



CITY OF CUPERTINO

AGENDA

CUPERTINO PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

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Thursday, October 6, 2022

7:00 PM

This meeting will be televised

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

CEREMONIAL MATTERS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Subject: Parks and Recreation Department Summer Programs and Events
Recommended Action: Receive a presentation on the Parks and Recreation Department summer programs and events.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Subject: July 14, 2022 Parks and Recreation Commission Special Meeting Minutes
Recommended Action: Review and approve the July 14, 2022 Parks and Recreation Commission special meeting minutes.
[A - Draft Minutes](#)
3. Subject: September 8, 2022 Parks and Recreation, Bicycle Pedestrian, and Sustainability Commissions Joint Special Meeting Minutes
Recommended Action: Review and approve the September 8, 2022 Parks and Recreation, Bicycle Pedestrian, and Sustainability Commissions joint special meeting minutes.
[A - Draft Minutes](#)

POSTPONEMENTS

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the Commission on any matter within the jurisdiction of the Commission and not on the agenda. Speakers are limited to three (3)

minutes. In most cases, State law will prohibit the Commission from making any decisions with respect to a matter not on the agenda.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

4. Subject: Jollyman Park All-Inclusive Playground
Recommended Action: Receive an update on the last phase of community outreach and review the final design concept for the Jollyman Park All-Inclusive Playground Project.
[Staff Report](#)
[A - Survey Results](#)
5. Subject: Consider Rescheduling the November 2022 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
Recommended Action: Discuss and reschedule the November 2022 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting.

STAFF AND COMMISSION REPORTS

6. Subject: Monthly Update Reports
Recommended Action: Receive monthly update reports from the Director of Parks and Recreation and commissioners.

COMMISSIONER ATTENDANCE AT UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

FUTURE AGENDA SETTING

ADJOURNMENT

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CITY OF CUPERTINO

Agenda Item

22-11561

Agenda Date: 10/6/2022
Agenda #: 1.

Subject: Parks and Recreation Department Summer Programs and Events

Receive a presentation on the Parks and Recreation Department summer programs and events.



CITY OF CUPERTINO

Agenda Item

22-11562

Agenda Date: 10/6/2022
Agenda #: 2.

Subject: July 14, 2022 Parks and Recreation Commission Special Meeting Minutes

Review and approve the July 14, 2022 Parks and Recreation Commission special meeting minutes.



CITY OF CUPERTINO
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Teleconference Special Meeting
Thursday, July 14, 2022
5:30 PM
DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Begur called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. via remote teleconference.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners present: Xiangchen (Minna) Xu, Sashikala Begur, Gopal Kumarappan, Carol Stanek
Commissioners absent: Seema Swamy
Staff present: Rachelle Sander, Jessica Javier
Guest speakers: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Subject: June 2, 2022 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
Recommended Action: Review and approve the June 2, 2022 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes.

Commissioner Kumarappan motioned to approve the minutes as submitted. Vice Chair Begur seconded. Motion passed with 3 yes, 1 abstain, and 1 absent.

2. Subject: June 13, 2022 Parks and Recreation, Planning, and Bicycle Pedestrian Commissions Joint Special Meeting Minutes
Recommended Action: Review and approve the June 13, 2022 Parks and Recreation, Planning, Bicycle Pedestrian Commissions joint special meeting minutes.

Commissioner Stanek motioned to approve the joint special meeting minutes as submitted. Commissioner Kumarappan seconded. Motion passed with 4 yes and 1 absent.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Nick Bailey, Cupertino resident and General Manager of Lake Merced Golf Club, commented in support of keeping the Blackberry Farm Golf Course.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Two written communications were sent to the Commission and will be included for the record.

NEW BUSINESS

3. Subject: Update on the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 City Work Program Items

Recommended Action: Receive the update on the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 City Work Program items.

Rachelle Sander, Acting Director of Parks and Recreation, presented on the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 City Work Program items for the Parks and Recreation Commission.

4. Subject: Consider Canceling the August 2022 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

Recommended Action: Discuss and consider canceling the August 2022 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

Commissioner Kumarappan motioned to cancel the August Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. Chair Xu seconded. Motion passed with 4 yes and 1 absent.

STAFF AND COMMISSION REPORTS

5. Subject: Monthly Update Reports

Recommended Action: Receive monthly update reports from the Director of Parks and Recreation and commissioners.

Acting Director Sander provided the Director's update on the following:

- Council approved extending the resolution authorizing continued remote teleconference meetings through August 6, 2022.
- The Summer Concerts Series ends Thursday, July 14. Join the City at the Memorial Park Amphitheater from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- Blackberry Farm Golf Course Feasibility Study Survey closes on July 15 on Engage Cupertino.
- Shakespeare in the Park begins Saturday, July 23 at the Memorial Park Amphitheater. All performances begin at 6:00 p.m.
- Movies in the Park every Friday in August at 8:00 p.m. at Creekside Park.
- Former Director of Parks and Recreation Joanne Magrini's last day was Friday, July 8. Rachelle Sander is currently the Acting Director.
- City Manager, Jim Throop, has resigned. Dianne Thompson is currently the Acting City Manager.

Chair Xu reported on the Joint Commission meeting for Lawrence-Mitty Park at the July Mayor's meeting.

Commissioner Stanek reported that she attended the Summer Concerts Series, 4th of July Concert, All-Inclusive Playground community meeting, and the Blackberry Farm Golf Course community meeting and open house.

Vice Chair Begur provided an update from the June Mayor's meeting. There were comments regarding more interactions amongst Commissions including more Joint Commission meetings in the future.

COMMISSIONER ATTENDANCE AT UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Commissioners to attend the upcoming Mayor's meetings as follows:

- August – Commissioner Swamy
- September – Commissioner Kumarappan

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Begur adjourned the meeting at 6:08 p.m. to the August 4, 2022 meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Jessica Javier, Administrative Assistant

Parks and Recreation Department

Minutes approved at the _____ regular meeting



CITY OF CUPERTINO

Agenda Item

22-11563

Agenda Date: 10/6/2022
Agenda #: 3.

Subject: September 8, 2022 Parks and Recreation, Bicycle Pedestrian, and Sustainability Commissions Joint Special Meeting Minutes

Review and approve the September 8, 2022 Parks and Recreation, Bicycle Pedestrian, and Sustainability Commissions joint special meeting minutes.



**CITY OF CUPERTINO
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN COMMISSION
SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION
Teleconference Joint Special Meeting
Thursday, September 8, 2022
6:30 PM
DRAFT MINUTES**

Chair Xu called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. via remote teleconference.

ROLL CALL

Parks and Recreation	Xiangchen (Minna) Xu, Sashikala Begur, Gopal
Commissioners:	Kumarappan, Carol Stanek, Seema Swamy
Bicycle Pedestrian	Ilango Ganga, Jack Carter, Erik Lindskog, Grace John,
Commissioners:	Gerhard Eschelbeck
Sustainability	Anna Weber, Meera Ramanathan, Sonali Padgaonkar,
Commissioners:	Steve Poon
Commissioners absent:	Vignesh Swaminathan (Sustainability)
Staff present:	Rachelle Sander, Jessica Javier, Jenny Koverman, Lisa Cameli, Susan Michael, Matt Morley, Chad Mosley, Kimberly Lunt, Gilee Corral, Andre Duurvoort
Guest speakers:	Alicia Fennell, Jeff Danner, Forrest Richardson, Taylor Peterson

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Rhoda Fry expressed concerns regarding the Blackberry Farm slide removal.

Peggy Griffin expressed concerns regarding the Blackberry Farm slide removal. Also requested consideration of restroom renovations for all parks due to accessibility issues.

Lisa Warren expressed concerns regarding the Blackberry Farm slide removal.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Subject: Consider an update on Fiscal Year 2021-22 City Work Program item regarding the Blackberry Farm Golf Course Needs Assessment

Recommended Action: Receive the public survey and Outreach Summary Report for the Blackberry Farm Golf Course Feasibility Study and provide input and feedback on next steps regarding alternatives for future use of the golf course.

Written Communications for this item included emails to the Parks and Recreation, Bicycle Pedestrian, and Sustainability Commissions.

Matt Morley, Director of Public Works, introduced Alicia Fennell, Cascadia Consultant, to introduce the item. Alicia introduced the item and provided an overview of the staff and consultants working on the project. Alicia introduced Lisa Cameli, Project Manager, who presented an overview of the project background and the two alternatives. Alicia then presented on the community engagement process and survey results.

Commissioners asked clarifying questions.

Chair Xu opened the public comment period and the following people spoke.

Connie Cunningham, Cupertino resident, supported restoration to natural habitat and emphasized there should be no removal of existing trees.

Muni Madhhipatla, Cupertino resident and Cupertino Planning Commission Vice Chair, supported keeping the golf course.

Annie Yang, Cupertino resident, supported restoration to natural habitat. If the City decided to keep the golf course, recommended adding wildlife habitat as an improvement such as complex native vegetation structures at the edges of the golf course, restoration of the ponds, trees, and avoiding additional netting.

Richard Lowenthal supported keeping the golf course, watering only the greens to help reduce the water use, and potentially closing the golf course one day a week to allow for public use of picnicking.

Peggy Griffin supported keeping the golf course, picnicking on Sundays, replacing the trees that have been removed, restoring the ponds with natural vegetation and water, adding habitat islands, and raising the fees at the golf course.

Lisa Warren supported keeping the golf course.

Carol Ovelman commented that the City should consider using reclaimed water.

Keith Kreft, supported keeping the golf course, increasing the number of rounds, and increasing fees at the golf course.

Nick Bailey supported keeping the golf course and investing in a feasibility study to look at using recycled water.

Rose Grymes, Cupertino resident, supported restoration to natural habitat, providing an environment for aquatic life, birds, and insects, and water sustainability.

Andi, Cupertino resident, supported restoration to natural habitat.

Peggy Plato supported keeping the golf course and raised concerns regarding golf course revenue considering fees have not been increased.

Daniel Wong supported keeping the golf course and recommended looking into native grasses to make it more drought friendly.

Wing Law, Cupertino resident, supported keeping the golf course.

John Ennals, Cupertino resident, supported keeping the golf course, changing the irrigation, and changing the greens to ones that use less water.

Maria Gatto, Cupertino resident, supported keeping the golf course and looking into using recycled water or adding in turf.

Elaine, Cupertino resident, supported keeping the golf course, opening it one day a week for people to walk and picnic, and using recycled water.

Rhoda Fry, Cupertino resident, supported keeping the golf course, adding in natural habitat to the golf course, and raising fees.

Bob, Cupertino resident, supported restoration to natural habitat.

Emmy Moore-Minister, supported keeping the golf course.

Don Halsey, supported keeping the golf course and presented on slides that are included in the written communications.

Keith Wandry raised concerns about the chemicals used on the golf course.

Alan Takahashi, Cupertino resident, supported keeping the golf course and using reclaimed water.

Vice Chair Weber left the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Chair Xu closed the public comment period and called for a five-minute break at 9:06 p.m. Chair Xu resumed the meeting at 9:12 p.m. and commissioners made comments.

Commissioner Stanek commented that if Council decides to keep the golf course, then she strongly recommended reclaimed or recycled water, not watering between the tees and the greens, and opening the golf course two to three days a week to the public to utilize the space in an alternative way. If Council decides to convert the golf course to natural habitat, then she recommended working with Sunken Gardens and Deep Cliff to offer Cupertino seniors discounted rates to play golf and consider using part of the site as a healing garden.

Vice Chair Begur commented that there needs to be data surrounding utilization of recycled water, alternative options for grass, and allowing the grass to go brown. Recommended looking at statistics for the next 10 years verses the next 25 years. Regarding restoration of natural habitat, raised concerns about the fire study and preventing housing in the future. Recommended there be more information provided to the Commission(s) before a decision can be made.

Commissioner Kumarappan raised concerns regarding the data presented and utilization of recycled water. Strongly recommended that the data be updated and presented back to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Commented that there could be merging of the two options to allow for a potential third option that keeps both the golf course and adds in natural habitat.

Commissioner Poon supported keeping the golf course. Recommended finding ways to reduce water usage and bring recycled water in regardless of how long it will take.

Chair Ganga commented that increasing revenue needs to be looked at so that any improvements will pay for itself and more. Raised concerns regarding capital costs for the natural habitat. Supported using the existing golf course in a more efficient way and protecting the current investment. Recommended more data be presented and there be a recommendation from the joint commissions to the Council.

Commissioner Swamy supported comments made by Commissioner Kumarappan and Vice Chair Begur and strongly recommended there be more information provided

before taking it to Council. Commented that there needs to be an understanding of artificial turf and the potential implications to the environment, and whether the City keeps control of the land if it remains a golf course or restoration to natural habitat. Raised concerns regarding re-zoning of the land.

Commissioner Padgaonkar supported comments made by Commissioner Kumarappan and agreed that more information be provided. Recommended contacting other cities to research and understand how they implement water sustainability.

Vice Chair Carter commented that there is a need to look at whether this is going to enhance Cupertino in terms of its recreational value verses the cost. Recommended there be a decision amongst the options, once a decision is made to either keep the golf course or have open space, then looking at the financial implications. Raised concerns regarding traffic on the road to Blackberry Farm if the parking lot is expanded.

Commissioner Eschelbeck supported Vice Chair Carter's comment regarding deciding first between the options and then working towards a plan. Raised concerns regarding conversion to natural habitat and expressed that it is a one-way option and that should be considered.

Chair Xu shared information on the history of the item. Recommended revisiting the option to expand the club house, decreasing areas where water is needed, and changing another place to natural habitat.

Director Morley thanked the commissions and staff will work on consolidating the information and determining next steps.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Xu adjourned the meeting at 9:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Jessica Javier, Administrative Assistant
Parks and Recreation Department

Minutes approved by the Parks and Recreation Commission at their ____ meeting

Minutes approved by the Sustainability Commission at their ____ meeting

Minutes approved by the Bicycle Pedestrian Commission at their ____ meeting



CITY OF CUPERTINO

Agenda Item

22-11564

Agenda Date: 10/6/2022
Agenda #: 4.

Subject: Jollyman Park All-Inclusive Playground

Receive an update on the last phase of community outreach and review the final design concept for the Jollyman Park All-Inclusive Playground Project.



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PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Meeting: October 6, 2022

Subject

Jollyman Park All-Inclusive Playground

Recommended Action

Receive an update on the last phase of community outreach and review the final design concept for the Jollyman Park All-Inclusive Playground Project.

Background

In January, the project team collected data and evaluated existing conditions. After site investigations were complete, the project team developed and initiated community engagement with Cupertino residents, park neighbors, and community collaborators to incorporate their ideas and play preferences into the design process. The team sought public feedback via varied methods: online survey, virtual community collaborator meeting, and two in-person “pop-ups” at Jollyman Park and Library Field for the Earth Day Event. The 1st online survey was posted on the Engage Cupertino webpage from March 9th to April 26th. Highlighted below are four key takeaways from the survey to guide the playground design.

1. Ideal look and feel for the playground:
 - Naturalistic/Organic: 49% listed as their top choice
 - Artistic: 32% listed as their top choice
2. Ideas or features the community would most like to see integrated into the design:
 - Nature & Exploration: 47% listed as their top choice
 - Sensory, Art, and Color: 29% listed as their top choice
3. Type of Active play most important to the community:
 - Top 3 selected: Climbing, Sliding and Swinging
4. Types of other playground experiences that are most important:
 - Top 3 selected: Exercising, Pretending/Imaging, and Perching/Viewing

Discussion

Based on the feedback received from the initial community outreach, the design team developed two concept plan alternatives and top priority features. In the final phase of community outreach, we sought to understand how the community prioritized specific components of each concept design to arrive at a single, preferred design. The project team hosted three public events. One pop-up event at the Library on June 18, from 10am-12pm, the 2nd pop-up event at Jollyman Park on June 25, 10am-12pm and lastly a virtual community meeting on June 29, from 6pm-7:00pm. The 2nd online survey was posted on the Engage Cupertino webpage from June 14th to July 14th. The City of Cupertino advertised the events and the survey via mailers, the “Items of Interest” newsletter and various social media outlets. The survey was also promoted at pop-up events scheduled during the same timeframe. The survey results (Attachment A) garnered 180 responses over the course of one month.

Although respondents preferred concept 1 to concept 2, the design team created a final conceptual plan that reflects the public feedback, combining their top priority features.

The following list reflects the direction we received from the community to develop the final plan.

1. For the site’s layout, start with the concept 1 plan, which kept the basketball court as is and allowed space for sand play in the shade of existing trees.
2. Include the top-rated climbing net from concept 2, as well as a spinner if the budget allows.
3. Include Top Youth Area Features from the combined input: climbing net, slides (roller, tube, racing), swings, shortcuts and scrambles, retreat spaces, music elements, and multi-kid spinner.
4. Include Top Tot Area Features from the combined input: Sand play, log and boulder climbing, slides, swings, forest house, turf mounds and music elements.
5. Provide shade at slides and prioritize shade trees throughout.
6. Use natural, sustainable materials while also incorporating color and art.

Overall, the final concept plan included the community’s top priorities while working within the project’s construction budget. Currently, the project team seeks input from this commission on the final concept plan.

Next steps: Considering this Commission’s and community input, the project team will develop detailed construction documents, proceed to public bid for the construction contractor, and construct the playground.

Sustainability Impact

Implementation of the Playground is consistent with the City’s sustainability goals. The project increases the level and diversity of services within walking distance of many homes. Increasing amenities accessed by walkers, people with strollers, and wheelchair

access are consistent with the Climate Action Plan Goal 2 – Encourage Alternative Transportation.

Fiscal Impact

Receiving this update has no fiscal impact.

The City is the recipient of \$1,448,201 in grant funds from Santa Clara County and \$1,000,000 in grant funds from the State of California and allocated \$1.2 million in City contributions. The current funding status of the project is as follows:

SOURCE	AMOUNT
City funds	\$1,234,034
County of Santa Clara AIPG grant	\$1,448,201
State Allocation – Assemblymember Low	\$1,000,000
TOTAL	\$3,682,235

Prepared by: Evelyn Moran, Public Works Project Manager

Reviewed by: Susan Michael, Capital Improvement Programs Manager

Approved for Submission by: Rachelle Sander, Acting Director of Parks and Recreation

Attachments:

A – Survey Results

COMMUNITY INPUT SUMMARY: Concepts

August 12, 2022

Introduction

In March and April 2022, MIG (design consultant) and the City of Cupertino lead a community visioning effort to identify community goals, ideas and play preferences to incorporate into the design of a new All-Inclusive Playground at Jollyman Park (see *Analysis and Outreach Summary Report, May 26, 2022*). The feedback received during the visioning phase was used to develop two concept plans for the new play area, which was shared with the community for additional feedback in June and July.

This phase included four primary components:

- **Online Survey**
June 14 – July 14
- **Pop-Up Event at the Library**
June 18, 10am-12pm
- **Pop-Up Event at Jollyman Park**
June 25, 10am-12pm
- **Community Virtual Meeting**
June 29, 6pm-7:30pm

The purpose of this phase was to understand how the community prioritized specific features from each of the concept designs in order to arrive at a single, preferred design for the all-inclusive playground.

The following is a brief description of each event, community input, and a summary of direction for moving forward with a final, preferred concept plan.



Concept Alternatives 1 and 2 (see Appendix for larger versions of graphics)

ONLINE SURVEY

June 14 – July 14

An online survey was developed to gain feedback on the two concept plan alternatives and top priority features. 180 responses were captured over the course of one month. Outreach and marketing of the survey was conducted via mailer, email, and social media by the City of Cupertino. The survey was also promoted at pop-up events scheduled during the same timeframe.

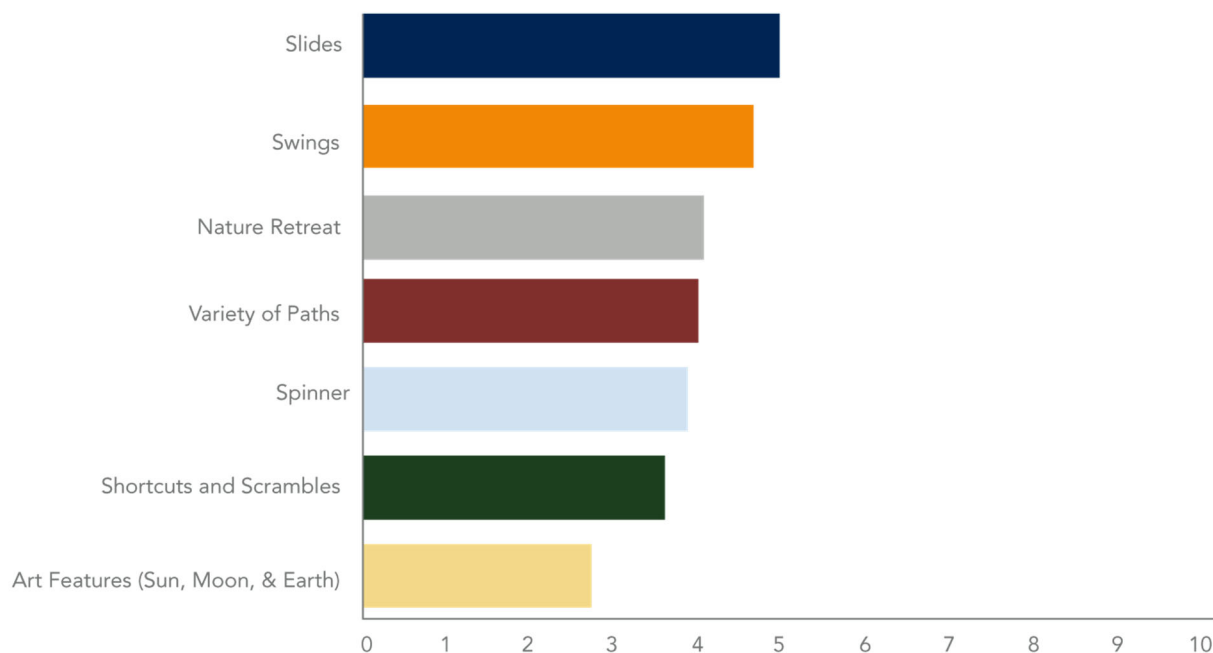
Summary of Survey Input

The survey first introduced each concept overall, and then invited participants to zoom in to imagine each area, with inspiration images shared to help facilitate this. The following four graphs chart the top-ranked features from the youth area (for ages 5-12) and the tot area (for ages 2-5) for each of the two design concepts.

*Note: Ranked-choice questions are scored by a **weighted average** of rankings provided by each respondent. This type of calculation gives the ranking of 1 a greater value than that of a 4, effectively calculating a ranked outcome (weighted average) across all respondents.*

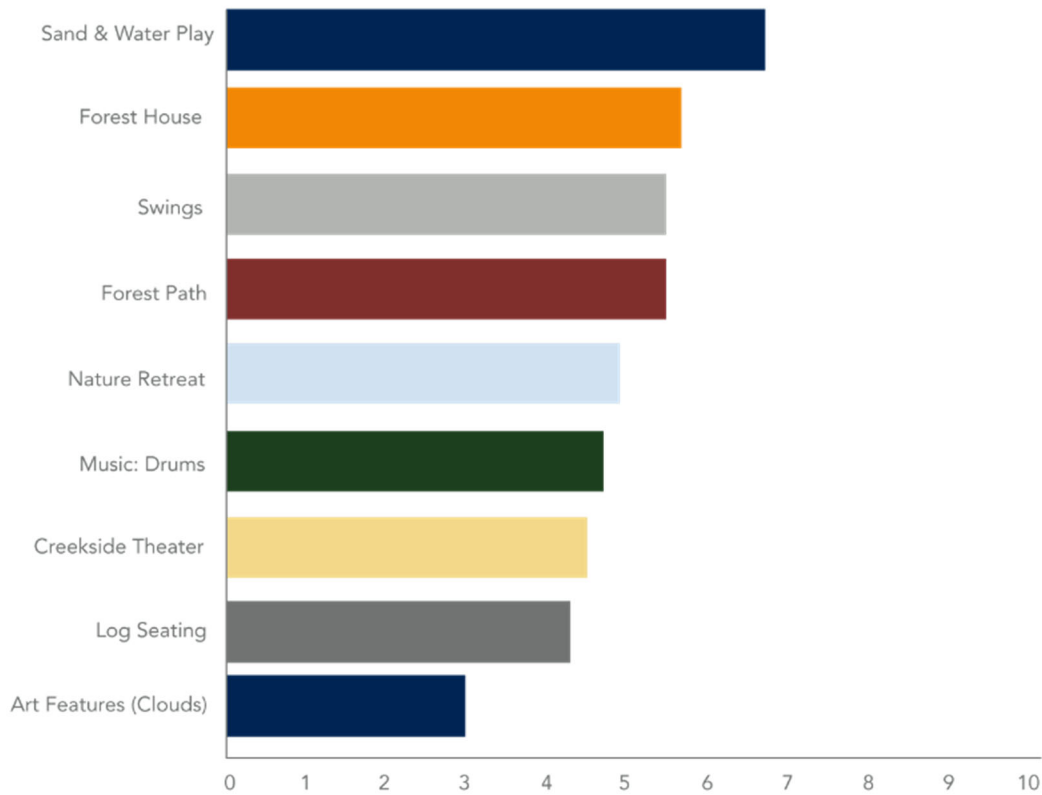
CONCEPT 1

“WHICH FEATURES ARE YOU MOST EXCITED ABOUT IN THE YOUTH AREA?”



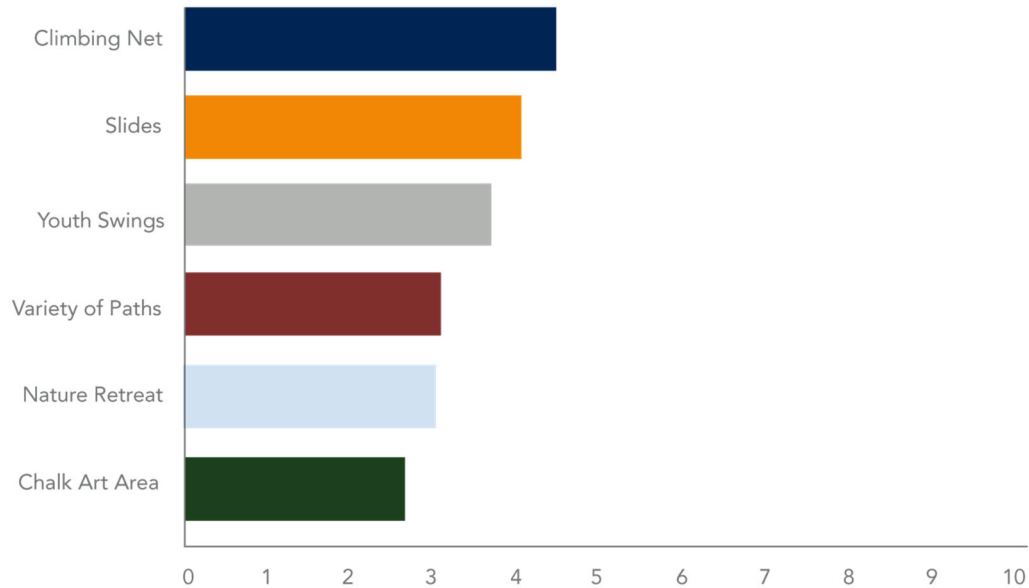
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“WHICH FEATURES ARE YOU MOST EXCITED ABOUT IN THE TOT AREA? “



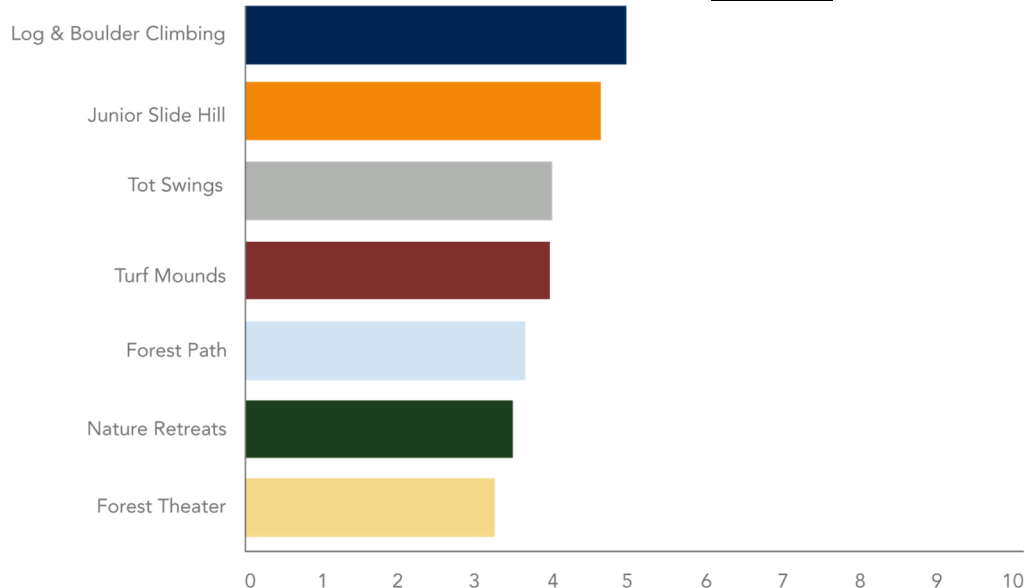
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“WHICH FEATURES ARE YOU MOST EXCITED ABOUT IN THE YOUTH AREA? “



CONCEPT 2

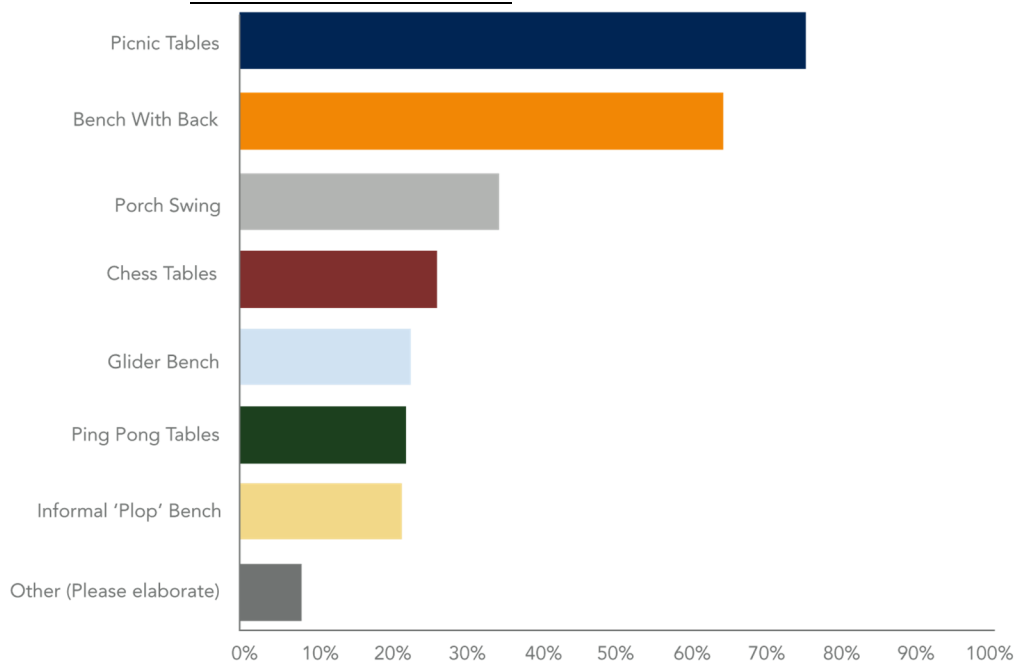
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OVERALL PARK FEATURES

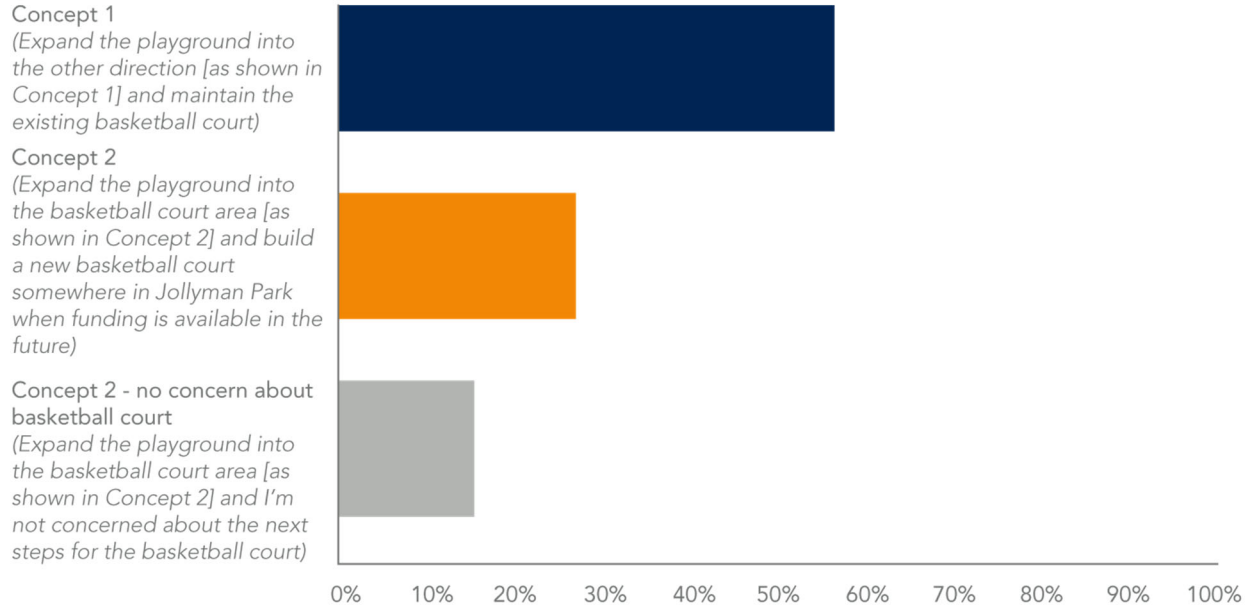
Several questions pertained to overall park features, such as seating and gathering, art and color, and preferences for the existing basketball court. Concept Alternative 2 uses the existing basketball space, which would involve relocating the court when additional funding may be available.

“WHAT TYPES OF SEATING AND GATHERING SPACES DO YOU WANT TO SEE?”



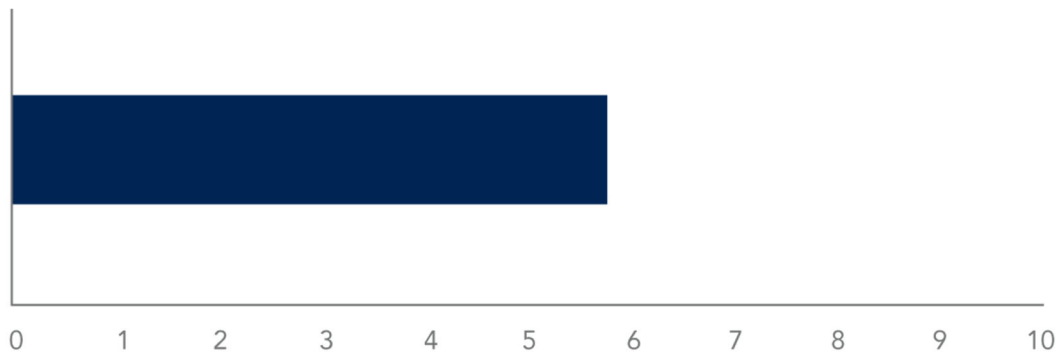
Other: Seating for mixed users (e.g., wheelchair, walkers, strollers), hopscotch, card table tables, cribbage, table tennis, benches around a firepit, wobble chair, porch swings in a garden setting

BASKETBALL COURT: “WHAT IS YOUR PREFERENCE?”



The following question asked participants to rate the importance of including art and color in the playground design using a slider scale. The average response from respondents rated the importance of including art and color in the design at close to 6 out of 10.

“HOW IMPORTANT IS INCLUDING ART AND COLOR TO YOU?”



“DO YOU HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS ON GATHERING, BASKETBALL, AND ART/SENSORY ELEMENTS TO SHARE?”

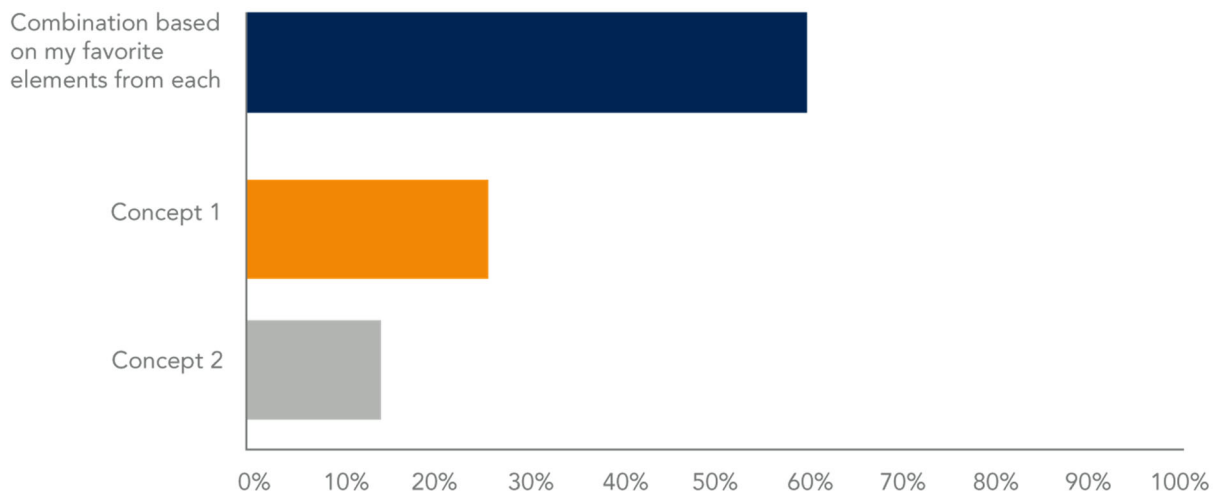
- Many viewed the Basketball court as an important feature to the community that should remain. The half court is used by different age groups such as tweens, teens, and young adults, and for other purposes, e.g., yoga, tai chi, dance, and fitness classes. A few respondents were in favor of moving the court due to noise or moving to expand the court to a full-sized court. More seating is desired at the basketball courts.
- Equal importance of providing space for children/users to create (music, chalk art area)
- More sensory elements, interactive elements, and bright colors. (Perhaps add a sensory ‘hideaway’ with fidgets, rocking chairs, visual stimulation, etc. Or a Treasure Map with symbols to find.)

RATING THE CONCEPTS

After zooming in to the features in key areas of each design, and considering overall features, the survey asked participants to consider their preference of the concepts more broadly. Community input can sometimes reveal one concept that is far preferred, or sometimes a final plan is developed based on a combination of the top priorities.

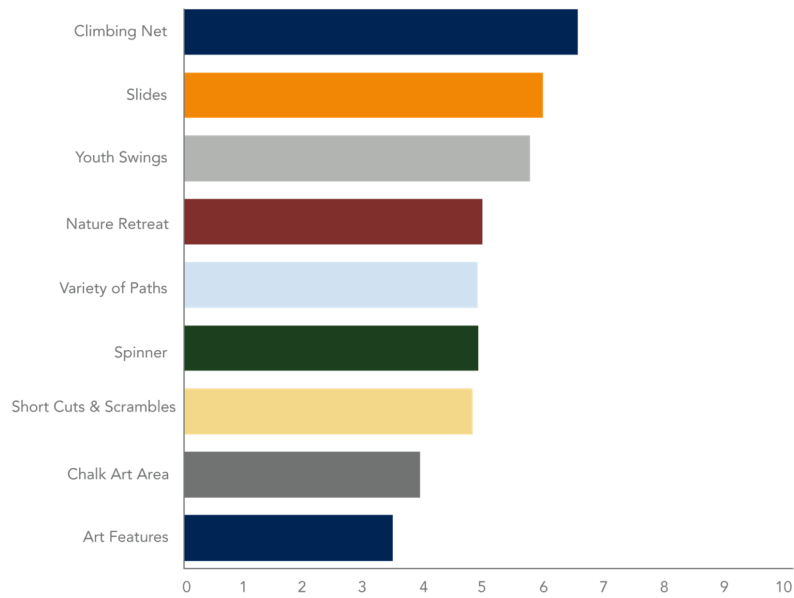
The chart below shows that while Concept 1 received more votes than Concept 2, about 60% of respondents would like a combination of both plans based on their favorite elements. The subsequent charts show overall feature preferences for the youth and tot areas, which should guide the final elements in the preferred concept plan.

“WHICH CONCEPT DO YOU GENERALLY PREFER?”



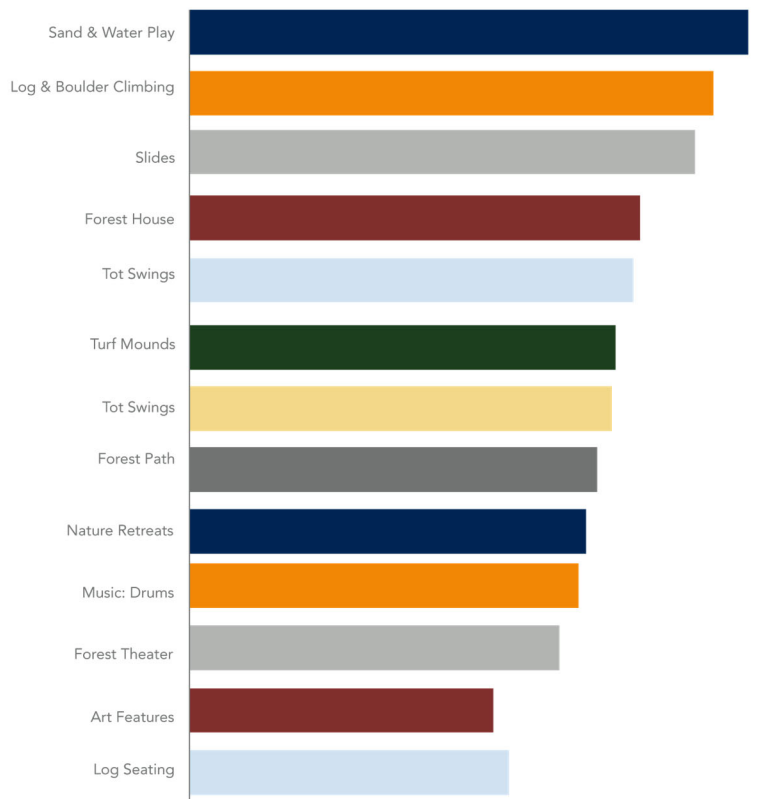
“WHICH **YOUTH FEATURES** ARE YOU MOST EXCITED ABOUT?”

(List includes features from both concepts)



“WHICH **TOT AREA FEATURES** ARE YOU MOST EXCITED ABOUT?”

(List includes features from both concepts)



ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

“DO YOU HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS YOU WANT TO SHARE?”

Play Area comments:

- Importance of shade at the playground, especially shade trees
- Maintain as many existing trees as possible
- Emphasize the importance of nature
- Use natural, sustainable materials in construction
- Concern about maintenance/water use at sand and water play area
- Restroom desired nearby
- Amphitheater (for approx. 20 people)
- Fun for all ages. Options for seniors, parents, and adults too.
- Adult swings and other ways for adults to play and improve strength and proprioception
- Adult exercise area while kids play
- Other play ideas: Net for tots, zipline, seesaw, turf sliding mounds with cardboard sheets (and recycling nearby), area with blocks or building materials for creative play
- Braille signage
- Water bottle refill station

Greater Jollyman Park comments:

- Keep the soccer fields
- Provide tennis courts, more/bigger basketball, volleyball
- Provide adult exercise
- Complete walking path around entire park and a path that accommodates Jogging/rollerblade/scooters
- Dog park area should be fenced
- Water play/spray area
- Additional small group seating areas

ABOUT SURVEY PARTICIPANTS

- Nearly 90% of respondents are residents of Cupertino
- Almost 60% of respondents have children in the household
- About half of respondents live close enough to walk/wheelchair to Jollyman Park (in 15 minutes)
- About 7% of the 180 total survey respondents noted they provide care for someone who has physical, sensory, or cognitive differences. About 10% of all respondents noted that they personally experience physical, sensory and/or cognitive abilities that have limited their use of other local parks.
- 12% of all survey respondents noted they speak English as a second language. Primary languages included ASL, Chinese, Cantonese, French, Greek, Hindi, Japanese, Kannada, Marathi, Mandarin, Portuguese, Spanish, and Tamil.

Refer to the Appendix for a full printout of the Survey Monkey results.

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Pop-Up Event At Cupertino Library

June 18, 10am-12pm

Pop-Up Event At Jollyman Park

June 25, 10am-12pm

The City of Cupertino and MIG hosted two pop-up events for the community, designed to reach more users, particularly children and those from the neighborhood. The events allowed for a more casual review and for face-to-face questions. A project factsheet was available at the events which included project background, timeline, funding information, and a QR code directing users to Cupertino's website to take the second online survey or find out more about the project.

A first board summarized the community feedback from the visioning phase. Four boards displayed the two concept plans with inspiration images for comparison and a final board contained follow-up questions.



Participants were asked to vote with dots for their favorite elements and to vote overall on their favorite concept. Additional dot-voting questions focused on the basketball court, gathering spaces and art and color. Open-ended comments could also be added using post-it notes.

Larger images of the pop-up boards and the factsheet can be found in the Appendix.

Community Virtual Meeting

June 29, 6pm-7:30pm

The City of Cupertino and MIG hosted a virtual meeting via zoom, open to anyone from the Cupertino community to attend. First, the project background and earlier visioning input was shared, followed by a presentation of the concepts, interspersed with polling questions (see the appendix for full polling results). At the end, the meeting was opened up for a Q&A session and participants were invited to share their thoughts with a choice of raising their hands for verbal comments or via the chat feature.

Summary of Community Events Input

The following summary incorporates feedback from both pop-up events and the virtual community meeting.

Most desired YOUTH AREA features:

- Climbing net/lookout
- Slides and swings
- Multi-kid spinner
- Additional priority from virtual meeting: Shortcuts and scrambles, Music elements

Most desired SLIDE MOUNTAIN elements:

- Roller slide
- Tube slide
- Racing slides
- Boulder scramble

Most desired TOT AREA features:

- Sand and water play
- Forest House
- Turf mounds
- Additional priority from virtual meeting: Log and boulder climbing, Music elements

BASKETBALL:

- At in-person pop-up events, 100% wanted to keep the basketball where it is. This likely had an impact on people who chose Concept 1 as preferred.
- In the virtual meeting, 50% of attendees wanted to use the basketball space for play and create a full court basketball court elsewhere in the park when funding is available.

VIRTUAL MEETING Additional Points:

- The majority felt that incorporating art and color was important or very important
- The majority thought sand and water play area was important or very important
- Benches with backs are a top priority with a variety of other seating and table types also desired

COMMUNITY COMMENTS:

- Prioritize native and drought-tolerant and bioretention plants
- Prefer natural materials and a natural look and feel for the play area
- Shade needed, especially at slides
- Sand is great for sensory play and imaginative/interactive play
- Need for quiet areas for high-sensitive children and smaller cocoons/nooks within play structures
- Consider the needs of the blind
- Water at the sand play area should be kid-activated and not constantly running
- Imaginative play (example: western town at Memorial Park)
- Ping pong desired (Note: The City just installed a ping-pong table at Jollyman Park)
- Would like to see both the Net Climber and basketball
- Other play ideas: Trampoline, zipline, slide, rock climbing, 2-square court, 4-square court, 8-square court, more swings, item with buttons to push (similar to a fidget cube)

COMMUNITY GUIDANCE FOR THE FINAL CONCEPT PLAN

Overall, those that selected a favorite plan preferred Concept 1 to Concept 2. However, the majority of the community would like to see a final plan that reflects a combination of their top priority features. The below list reflects the direction we heard from the community to develop the final plan:

- For the site's layout, start with the Concept 1 plan, which kept the basketball court as is and allows space for sand and water play in the shade of existing trees.
- Include the top-rated climbing net from Concept 2. (Consider including the spinner if space and budget allow, as it still rated highly and provides a unique and cooperative play experience for multiple kids and ages.)
- Include Top YOUTH AREA Features from the combined input:
Climbing net, Slides (roller, tube, racing), Swings, Shortcuts and scrambles, Retreat spaces, Music elements, Multi-kid spinner
- Include Top TOT AREA Features from the combined input:
Sand and water play, Log & Boulder Climbing, Slides, Swings, Forest House, Turf mounds, Music elements
- Provide shade at slides and prioritize shade trees throughout
- Use natural, sustainable materials while also incorporating color and art
- Review site features and provide greater detail moving forward on how specific challenges are addressed, particularly sight, hearing, and sensory issues
- Provide a detailed cost estimate of the above for review with the City to understand if any other features and priorities may fit within the remaining budget (e.g., more swings, log and boulder climbing for tots, zipline, additional music/art features, etc.)

The design team will also keep in mind the community expectations from the visioning phase—to serve as a check on the final plan:

- Foster and promote play, interaction and socialization across all users, ages, and abilities.
- Provide safety and spaces for retreat and refuge.
- Provide challenge and a broad range of experiences, not just one size fits all.
- Create a more natural play environment
- Encourage exploration
- Include a variety of sensory experiences delivered through color, texture, movement, discovery, imaginative play, and interaction with others
- Include top choices for active play experiences - climbing, sliding, and swinging.
- Provide gathering spaces with comfort amenities, including natural tree shade, benches with backs, and picnic tables.

Next Steps

The community's input on the concept alternatives will be used to develop a final, preferred design as described above. The final concept will include the community's top priorities and work within the project's construction budget. A final concept plan will be shared with the community, and after City approval, detailed construction drawings will begin.

APPENDIX

- A. Concept Alternatives
- B. Community Events
 - Project Fact Sheet
 - Pop-up Events – Input Photos
 - Community Virtual Meeting – Polling Questions
- C. Online Survey Results



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Agenda Item

22-11565

Agenda Date: 10/6/2022
Agenda #: 5.

Subject: Consider Rescheduling the November 2022 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

Discuss and reschedule the November 2022 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting.



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Agenda Item

22-11566

Agenda Date: 10/6/2022
Agenda #: 6.

Subject: Monthly Update Reports

Receive monthly update reports from the Director of Parks and Recreation and commissioners.