

## **Weber Park Renovations**

### **Public Workshop #3 – December 6, 2022, 6:30pm**

*Approximately 20 residents attended in addition to City Staff.*

- I. City of Roseville Staff in attendance
- Tara Gee, Park Planning & Development Manager
  - Jill Geller, Parks, Recreation & Libraries Director
  - Jennifer Adona, Customer Service Specialist

#### Purpose of the Meeting

- This is a follow up meeting to share the overall feedback to date and to review two rough concept sketches.

II. Overview

#### Tara Gee presented

- The past outreach findings (See attached document that was provided at the meeting) and how results from all the outreach efforts have been gathered. The collective feedback was reviewed which guided the creation of a concept master plan for an improved Weber Park.
- Review of the Park Planning Process (See second attached document that was provided at the meeting.) Currently, we are still in Step One, which is Public Workshops. It's been about 15 years since renovations of this park has been discussed. The challenge has been lack of funding, however, City Council has made it a priority and approved a budget of \$3.3 million for improvements.
- Besides the previous public workshops, we visited other sites such as the Boys & Girls Club, Adventure Clubs, the Police department, etc. to get additional feedback. Thanks to our partners in working to obtain multiple viewpoints and comments. These partners were the Health Education Council (HEC), the Los Cerritos and Roseville Heights Neighborhood Associations and volunteer neighbors. With the combined outreach, we found that the top 6 amenities (listed in order based on numbers) include:
  1. Looped walking path
  2. Soccer/open grass field
  3. Add more to the playground
  4. Add fitness stations
  5. Update the basketball court
  6. Lower the park hill

- Two rough concept designs were shared. After discussion, it was unanimous that the group preferred the option with the full basketball court. This includes:
  - Lowering the hill off of Main Street to about 2' above street level
    - By lowering the hill off of Main and creating a view across the park from Main or Circuit, many of the existing trees will need to be removed
    - To the extent possible, the City will try and save as many as possible and will plan on planting new trees with the improvements
  - A looped trail with fitness stations
  - A main central stair case off of Main to open views
  - An accessible ramp that is also access for Police and maintenance vehicles to drive up into the park
  - A large open grass area in the center
  - An area to expand the playground off of Circuit
  - New picnic tables and benches (selected tables and benches to deter use by unsheltered individuals)
  - A full court for basketball
- Other Items:
  - Removal of the existing restroom
  - Keeping most of the improvements off of Circuit the same
  - New security lighting of areas of potential night time gathering
  - Low level plantings and trees to ensure we do not create hiding places

#### Next Steps

- Provide a write-in period with the Concept Master Plan posted on the city website. (Final date to close the write-in period to be determined)
- Present the Concept Master Plan to the Parks & Recreation Commission
- Conduct an environmental review
- Seek formal approval from the City Council
- Breaking ground would be targeted for Spring 2024

### III. Comments/Questions/Concerns

- *A member of the community made a comment about the restroom status.* We met with the police department to discuss opinions on keeping the restroom or not. It was determined that restrooms would not ensure for a safe space. Also, Weber Park is about 1.9 acres, so it is considered a neighborhood park. Neighborhood parks have a stay and play value of 1-1 ½ hour, and are located within 10 minutes walking distance of homes. The homes would be close enough to walk or bicycle home to use the restroom. In new park builds, we do not add restrooms to neighborhood parks. Removing the restroom here would be consistent with current practices.

- *Will there be more lighting?* There will be adequate lightening, but it won't light up the whole park. Lighting encourages night activity and our parks close ½ hour after sunset. Lighting will focus on potential night time gathering areas.
- *Will there be outlets for use?* Electrical outlet covers are easily broken. Accessible outlets will be used by the unhoused. If access to electrical outlets are needed by the neighborhood associations, we would need to determine how.
- *A member of the community spoke about how their neighborhood association won't have a meeting until the January. Are you going to send out notices to ask for write-ins?* We utilize email, Facebook and NextDoor. We will send emails to those whom we have addresses for and ask that they forward to neighbors. The neighborhood associations and Health Education Council have email lists as well and can help spread the word.
- *Does the budget factor in post-COVID cost increases, what happens if it's over the budgeted \$3.3M?* The ultimate number is unknown at this time. The first step is to have clear direction. The Council has approved \$3.3M and we will need to see how much more is needed. At this time, we can't estimate and exact costs since the plan is very conceptual and we will need to complete more detailed engineering once the plan is approved by Council.
- *What happens if that is not enough (money)?* We will work with the City's executive team, to see how far we can go with it. Council did make it this renovation a priority though.
- *Can you share how people will provide comments?* An email address will be shared on the website.
- *What is next for the public?* After the write-in period, public outreach is complete. We then move into the construction document preparation phase. We can be available to provide periodic updates on the progress at neighborhood meetings.
- *What if there is a change in the master plan?* If smaller scale changes, then no meeting is required. If a larger scale change is made, then there will be another public meeting. Note that as plans become more defined, there will be some "massaging" of the plan to ensure new improvements can be included.
- *Are you anticipating putting in fencing?* No, we don't fence our parks. We rely on the residential fencing if any. At Weber, we do not intend to remove any existing fencing.
- *A couple members of the community made comments that they have a passion for trees and wanted to make sure it's a priority to keep them. Another member mentioned the families of raptors, owls and hawks that live in them. We will try to keep as many trees as possible. In our environmental impact studies, there is a biology component.*
- *Can we mound around the trees?* It depends on the root system and the species. We will also need to look for structural issues with the tree to ensure overall safety.

#### IV. Meeting Notes

- The meeting notes, supporting documents and formalized concept master plan be posted on [www.roseville.ca.us/parksintheworks](http://www.roseville.ca.us/parksintheworks) in about a week. The notes will also be posted in Spanish.
- Comments or thoughts can be emailed to [yourlandscape@roseville.ca.us](mailto:yourlandscape@roseville.ca.us)