalized Civic Gathering Concept

- This is my favorite option but I would like the amphitheater not so close to the Commons homes – too much noise and traffic issues.
- First choice of options presented – best for the space available.
- Wet creek bed with another small fountain – this is my favorite!
- Like the increased walking trails & natural look
- No water features preferred (we’ve already had to remove the water feature at Quinlan – very difficult/expensive to maintain after year one).
- No water feature – no geese – irresponsible waste of water – unhygienic – bacteria/viruses
  - Agreed by a second person.
- Smaller water feature reduce with recycle water with high circulation to water fields
- Green space and trails, nice. Would like some more, smaller water features/fountains for serenity’s sake. Push for recycled water for features and landscape.
- Greenfield Outdoor Fitness Equipment
  - [www.greenfieldoutdoorfitness.com](http://www.greenfieldoutdoorfitness.com)
  - Ask for catalog
- Water = geese!
- Good idea to have expanded “green” lawns for children to play on. Also, good to have expanded amphitheater area.

## #8: Natural Areas, Trails & “Other” Input

- Glad to prioritize nature and habitat, not just in natural areas.
- Should highlight & expand sport fields @ schools for many activities.
- My top priority would be to keep/improve natural habitats. Cupertino is going to undergo a lot of construction in the next decade (Vallco/Oaks). We need to preserve our natural spaces so people can connect with nature. More important than creating a lot of new facilities/structures.
- Expand/extend existing walking paths
- Preserve natural habitats in place and expand/add more natural path/ walking paces (natural or paved as needed).
  - Volunteers could help maintain these.
- Put up signs along the orange orchard – Do Not Pick – save for 2nd Harvest Food Bank!
  - This year there were none for them.

## COMMENT CARDS

### Topic: Representation

- I feel that the people in the room were not representative of our community as a whole. The majority of the attendees were over 60. Their interests are different than other age groups and I would claim different than the majority of our residents.

### Topic: Parking/Water Feature

- Allow parking along Christensen Dr. This will increase the parking areas and easy access to the park for handicapped.
- Allow the vehicles to drive through to Christensen Drive to eliminate congestion on the Senior Center area and Mary Ave.
- Keep water feature in the park to add attraction and motion.