# Waite Park

# Master Plan and Progress Report









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# Introduction

# **Project Overview**

## The City of La Mesa

The City of La Mesa is located in San Diego County, California. It is about nine miles east of Downtown San Diego. Its civic motto is "the Jewel of the Hills," which is indicative of the local geography. In fact, la mesa in Spanish mean "the table". The City has a total area of 9.1 square miles and was founded in 1869.

## **Park Context**

The future park is 2.84 acres and is located at the corner of Waite Drive and Murray Hill Road. The site is currently fenced and being used for construction material lay down. It is highly accessible, just 0.3 miles off the Massachusetts Avenue exit from the 94 Freeway. Vista La Mesa Academy is 0.4 miles to the east. Helix High School is half a mile up the hill to the north. The majority of the land surrounding the park is residential - single and multi-family homes.

## **Demographics**

The City currently has a population of about 60,000. According to the 2010 census, the racial makeup is about 54.1% White, Hispanic or Latino of any race was 21.5%, 8.0% African American, 5.8% Asian, 0.8% Native American, 0.6% Pacific Islander, 11.6% from other races, and 5.8% from two or more races. The median age was 37.1 years

## **Park Context**

The Waite Park Master Plan Report establishes the framework for the City to provide a new park for its residents. Part 1 introduces the site: its existing conditions, constraints, opportunities. Part 2 documents the outreach and design process which included several community workshops and design iterations. Part 3 provides the final Master Plan Design along with supporting renderings and technical drawings. Part 4, Construction and Operations, provides a rough order of magnitude estimate of construction costs, and a discussion of operations and maintenance. Part 5 is appendices.

The Waite Park Master Plan and Report documents the design process and provides the design framework for the development of the 2.84 acre neighborhood park.



Entrance to park site with existing pine tree

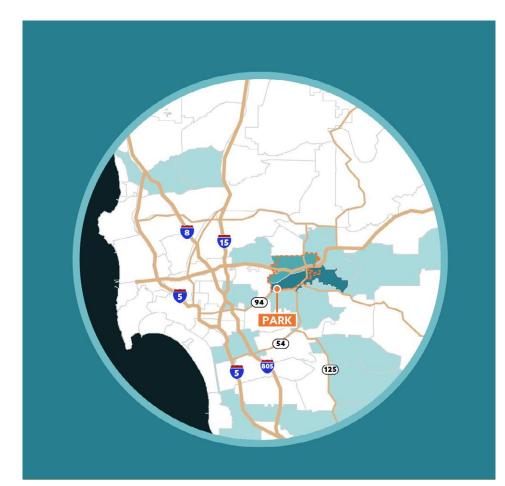


Figure 1.1: Key map showing park site within San Diego County

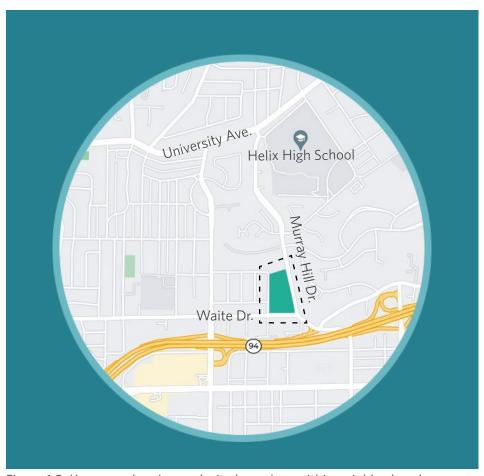


Figure 1.2: Key map showing park site boundary within neighborhood

# **History and Background**

Waite Drive was named after Jerry W. Waite, a native the area. They had three daughters - Myrtle, Anna of Massachusetts that moved to the area in the 1890's as an agricultural businessman and pioneer family still live in the surrounding neighborhood. orchardist. He bought the land that includes the park site from the Allison family in the 1890's. He and his The park site is located in the neighborhood known wife, Georgiana (Anna) Berrian, built Waite Ranch park site.



J.W. Waite fruit packing label

J.W. and Anna built an orchard and "model nursery" on the property specializing in rare-fruit trees nursery was extremely popular and well-regarded in Health (DEH) signed off and closed the case. As

Emmeline, and Josephine. Relatives of the Waite

as Vista La Mesa where it remained as County of San circa 1895 on what is now Jill Lane just west of the Diego unincorporated Lemon Grove land until it was annexed into the City of La Mesa effective March 1, 1975.

> In the 1930's, the Lemon Grove Road Station was constructed on the site as a spot for County road workers to service vehicles, as well as to stage trucks and equipment. Remnants of the structures from that use are still visible throughout the site. The neighborhood surrounding the park site began to be developed in the early 1950's with post-war tract homes and was known as Lemon Grove Vista. The neighboring Rolando Park was highly developed between 1949-1953. The last use of the road station buildings is estimated to be in the mid-1990s.

In March of 2012, the County of San Diego notified the City of La Mesa of the availability of the former Lemon Grove Road Station. The property had undergone environmental cleanup in April 2000 and including grape-fruit, pomelo, and lemon trees. The in December 2011, the Department of Environmental

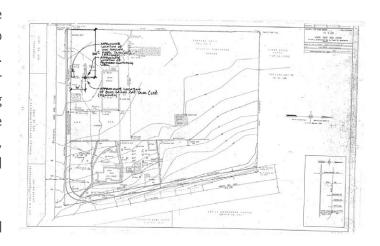


Remaining foundations from County Road Station

part of its due diligence, the City of La Mesa hired an outside consultant to conduct an Environmental Site Assessment of the property to confirm there were no remaining hazardous materials, and there were none. On July 2012, the site was purchased by the City for \$650,000 over the course of a 4-year period using park impact fees which are designed to mitigate the impact of new development on municipalities, existing facilities and infrastructure for residential developments.

The 2012 City of La Mesa Park Master Plan identified a future park at Waite Drive and Murray Hill Road as a valuable parcel to add to the city's park land inventory which will contribute toward enhancing recreation opportunities for the surrounding neighborhood. During the recent history of the site, the property has been used intermittently by City contractors and partner agencies for construction material lay down.

In December 2021, the City received funding through the California State Department of Recreation Local Assistance Specified Grant program to create a master plan for the proposed park. The San Diego based landscape architecture firm of Schmidt Design Group (SDG) was selected to consult and began work in January 2022.



Old lemon grove station site plan

## **Site Context and Analysis**

## **Sun and Wind Direction**

summer with daytime highs that can reach above 90 degrees. In the winter, cloud cover is more typical with daytime highs in the 70's.

Prevailing winds typically blow from the west. During Santa Ana conditions, the wind direction will reverse towards the west.

## **Slope Condition**

Murray Hill Road on the east side of the property. The elevation drops approximately 25' down from Murray Hill Road on the northeast corner of the site before it begins to level out across the rest of the property.

The rest of the site gently slopes to the west. This gently sloped area is more usable space for park amenities and equals approximately 2.24 acres.



Slope along east side facing south towards Waite Drive

## **Existing Trees**

California Pepper tree are existing on the property in good condition. These fully mature trees are low water use and will be saved in the future park not going to be used for the park project. design in accordance with sustainability efforts.

## **High Traffic Conditions**

Murray Hill Road is a thoroughfare that connects University Avenue with the 94 freeway. Additionally, Murray Hill Road connects to the Lemon Grove The topography of the site slopes steeply from business district along Broadway. This makes Murray Hill Road a heavily trafficked corridor.

> Waite Drive also has significant traffic as it connects the neighborhoods of Rolando Park and Vista La Mesa with Murray Hill Road.

The intersection of Murray Hill Road and Waite Drive can get congested with multiple cars consideration for existing driveway to the site to be moved further west to avoid this backup.

## **Existing Tree Trunks**

A pile of cut down tree logs is on site at the property. These mostly Eucalyptus timbers vary in size from a few inches to a few feet in diameter. They are being stored on site for use in future park designs including the design at Waite Drive.

## **Open Space to the North**

The climate in La Mesa is warm and dry in the Multiple Canary Island Pine trees as well as one. The property directly to the north of the project site. The western edge of the property has a mixed is owned by the HOA of the building complex to

## **Existing Access**

along Waite Drive approximately 115 west from the The varying conditions along this edge create a corner of Waite and Murray Hill Rd.

## **Western Edge Condition**

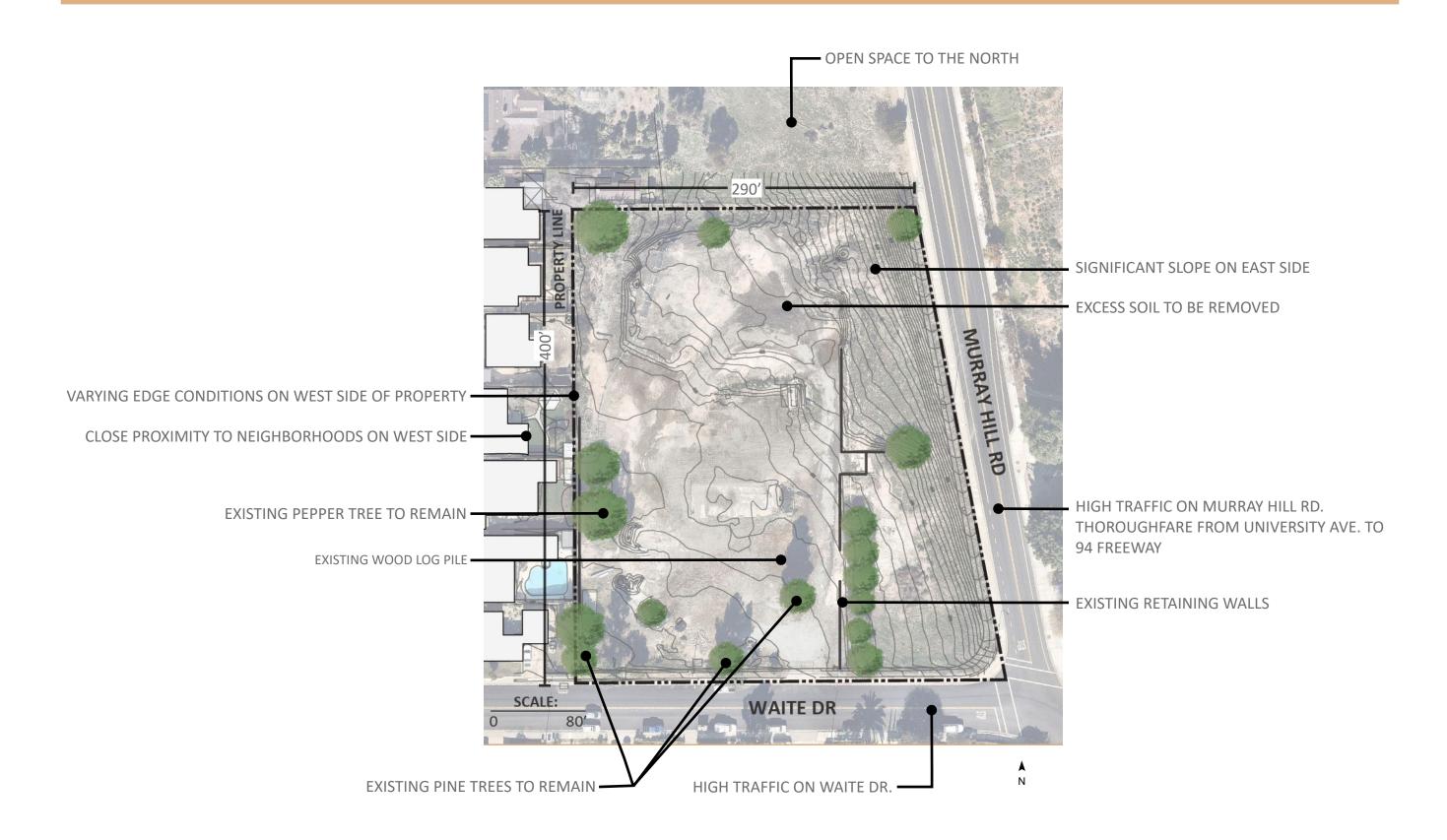
condition of fencing, retaining walls, and existing the north. This land is currently open space and is building foundations. The property is directly adjacent to residences to the west.

The current topography of the site is elevated Currently, the only access to the site is a driveway 3'-4'above the adjacent residential backyards. makeshift drainage swale between the topography and the neighbors fencing.



Western edge condition of the site

Figure 1.3 : Site Context and Analysis



# 2 Outreach & Design Process

## Method

A major goal of the master plan report is to create a public input process that engages the community over the life of the project. A multi-pronged approach was used to gather the desires and thoughts of the residents and users. City of La Mesa staff was also asked to provide professional input.

Methods such as public workshops, a community-wide survey, face-to-face pop-up event at the future park location, use of social media, email correspondence, and a public presentation at the La Mesa Community Services Commission meeting were used as part of the scope of this study. It is important to note that an open community input period was designed to be between major design phases as to provide as many opportunities for input.

By actively involving the local neighborhood, design considerations are tailored to meet the needs and wishes of the community. Design of the park master plan is guided by the feedback and engagement of the surrounding community.

# Park at Waite Dr. Community and Amenities Survey The City of La Mesa is planning a new park at the corner of Waite Drive and Murray Hill Road. The site is 2.84 acres, which in comparison is the size of the field at Petco Park. This is a unique opportunity to provide your input on the activities and features in this new public park. We are excited to hear your thoughts. It should take about 5 minutes to complete the survey. Your answers will remain anonymous and confidential. Please, one survey response per household only. Thank you for participating!



## **Timeline**

- Community Meeting #1: Park Introduction March 16, 2022
- Community Input Survey: March 16 April 11, 2022
- Community Meeting #2: Park Design Alternatives June 15, 2022
- Community Meeting #3: On site Pop-Up Event June 18, 2022
- Community Input Period on Design Alternatives: June 15-30, 2022
- Community Meeting #4: Community Services Commission September 14, 2022
- Community Services Commission Approval Meeting December 14, 2022
- Community Input Period on Draft Master Plan and Progress Report: December 16, 2022 January 6, 2023



## **Community Workshop 1**

## **Workshop Summary**

The first community workshop was hosted on Zoom by the City of La Mesa on March 16, 2022. Sue Richardson, Director Community Services Department, City of La Mesa, welcomed attendees and gave an introduction to the project. In addition to the City staff, approximately 53 community members attended via Zoom to learn about the new park project.

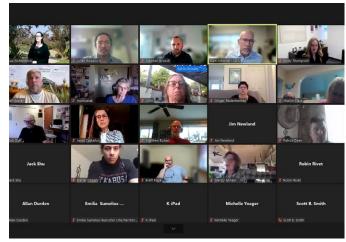
Jim Newland, from the City of La Mesa Historical Society, provided a historical context. This context included background of the J.W. Waite family and the history of the park site being an unincorporated area for many years prior to becoming part of La Mesa

Glen Schmidt, President of Schmidt Design Group, conducted the community workshop and led the Q and A at the end of the presentation. Julian Rosario and Steve Grosch, also with Schmidt Design Group recorded community feedback and assisted with answering questions.

The primary goals of the meeting were:

- 1. Discuss the following for a new neighborhood park
- The history of the space
- Site context and analysis
- Constraints
- Opportunities for improvements/amenities
- 2. Introduce online survey
- 3. Gather preliminary feedback
- 4. Discuss the process for creating a Master Plan for a future park

The presentation started with an introduction to the site including a thorough breakdown of existing conditions and constraints. These included the slope/topography of the property, proximity to



Attendees join the online Zoom workshop.

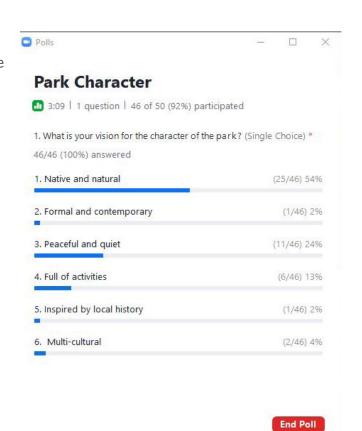
The 94 freeway and to neighbors on the west, and weather patterns for the area.

After getting to know the existing site, Glen Schmidt introduced preliminary park amenities that are possible with a park site of this nature. The features included the following:

- Multipurpose turf area
- Off-leash dog run
- Children's playground
- Multipurpose courts
- Sport courts such as volleyball, pickleball, bocce ball, or basketball
- Picnic or BBQ facilities
- Community garden
- Public restroom
- Outdoor fitness stations
- Walking/Running paths and trails
- Opportunities for community art
- Group shade structure

Next, the discussion transitioned to park character and visioning. This was an introduction to park precedent imagery and options for how the park will "feel" as a visitor. A wide range of options were presented along with along with past projects from Schmidt Design Group designs including Briercrest Park, Camino Ruiz Park, Civita Park, and Stylus Park.

A live poll was taken during the online meeting. Attendees were given the opportunity to vote on what park character they envisioned most for the site. Overwhelmingly, "Native and Natural" became the leading choice for the park's character. See the image below for full poll results.



Park Character online poll conducted during workshop.

## **Open Discussion Forum**

During the final portion of the meeting an open discussion forum was conducted to gain feedback from the community. The following items are a synopsis of that discussion. For a full breakdown, please see Part 5 Appendices.

- Lots of families in the neighborhood family friendly playground
- Security concerns and Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CEPTED)
- Sustainable design including the use of native plants and trees, water retention, and the use of solar lighting
- Design for multiple activities ranging from walking paths, exercise equipment, parkour elements, and rolling-skating area
- Traffic concerns along both Murray Hill Rd. and Waite Dr., traffic calming opportunities and the need for off-street parking
- Public art opportunities by local artists
- Discussion about safety, providing public bathrooms and whether bathrooms can be locked
- Proximity to Helix High and the need for access to the park from Murray Hill Rd. for walkers along that street
- Proximity to neighbors along western edge, providing privacy from the park and designing for low noise activity next to western boundary
- The need for shade in the park either through tree canopies or shade structures
- Possible water feature

# **Online Survey**

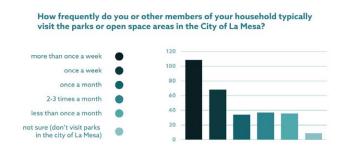
The public online survey was introduced at the first community workshop on March 16th and remained open to take online through a link on the La Mesa City website until April 11, 2022. It was created and hosted online using Microsoft Forms. This was an important tool to gather feedback in response to questions pertained to the character, activities, features, and considerations that were most important to the local

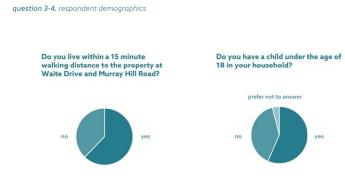


residents that would most often visit the park. The first four questions of the survey inquired about the respondents themselves and how often their likelihood of visiting this specific park would be. Of the 295 respondents, the vast majority (265) were in the La Mesa area with zip codes of 91941 and 91942. Most of the respondents visited parks often and even

lived within walking distance of the future park site.

2. respondent demographics





Question five was a critical question in determining the priorities for park amenities from survey respondents. A list of possible park amenities was given and respondents were asked to choose whether they were high, medium, or low priority. There were also options for not including the feature or having no opinion on that activity. The chart below depicts the answers with high priority in green, medium in blue, low priority in tan, that it shouldn't be included in red, and no opinion in gray. The highest priority features based off of answer for high or medium priority by respondents are organized at the top of the graphic. Respondents put a high priority on a tree grove for shade, walking/jogging path, security lighting, children's playground, and public restroom. The design alternatives presented at the second community workshop include the features that most respondents put as high or medium importance.

Question 5. Which activities and features would you like to see at the proposed park at Waite Drive?

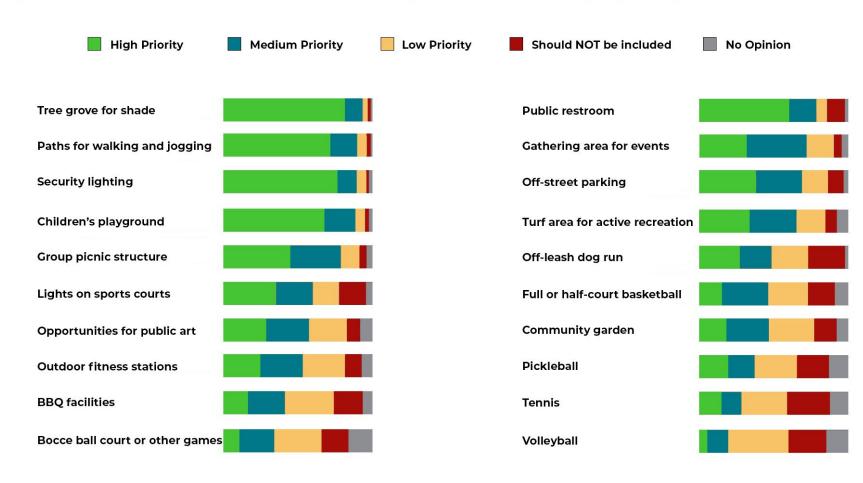
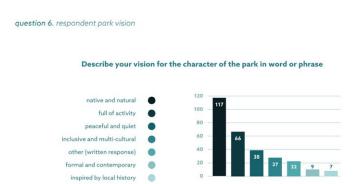


Figure 2.1: Analysis of survey Question #5

# **Online Survey**

Questions six and seven of the survey focused on the overall vision of the park. When asked to describe the over-arching vision for the character of the park the resounding choice was for a "native and natural". Additionally, "full of activities" and "peaceful and quiet" were popular choices. The design alternatives presented at the next community workshop both have native plant palettes and elements, multiple options for activities, and areas for quiet reflection.

Question seven was an open-ended write-in question that asked respondents to describe the top considerations for the park. The word map below depicts the most often repeated topics in larger text. The most prominent considerations that were mentioned were playground, shade, safety, dog park, walking trail, and considerations for homeless.





shade roller blading lighting walking trail playground safety homeless sustainability dog park gathering space

Figure 2.2: Word map of survey Question #5

The next question was also open-ended and inquired about any further thoughts about the park. The above dot chart indicates how often a topic was mentioned in the responses. Again, the public felt strongly about safety, undesirable activity by homeless individuals, a native and natural aesthetic, and providing shaded gathering spaces.

The final question was geared toward getting a feel for what the park should be named. Although this will be chosen at a later time in the design process, it is fun to hear from the community what creative ideas for a name are out there. At the top were names that were indicative of the street names - either Murray Hill Park or Waite Park.

question 9. top name suggestions per respondents

Abstract East Ridge Park Waite Park (29) Waite Dr Park Constitution Park Plant/Botanical Name Amigos y Familia Park Helix Park (4) Pirate's Cove Pomelo Drive George Bailey Memorial Park Tri-City Park Nebo Park Indigenous Tribe/Word (3) Unity Park Tony Gwynn Park Friendship Park Jewel Park (8) Ellen Ochoa Park Everyone's Park Local La Mesan Figures

## **Community Workshop 2**

## **Workshop Summary**

The second public park workshop for the new neighborhood park was held on June 15, 2022 at Helix Charter High School.

In addition to the City staff, approximately fifteen community members joined in person and twenty-five community members attended online to share their thoughts and ideas on the new park.

The primary goals of the meeting were:

- 1. Summarize the findings from the first community workshop and survey with attendees.
- 2. Present two (2) park design alternatives.
- 3. Receive input in an "open forum" format.

The meeting started with an introductory welcome from Matthew Bohan, Chair Community Services Commission, City of La Mesa. Sue Richardson, Director of Community Services, City of La Mesa, welcomed the participants and provided an overview of the project. Glen Schmidt, President of Schmidt Design Group,

reviewed the site opportunities and constraints, and reviewed the process for the evening's activities.

Following the introductions, Schmidt summarized the findings from the first community workshop and survey and reviewed the two preliminary master plan alternatives with attendees.

## **Design Alternative #1**

Park Plan #1 derives inspiration from the community's desire for active spaces for a variety of uses. This plan included the following amenities:

- Large Shaded Picnic Area
- Children's Playground
- Multi-Use Lawn
- Walking Loop
- Two Basketball Half-Courts
- One Centralized Fitness Area
- Restroom/ Comfort Station
- Fenced Synthetic Turf Dog Run
- Shade Trees and Landscaping
- Off-Street Parking (14 stalls)
- Bio-retention system
- Connection to Murray Hill Rd.



Figure 2.3: Section cut view from the west property line, across the playground to the east connection to Murray Hill Rd.



## Community Input Summary: Design Alternative #1

Figure 2.4: Conceptual Design Alternative 1

Following the presentation, the floor was open to discuss the two preliminary master plan alternatives. Each attendee was given a chance to comment. Feedback was recorded by Schmidt Design Group on note pads. The responses are summarized below:

The following items pertain to the amenities that were well-liked: The following items pertain to suggestions by attendees:

- Connection to Murray Hill Rd.
- Fitness station
- Space to gather
- Shade structure
- Security lighting

- Add opportunities for public art especially on walls
- Look at different dog run configurations and adding a path
- Consider "wow" factor local art, history, educational activities
- Design sensitivity along residential property line

## **Community Workshop 2: Design Alternatives**



Figure 2.5: Conceptual Design Alternative 2

## Community Input Summary: Design Alternative #2

Following the presentation, the floor was open to discuss the two preliminary master plan alternatives. Each attendee was given a chance to comment. Feedback was recorded by Schmidt Design Group on post-it boards. The responses are summarized below:

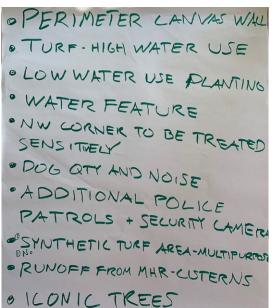
The following items pertain to the amenities that were well-liked: The following items pertain to suggestions by attendees:

- Fenced decomposed granite dog run
- Pollinator garden / sustainable planting selection
- Unique play area / slope play
- Overall preference for alternative 2

- Add more activity for adults
- Consider patrols and additional policing of site. City to install cameras.
- Provide seating throughout
- Consider relocating the dog run and high activity amenities away from residences
- Design sensitivity along residential property line



Glen Schmidt presents design alternatives



Comments recorded on note pads - see appendix x/x for full notes

## **DESIGN ALTERNATIVE #2**

Park Plan #2 draws inspiration from the community's desire for nature and play. This plan included the following amenities:

- Multiple Shaded Picnic Areas
- Children's Playground
- Three Fitness Nodes
- Decomposed Granite Walking Paths
- Community Performance Space
- Exploratory Nature Play and Education
- Bio-retention system
- Restroom/ Comfort Station
- Fenced Decomposed Granite Dog Run
- Shade Trees and Landscaping
- Off-Street Parallel Parking (15 stalls)
- Pollinator Garden

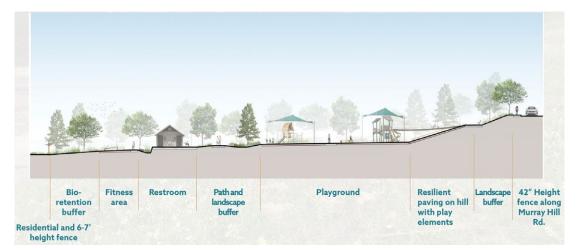


Figure 2.6: Section cut view from the west property line, across the playground to the east connection to Murray Hill Rd.

## On site Pop-Up Event at Future Park Location

## **Site Visit Summary**

The site visit for the new neighborhood park was held on June 18, 2022 at the future park location - 7400 Waite Dr.

In addition to the City staff, approximately forty community members attended to share their thoughts and ideas on the new park.

The primary goals of the meeting were:

- 1. Present two (2) park design alternatives.
- 2. Receive input in an "open house" format with opportunity for one-on-one dialogue.
- 3. Walk community through the site.
- 4. Progress towards final preferred park design.

The gates to the site were unlocked and open to the public. Sue Richardson, Director of Community Services, City of La Mesa, welcomed the participants and provided an overview of the project. Glen Schmidt, President of Schmidt Design Group, reviewed the Master Plan alternatives and addressed any questions or concerns. Julian Rosario and Steve Grosch, also with Schmidt Design Group greeted the community and engaged in dialogue.



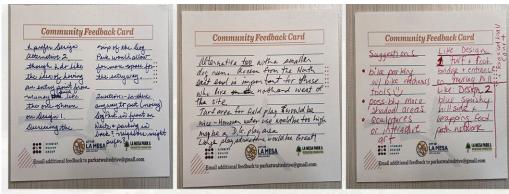
Attendees walk the space of the future park site



Attendees discuss the two design alternatives while on site



Attendees were given a site map to markup with design ideas and suggestions



Community feedback cards were distributed at the event

## **Community Input Summary**

Boards with the plans were set up for the community to comment on. A site tour was offered to walk through the space and gather feedback while imagining the future space. Additionally, each attendee was given a comment card and site map to write and draw their feedback on. The responses are summarized below:

## **Design Alternative #1**

The following items pertain to the amenities that were well-liked:

- Connection to Murray Hill Rd.
- Multi-use lawn
- Variety of functional spaces
- Bathroom

The following items pertain to suggestions by attendees:

- Add bike parking with tools
- Smaller dog run / no dog run and whole park off leash before 9a and after 6p
- No synthetic turf
- Add habitat for existing bird species on site

## Design Alternative #2

The following items pertain to the amenities that were well-liked:

- Dog run location
- Pollinator garden could function as a nature walk or interpretive trail
- Overall preference for alternative 2
- Off-street parking

The following items pertain to suggestions by attendees:

- Add more activity or sports courts for adults
- Consider a lawn and loop like in alternative 1
- Opportunities for disc golf, musical play, pickleball, rollerskating
- Connection to Murray Hill Rd.
- Consider adding more buffer between the dog run and the residences

## **Community Services Commission Presentation**

The Community Services Commission presentation of the Park at Waite Drive Master Plan for the new neighborhood park was held on September 14, 2022 at The La Mesa Community Center.

In addition to the City staff and the Community Services Commission Board, approximately twenty (20) community members attended in-person along with another twenty (20) individuals attended via Zoom to share their thoughts and ideas on the final design.

The primary goals of the meeting were:

- 1. Review findings from the previous two community workshops along with the in-person tour event and concept survey.
- 2. Present the draft Master Plan design that was created based on a combination of the previous two alternatives and feedback from the community.
- 3. Receive input in an "open house" format with opportunity for direct dialogue.

The meeting was held in a hybrid format both in-person and with a Zoom link. Matthew Bohan, Community Services Chair, provided the introduction. Sue Richardson, Director of Community Services, City of La Mesa, welcomed the participants. Glen Schmidt, President of Schmidt Design Group, presented in detail the draft Master Plan design and then opened up the discussion for comments and questions from those present as well as the on-line participants. Julian Rosario and Steve Grosch, also with Schmidt Design Group recorded community feedback and assisted with answering questions.

## **Master Plan Design - Well-Liked Amenities**

The following items pertain to the amenities that were well-liked:

- Connection to Murray Hill Rd.
- Nature-themed playground with wood timber features, tower, and slope play
- Variety of functional spaces
- Landscape buffer along western edge for privacy
- Restroom with two family-style units with drinking fountain and bottle filler
- Multi-use lawn
- Fitness area
- Elevated decomposed granite dog run
- Walking loop around the park with tables and benches
- Half-court basketball
- Group shade structures and picnic tables
- Shade fabric over several play structures and shade trees throughout the park
- Off-street parking lot location and accessibility
- Privacy for neighbors including fence along western and northern sides
- Native and Mediterranean plant palette
- Solar powered security lighting
   Bike parking



## Park at Waite Drive Master Plan

#### Main site elements

- 1 Nature-themed playground: approximately 10,000 SF
- 2 Tot lot playground area
- 3 Dog run: approximately .20 acre, decomposed granite
- 4 Lawn: approximately 7,700 SF
- 5 Fitness zone: approximately 2,200 SF
- 6 Shade structure (40' across) with picnic tables
- 7 Half-court basketball court
- 8 8' wide concrete walking loop
- Restroom two family style units with maintenance storage, and accessible outdoor sink & water station

#### Accessibility & furnishings

- 10 11 parking spaces and 2 accessible parking spaces
- 11 Elevated wooden ramp and concrete stairs
- 12 Park monument signage
- 13 Opportunities for public art, typ.
- 14 Trash Enclosure
- 15 Benches with backs, typ.
- 16 Tables, typ.
- 17 Bike racks18 Existing trees to remain
- 19 Slope direction
- 20 Approximate elevations

#### Screening & fencing

- 21 Landscape buffer and bio-basins
- 22 Tree grove buffer along west property edge
- 23 3.5' ht. lodge-pole fence at Waite Dr. and Murray Hill Rd.
- 24  $\,$  5' ht. decorative black wrought iron fence at dog run
- 25 6' ht. black vinyl chainlink fence at north property line
- 26 6' ht. wood fence along west property line
- 27 8' ht. wood fence along northwest property line 28 - Score joints
- PA- Planting area
- ....







Figure 2.7: Draft Master Plan Design

**Community Input Summary** 

Boards with the plans were set up for the community to review along with the presentation. Community input was recorded on flip chart pads. Additionally, online attendees could ask questions and comment via the Zoom chat.

## **Master Plan Design - Suggestions**

The following items pertain to suggestions by attendees:

- Smooth concrete joints on walking path for rollerskating
- Solid shade structures for maximum protection from the sun
- Security features including cameras that focus entirely on the park, a parking lot gate that can be locked at night, increased fencing along Waite Dr., and a site supervisor or community-oriented supervision of the park
- Concern over ground water protection. A future geotechnical soils study will determine if the bio-basin proposed will be lined
- Electrical outlets near lawn area for uses such as outdoor movies/concerts
- Using wood that has a long lifespan for all of the wood features
- Multiple drinking fountains including one near the dog run
- Stabilized decomposed granite or mulch layer in dog run to decrease dust



Feedback and comments during the Q &A portion of the Community Services Commission meeting.

# 3 Master Plan Design

## **Vision**

The original intent of the site is to provide a neighborhood park to the local residents surrounding the site. Guiding principles were formed from the engagement process with the local neighborhood. These principles primarily direct the vision for park.

The final plan combines the best features of the two design alternatives that were presented at the second community workshop. The park provides a multitude of activities for all ages. The primary goals based off of community feedback were to create a "natural feel" throughout the design while also incorporating opportunities for exercise, quiet reflection, and unique play experiences. By providing many uses in the park, there will be a steady flow of park-goers which is intended to make sure there are consistently "eyes on the park". This feature combined with a site wide fencing, solar security lighting, a lockable vehicular entrance gate, and unobstructed view corridors all curtail undesirable activity.

The site's main elements reflect the highest priority amenities desired by the community. Each element is analyzed and a description of its improvement to the site is included in the following section.

# **Guiding Principles**

- + Native, natural, and sustainable design providing visitors the opportunity to connect with nature.
- + Provides multi-generational and multi-cultural experiences.
- + Is a safe and comfortable environment, full of activities and "eyes on the park".
- + Promotes health and wellness with opportunities for exercise, unique play experiences, and social connections.
- + Provides opportunities for contemplation and quiet reflection.
- + Is sensitive to the nearby residences.



## **Draft Final Master Plan**

## Main site elements

- 1 Nature-themed playground
- Tot lot playground area
- Dog run with decomposed granite surface
- 4 Lawn
- Fitness zone
- 6 Shade structure with picnic tables
- 7 Half-court basketball court
- Site-wide 8' wide accessible concrete walking loop
- 9 Family style restroom with accessible outdoor sink and water station. Garage and storage on the back side.

## Accessibility & furnishings

- 10 13 parking spaces including 2 accessible parking spaces
- 11 Elevated wooden ramp and concrete stairs
- 12 Park monument signage
- 13 Opportunities for public art, typ.
- 14 Trash enclosure with trellis cover
- 15 Benches with backs, typ.
- 16 Picnic tables, typ.
- 17 Bike racks
- 18 Existing trees to remain
- 19 Slope direction
- 20 Approximate elevations

## Screening & fencing

- 21 Landscape buffer and bio-basins
- 22 Tree grove buffer along west property edge
- 23 3.5' ht. lodge-pole fence at Waite Dr. and Murray Hill Rd.
- 24 5' ht. decorative black wrought iron fence at dog run
- 25 6' ht. black vinyl chainlink fence at north property line
- 26 6' ht. wood fence along west property line
- 27 8' ht. wood fence along northwest property line
- 28 Score joints
- 29 Lemon grove with interpretive panel
- 30 Parking gate
- PA Planting area: native and low water use shrubs, groundcover, and trees

Figure 3.1: Illustrative site plan

# Bird's-eye Perspective Rendering



Figure 3.2: Concept rendering of design intent

## **Section Cut**

The site slopes across the site from the northwest, along Murray Hill Road, down to the southwest, along Waite Drive. It is immediate and intense at first, then follows a steadier grade moving west. The section cut indicated by the blue line on the map to the right illustrates the varying grade changes of the park. The design incorporates the slope into various elements including the elevated wooden ramp to Murray Hill Road and the slope play at the playground. This line sees about a 30' decline in elevation moving from east to west.

The slope play area of the playground will connect to the iconic play tower by a bridge suspended over the walking path that goes around the park. The main features of the park including the play area, shade structure, basketball court, fitness station, restroom and turf area all remain on generally the same elevation level. The dog run sits on the plateau above to the north.

The western boundary along the bio-retention buffer slopes again to be even with the properties to the west. This native and natural wooded grove with a bio-retention basin the west end creates a privacy buffer along the western fence line.



Figure 3.3: Red line depicting section cut line



Figure 3.4: Section cut from western property line to Murray Hill Road

# **Nature-Themed Playground**

The playground at the center of the park was thoughtfully designed to create a unique experience for children to play and connect with nature. Wood was chosen as the primary building material as it reinforces the native and natural aesthetic desired by the community. It is a flexible, natural and renewable resource.

A 24' tall wood tower anchors the site and hopes to be an iconic play structure that draws users from around the neighborhood. It features a distinctive climbing experience up the multiple layers of the structure with an option to go down a slide from the top or cross over a suspended bridge to the hill play section of the playground. This section features a unique slope and climbing play style by incorporating the site's natural elevation change. This structure is fully transparent, which is important for safety and security.

There will be a children's play area for 5-12 year olds as well as a tot playground for younger children. A giant rope and log swing for group play, leaf shaped wooden wobble boards, wood steppers, rope netting and natural wood timber climbing logs all contribute to the nature-based design of the play area. Earthscape is the playground manufacturer behind many of the play structures selected for the site. They specialize in designing and constructing inclusive, innovative, unique and challenging wooden structures.

Shade is provided in the area by shade sails over the tot playground and the wooden timber climbing logs. A walking path encircles the playground with bench seating. The playground design is rigorously evaluated to ensure compliance to safety standards; ASTM F1487 in the United States and accessibility compliance requirements.







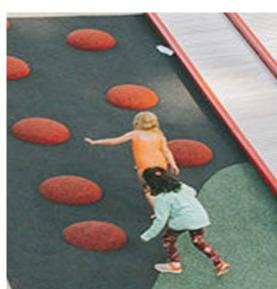




















# **Dog Run**

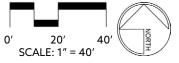
A dog run sits at the northern end of the park, graded above the playground and lawn to the south. A popular feature for urban areas, dog runs provide an outdoor space for throwing a ball as well as community interaction for pet owners. Based off feedback from the workshops, the community strongly preferred decomposed granite rather than synthetic turf in the dog run. Decomposed granite is easy to repair and maintain, as well as requiring no regular watering.

The dog run acts almost like an elevated plateau - allowing a separation of space between park goers and additionally ensures there will be consistent "eyes on the park" from an elevated vantage point. Dog owners tend to be a reliable demographic who take ownership and act as stewards of the spaces they frequent.









## Lawn

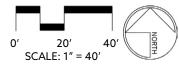
In the southwest corner of the site lies an open lawn for neighbors to gather. Wide open grass areas are proven to be some of the most flexible public spaces- they can be used for a wide range of activities such as group gatherings, kicking a ball around, group workouts, or setting up a "bounce house" for a birthday party. Many options for play, relaxation, and activity are presented to park goers. Electrical outlets will be nearby for community events such as movie nights where a small projector will be used.

The centralized, easily accessible location next to the shade structure, fitness, parking and playground makes this a connecting feature of the design. The walking path of the park extends around the lawn. Additionally, this space is easily seen from the road and does not offer any hiding spaces.









## **Fitness Zone**

The fitness zone of the park is located next to the playground and turf grass area so that parents can work out and still be within eyesight of children playing. The fitness area will contain multiple pieces of exercise equipment designed in a natural aesthetic. The fitness area will have resilient surfacing in multiple natural colors and a shade structure overhead. This zone is critical for providing programming to older age groups





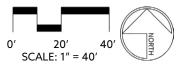
## **Half-Court Basketball**

An additional exercise feature of the park is the half-court basketball located near the playground on the east side of the park. Half-court basketball was specifically selected as it promotes family-friendly play and casual games. The fun shape of this space and the colored striping add to the natural aesthetic of the park.









## **Group Shade Structure**

The shade structure is centrally located, in close proximity to the playground, lawn, parking lot, and restroom. Having the shade structure as the "meeting point" between the features of the park allows for easy transition from one activity to the next and makes it easy to see the entire park from this area. Additionally, the proximity to the parking lot makes unloading items easy for events such as birthday parties.

The shade structure has an organic custom shape with latticed timber beams adding to the natural aesthetic of the park. Its geometry opens to the site with wide sweeping arcs forming the roof structure. The latticed trellis can be substituted with an opaque roof to provide more shade coverage. Ample space for three picnic tables is provided beneath the shade structure.

A second, scaled down shade structure with similar characteristics will be provided at the dog run. Space for two picnic tables will be provided underneath.



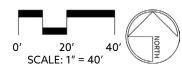
## **Restroom & Garage Building**

Restrooms provide irreplaceable function to a public space and works to serve all its users. The restroom features two family-style units with an accessible outdoor sink and water station. It is located near the parking lot, making it highly accessible for users, maintenance, and security. The building also features one-car garage and storage for park staff to store maintenance tools. Along the west face of the building is where bike racks are located for users who choose to cycle to the site.







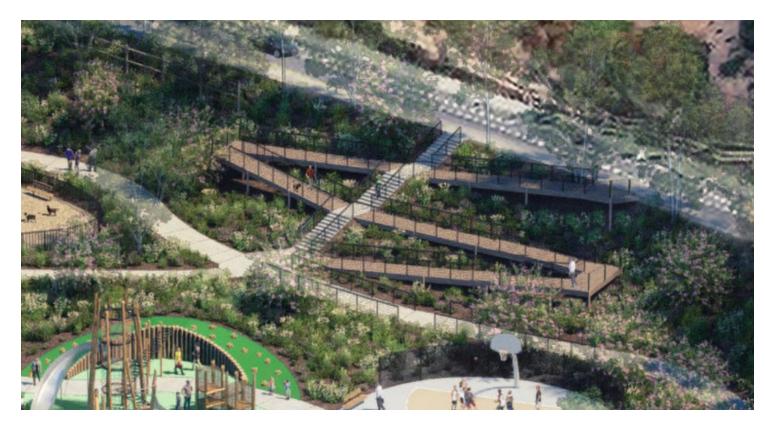


## **Elevated Wooden Ramp Connection to Murray Hill Rd.**

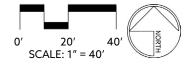
An elevated wooden ramp provides a vital connection to the park for users coming down Murray Hill Road. Without it, they would have to walk all the way down to Waite Dr. This connection makes the park more accessible and entry to the park safer. The steep incline of the east slope of the site would call for extensive retaining walls if a standard ramp was constructed. An elevated wooden ramp is a more elegant solution with a much smaller footprint.

Along with the central wood tower, the wooden ramp is another iconic structure unique to this park design. The experience walking on the ramp offers users access to one of the sites best natural featuresits views. The wooden design ties in with the rest of the site and works with the existing topography. With the ramp raised above grade, the natural slope is preserved. Concrete stairs are also provided as a more direct connection.

This connection was a key desired element repeated in the community workshops. People wanted better access to the park from the north for park-goers, students going to Helix High School, or those simply on a neighborhood walk. The ramp connects to the east edge of the walking loop, allowing dog owners direct access to the dog run without going through the entire park.







# **Landscape Buffer and Bio-Basins**

The west side of the park borders residential properties. One of the top priorities with the park design is to maintain or increase the existing home owners' level of privacy and security. The plan calls to replace the existing, irregular, and dilapidated fence with a uniform wooden fence that increases from 6' height to 8' height. The fence will follow proposed topography changes and increases in height to provide adequate screening for the homes.

The park site naturally drops in grade towards the west which creates an opportunity for a bioretention basin. A bio-retention basin that extends the entire length of the western edge is proposed to provide stormwater storage for the entire site. Currently, the site drains into some of the adjacent properties. This makes regrading this edge even more important. The bio-retention basin will be planted with native plants and trees to provide shade for the park, give a natural creek bed look, and increase screening for the homes.









# **Site-wide Walking Loop**

A site wide walking loop provides an added fitness opportunity to the park as well as a fun option to ride bikes or tricycles without turning around. The elevation changes are gradual but add a bit of a challenge if using the loop for exercise. The vantage points along the loop continually change and give different perspectives of the park. Seating nooks and benches are placed throughout the loop as interesting places to rest. Interpretive panels along the loop provide education opportunities to learn about the site history, local flora, and stormwater management.







## **Plant List**

The plant palette is largely plants and trees that are native to this region along with Mediterranean plants and trees that are well adapted to the Southern California climate. A variety of sizes, textures, and colors make up the palette to add variety throughout the seasons. Plant qualities such as resiliency, low-water use, pollinator friendly, and drought-tolerance are prioritized.

## **Botanical Name**

Abutilon palmeri Artemisia californica 'Canyon Grey' Baccharis spp. Calliandra californica Carpenteria californica Dendromecon harfordii Dudleya brittonii Eriophyllum confertiflorum

Galvezia speciosa

Heteromeles arbutifolia Iris douglasiana Iva hayesiana Juncus textilis Leymus triticoides Lomandra longifolia 'Breeze'

Mahonia spp.
Malosma laurina
Muhlenbergia rigens
Ribes viburnifolium

Rhamnus californica 'Eve Case'

Rhus integrifolia Rosa californica Salvia melifere Simmondsia chinensis Verbena lilacina 'De La Mina'

Viguiera laciniata

## **Common Name**

Indian Mallow
California Sagebrush
Baccharis
Baja Fairy Duster
Bush Anemone
Island Bush Poppy
Giant Chalk Dudleya
Golden Yarrow

Island Bush Snapdragon

Toyon
Douglas Iris

San Diego Marsh Elder

Basket Rush Wild Rye

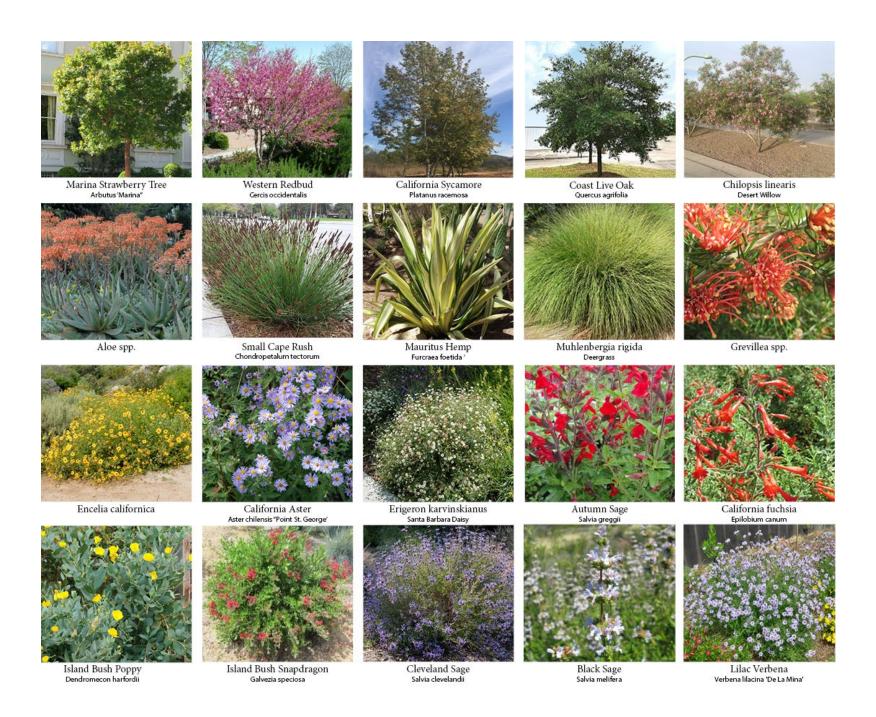
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California Deer Grass Catalina Currant

Coffee Berry Lemonade Berry California Wildrose

Black Sage Jojoba Lilac Verbena

San Diego County Viguiera



## **Preliminary Grading and Drainage Plan**

The site slopes generally from the northwest, along Murray Hill Road, down to the southwest, along Waite Drive. There is about 45' of elevation difference from the northwest corner of the site to the southwest. It is immediate and intense at first, then follows a steadier grade moving west.

The grading strategy is to work with the existing topography as much as possible. The natural slope is highlighted in the design. Regrading will be done to create two distinct levels of accessible activity zones. The dog run is the upper level in the north and the playground, lawn, and parking lot form the bottom level to the south.

The proposed drainage design will mimic the existing drainage pattern from the northeast to the southwest. The proposed improvements will result in an increase in runoff, which will be mitigated in the proposed basin along the western edge of the site. The entire site is designed to drain to the bioretention buffer on the west and Waite Dr to the south. Onsite drainage systems will convey flow from the site to the proposed basin. Underdrains will be provided for the playground and workout areas and will also convey runoff to the basins. Since there is no existing storm drain in Waite Drive along the project frontage, new storm drain is proposed to convey discharge from the basin to the existing storm drain system approximately 150' west of the site in Harris Street.

# **Preliminary Water Quality**

The project will be subject to City stormwater quality requirements for Priority Development Projects (PDP). This will require low impact development (LID) site design, source control, pollutant control (treatment), and flow control (hydromodification management). The sizing and selection of Best Management Practices (BMPs) will be documented in a Water Quality Technical Report (WQTR) that will be prepared during final design. The proposed site improvements include the biofiltration basin located along the western edge of the site. This basin will service both water quality and flood control purposes. The project will also require a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) prior to the start of construction. The project will likely be subject to the newly approved state requirements in the Construction General Permit.

# 2:1 MAX MAX MURRAY HILL ROAD MAX 455° 2:1 MAX 2:1 MAX **WAITE DRIVE CONNECT TO EXISTING** STORM DRAIN

Figure 3.5: Preliminary Grading and Drainage Plan

## LEGEND

## **Preliminary Drainage Study**

A preliminary drainage study for the project site was prepared as a stand alone document companion to the master plan report. The proposed improvements result in an increase in peak flow rate. Preliminary sizing calculations are provided for 100-year peak flow attenuation. The Drainage Study also includes sizing calculations for onsite drainage systems.

The study addresses the following objectives:

Figure 3.6: Preliminary drainage study cover

- -Quantify and compare the 100-year peak flow rate in the existing and proposed conditions to assess the project's impact on existing drainage facilities.
- -Perform sizing calculations for onsite drainage systems.
- -Perform preliminary sizing calculations for the multi-purpose basin.

The following figures are exerpts from the preliminary drainage study:

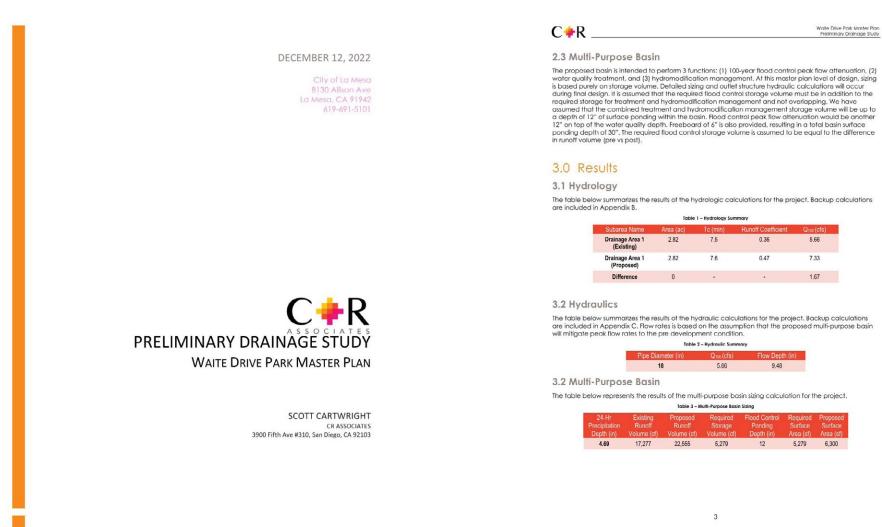


Figure 3.7: Hydrology calculation results

Figure 3.8: Web soil survey

# **Preliminary Drainage Study**



Figure 3.9: Hydrology map

# **LEGEND**

DRAINAGE AREA BOUNDARY	
EXISTING CONTOUR	(XX)
PROPOSED CONTOUR	—— XX ——
FLOW DIRECTION	-
FLOW PATH	
PROPOSED STORM DRAIN SYSTEM	so so
EXISTING RIGHT OF WAY	

SURFACE MATERIALS
IMPERVIOUS (27,020 SF)
PLAYGROUND/EXERCISE (12,075 SF)
DOG RUN (8,335 SF)

## **Preliminary Electrical and Lighting Plan**

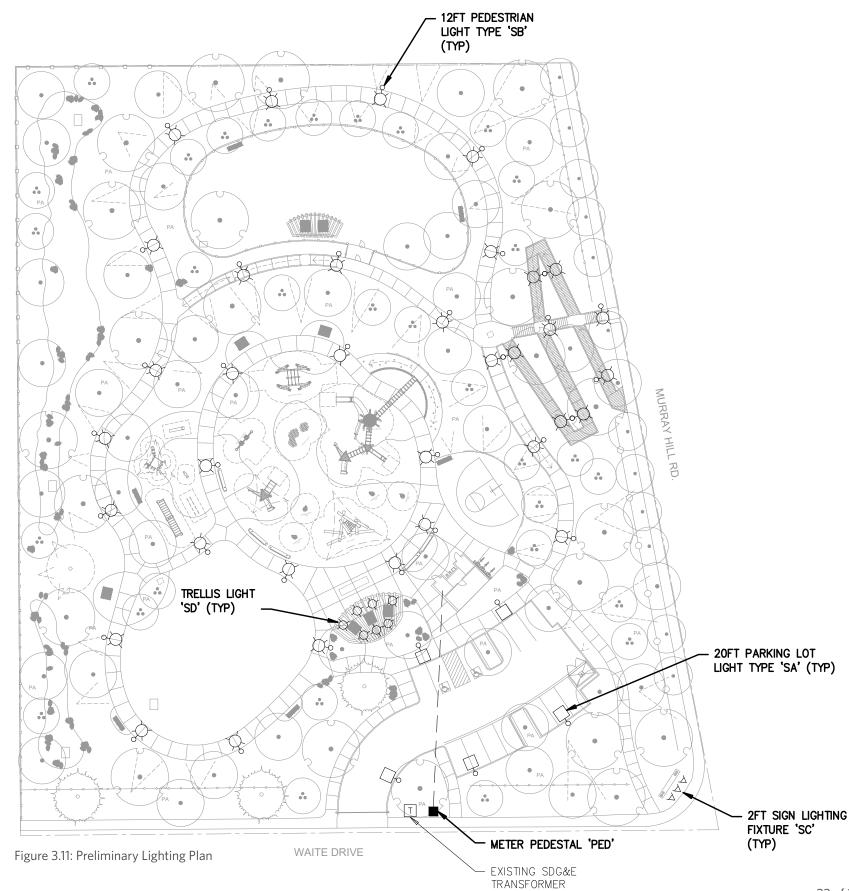
The electrical services available for Waite Park from SDG&E, is a single phase 1 20/240 V system with the maximum amperage of 200 Amps. The existing transformer at Waite Dr will be reused with a new 200 Amp meter pedestal installed. This amperage will be sufficient to power the park along with the planned comfort station building. The planned electrical pedestal will be stainless steel in construction.

Pedestrian and Parking lot scale lighting solar powered will be provided throughout the walkways and lots on the site enhanced by down lighting at Trellis and some building lighting. The solar powered lights used will be provided with a 10 year warranty on their batteries. All lights will be diecast aluminum for long life and low corrosion. Concrete sonotube footings will be provided for the pedestrian and parking lot lights. Trellis lights will be wired in a way to conceal all wiring as much as possible.

Solar lights are prioritized to align with the sustainability goals of the site. Fixtures with a wooden aesthetic are an alternative finish available with certain manufacturers. Recommended manufacturers and models are specified in the appendix.







# 4 Construction & Operations

This section provides information and guidance relevant to funding, construction, and operations.

## **Rough Order of Magnitude Probable Costs of Construction**

A preliminary rough order magnitude (ROM) of probable costs for construction was created for Design Alternative #1, Design Alternative #2, the Draft Master Plan, and the Final Master Plan Design. The site improvements were analyzed and quantified. Using current market factor/supply chain/inflation impacts, an opinion of probable costs was created. It is important to note that construction costs fluctuate with time and large swings in costs were common in the last couple years. Per recent input from one of our cost estimating partners, we have been told prices have increased over 22% in the past year Jan 2021 through December 2021 with a forecasted 7.9% increase from Jan 2022 through March 2022. We recommend keeping this inflation/escalation pricing in mind as we get closer to bidding the project.

The (ROM) estimate of anticipated construction costs for Design Alternative #1 is \$5.9 million to \$6.4 million. The (ROM) estimate of anticipated construction costs for Design Alternative #2 is \$5.6 million to \$6.1 million. The (ROM) estimate of anticipated construction costs for the Draft Master Plan is \$6.2 million to \$6.7 million. The (ROM) estimate of anticipated construction costs for the Final Master Plan Design is \$7.7 million to \$8.2 million.

As the design and program of the park became more defined, so did the associated costs. The increase seen over time shows site elements added and the cost estimates becoming more accurate.

- 1. The costs below are based on current market factor/supply chain/inflation impacts. We recommend keeping inflation/escalation pricing in mind as we get closer to bidding the project.
- 2. SDG has been evaluating prevailing wage as a factor of the overall cost of the project as a quick method to forcast the additional labor costs required to fund a project utilizing prevailing wages vs. standard wages.

BASE BID SUMMARY		Extension
Drainage, & Utilities (Not including Building)		\$543,400.00
Stormwater Treatment Basins		\$503,600.00
Construction		\$2,868,475.00
Site Furnishings/Shade Structures		\$79,191.75
Playground & Fitness Equipment		\$1,652,252.50
Lighting and Electrical		\$119,100.00
Irrigation		\$255,105.00
Planting		\$298,450.00
Maintenance		\$29,690.64
	SUBTOTAL HARD COSTS	\$6,349,264.89
Prevailing Wage Factor	10% of Subtotal Hard Costs	\$634,926.49
	SUBTOTAL	\$6,984,191.38
Design	5% of Subtotal Hard Costs	\$317,463.24
Construction Contingency Costs	10% of Subtotal Hard Costs	\$634,926.49
	Grand Total	\$7,936,581.11

Figure 4.1: Summary of ROM from Final Master Plan Design cost analysis

## **Potential Funding Sources**

There are a variety of potential grant funding sources that the City may consider. There are programs that operate on a Federal, State, or local level. Each program has unique criteria, application requirements, implementation requirements, and funding limits. Some require a certain minimum percentage of local funding match in order to quality. Programs that the City may consider for this project include those administered by the Office of Grants and Local Services (OGALS), California Department of Parks and Recreation, California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) Bonds and Grants, and the Clean California Local Grant Program (Caltrans). Potential funding sources are also available for specific elements of the project, such as the proposed water quality features. Funding from multiple sources can be acquired, but can also present additional challenges and complications for the project if there are conflicting requirements or schedule constraints.

## **Maintenance & Operations**

The park at Waite Drive is a typical passive 2.8 acre neighborhood park with amenities to serve the local community like other neighborhood parks in La Mesa. These amenities will require maintenance including landscape maintenance and equipment maintenance costs, cleaning and janitorial services, supplies, trash collection and utility costs.

Maintenance costs for the park at Waite Drive are projected to be \$13,440 annually. The city of Mission Viejo who contracts for all park maintenance services was contacted. They receive specific bids on each of their parks from contractors and has established a cost of \$400 per acre per month for passive neighborhood parks such as this.

The park at Waite Drive has a number of elements available to serve the community. There is an opportunity for a revenue stream for use of some of the amenities. Day Use/Reservable Site permits can be issued for up to 50 guests at a cost of \$40 for residents and \$50 for non-residents. Based on averages at similar parks in La Mesa there could be approximately 32 permits issued generating \$1,280 - \$1,600 annually. There may also be an opportunity for commercial use for fitness or small operators which have been conducted in similar parks. Eight permits could be issued for a total of \$1,040. Further they may be an opportunity to host contracted youth programs in the grassy area generating \$2,000 a year. These details have been generated by the City of La Mesa based on similar use in the city.

# **5** Appendices

This section is dedicated to the resources used over the course of this process and the documents produced from community research.

## **Social Media**

The following are Instagram posts to notify the community of park updates.

39 likes



## 31 likes

cityoflamesaca Future Park at Waite Dr: You're Invited to provide input on a new park at Waite Dr. No registration required. Community Workshop is scheduled on March 16, 2022 at 6 p.m.

For more information on the workshop, please click link in bio (linktr.ee/citvoflamesaca)





cityoflamesaca Future Neighborhood Park at Waite Drive Workshop & Survey: Community, we want your input! Please take 30 minutes or more and watch the March 16 workshop presentation, and take our survey. You will learn important information about the history of the site and the Vista La Mesa neighborhood. Link in bio (linktr.ee/cityoflamesaca)

YouTube Workshop Video: https://youtu.be/ y0ygt9VYbBE





cityoflamesaca Reminder to join us tomorrow for our second community workshop for a future park at Waite Dr. linktr.ee/cityoflamesaca



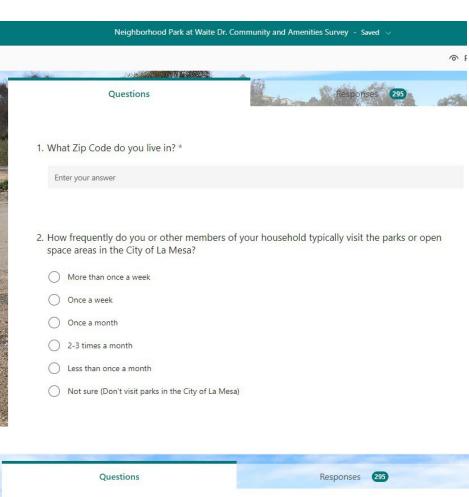
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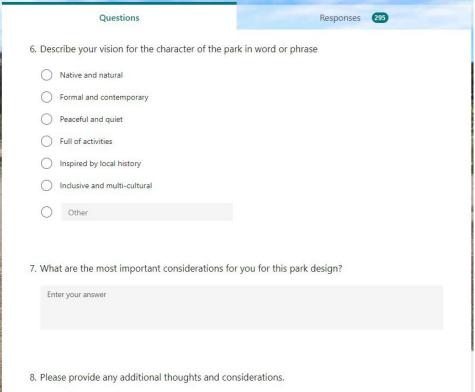


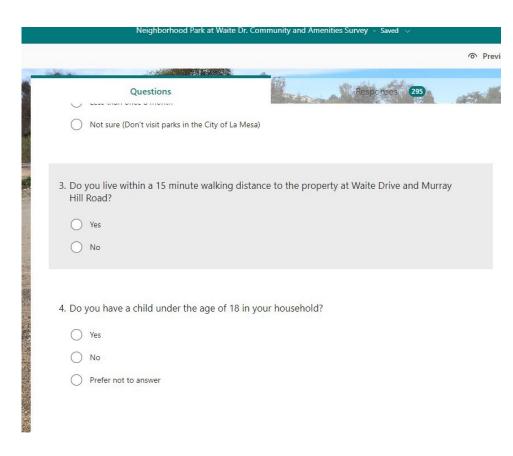


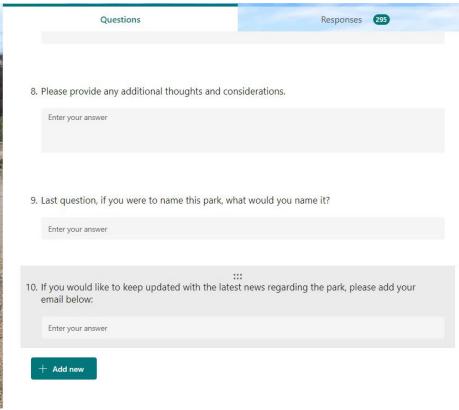
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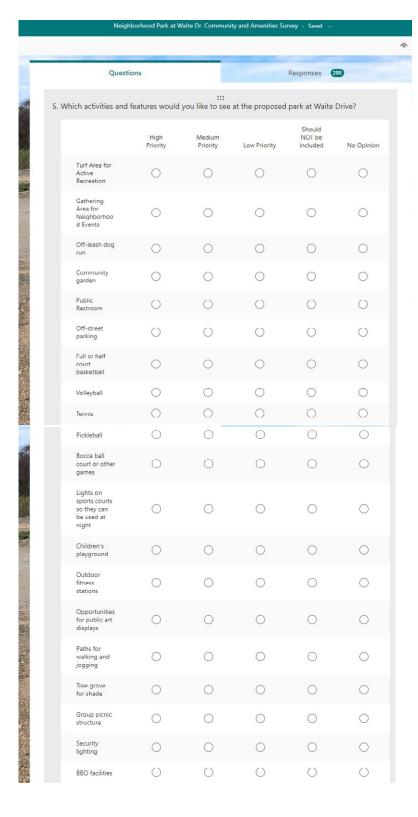
The following images of the questions from the public survey conducted online.











The following images are notes that were taken on large post-it boards in front of the meeting to document comments from the public.

VISIBILITY FROM STREET

GRAFITTI ON FENCE

DOG RUN -SIZE, AFTERNATIVES

-DOG LODP? PICKLEBALL?

SEATING THROUGHOUT

LOOP AROUND DOG RUN

PG RUN PREFERRED VIN

CONNECTION TO MHR V

UNIQUE PLAY V

LPOSSIBLE NUISANCE

- PERIMETER LANVAS WALL

  TURF. HIGH WATER USE

  LOW WATER USE PLANTING

  WATER FEATURE

  NW CORNER TO BE TREATED

  SENSITIVELY

  DOG QTY AND NOISE

  ADDITIONAL POLICE
  PATROLS + SECURITY CAMERAN

  PATROLS + SECURITY CAMERAN

  RUNOFF FROM MHR-CUTERNS

  O ICONIC TREES
- SAFETY AND SECURITY

  EXPLORATORY PLAY COULD

  BE DANGEROUS

  PREFER ONE ENTRANCE
  ON WAITE

  WOW FACTOR

  -LOCAL ART

  -CONNECTION TO LAMESA
- SUSTAINABILITY
  SOLAR
  WATER CAPTURE + REUSE
  LOLLABORATE WITH LOCAL
  ORGANIZATIONS + COMMUNITY

## **Community Input Period on Design Alternatives: June 15-30, 2022**

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Some of the emails received to our project email account.

Park Feedback

I'm a resident from La Mesa and wanted to provide a small list of park ideas and opinions. Please see below.

Park Suggestions:

The Viejas Outlet Center had these really wonderful animal statues with a forest theme for their shopping mall. Probably one of the

relaxing places I've ever been if you want to go to google maps street view and check it out.

I noted someone wanted art with a bit of character. As a kid I was quite fond of old folk tale or fable artwork, espemai themed characters in a kinda fantasy sorting like the pictures below. Not my artwork by the way, just some sar google. Might be rough to do, but it was the first thing I thought of when I heard that.



I hope this finds you well.

FW: Park use on Waite Dr

It has been brought to my attention that the park on Waite Drive is open to ideas for public use. As a 44 year resident in San Diego, I chose La Mesa as my forever home 7 years ago after tiving in downtown San Diego for ages I love La Mesa so much. However, there's something missing. La Mesa is lacking safe places for people to enjoy rollerskating. I've been skating regularly since 1976 and I have to travel to places like the beech boardwalk, Liberty Station and Balbba Park 2-3. times a week to skale somewhere open and safe enough to skale. With the gas prices becoming so outrageous, it's becoming harder to justify driving on teacher's pay to go skate so far away from home. La Mesa would really benefit from this kind of open space which could act as a multipurpose space for so many wonderful activities.

Thank you for your time in considering this for what could be a dream come true!

#### Waite Drive Park Comments

To: Dedicate City Staff & Commissioners, Park planners, Landscape Architect and Landscape

Here are some comments to add to the Waite Drive Park Proposals:

First, after listening to the various opinions, discussions, concerns, conclusions and solutions, I would offer my own.

Would oner my own.

This park is so desperately needed as something "different", as there are minimal natural, colorful, inviting open space areas south of 48 for Lo Mesa residents. I believe that residents who go to parks just to walk dops, and play in playgrounds, dught to have separate dedicated places to go, Pocket parks need to occur with more herdscape, are not fully evocative of the word "park". Here bestically man-made structures with more herdscape, are not fully evocative of the word "park". Harry Griffin Park is the best we have, but it's almost in 5 Capin, far away from La Mesa's awast side residents. I also understand the concerns of residents about adding desirable places for criminal solity, homeless encarpments, and of structure junispervised adolescents with nothing to do - but make trouble. Invite the best of human nature instead.

I also believe that beautiful gardens and landscapes do not necessarily invite unwanted guests, and offines are not necessarily higher in parks that are focused green spaces as the main assistant, not an attentiought. Plantings that might be supplemented by local residents would go a long way toward increasing leyes? In parks, be they unique flowering plants, edible frees and shubs, or herb gardens. Parks that become educational spaces of beauty elicit more funding sources, more community engagement, and more positive stantinion. Labeled trees, shrubs, and perennials are despreately needed by recidents, as this encourages people to emulate elsewhere—and improving our urban forest does not mean one oby park at a time, it means changing mindsets about their value and ease of care. People who love their dogs, are capable of loving wild creatures and plants.

#### An additional idea

Looking at this area, I think there could be a roller rink as well! A great community sport and a place for children to meet, have birthday parties, church and school fundraisers, skating classes as well as an Artistic Skating Club.
I've been involved in roller skating as a session skater, artistic competitive skater, employee, manager and head of

promotions for a good part of my life.

If you'd like any further information please feel free to contact me.

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#### Comment about the future park's design

Heliol I am Tatiana Popescu and I attended the last zeom presentation and came for a short visit to the site on june 18.

A, I like option 2 because it has more trails and a very special playground. My grandkids would love it.

B. I hope we are not using anywhere in the park artificial grass.

C. I would like to see the dog park within the park eliminated or if that's too much to ask, reduced to a minimum in terms of size. People with dogs can go to pisces entirely dedicated to that espect.

D. Can we look into looking the park at night so we keep it nice and clean?

E. I would like to see water features incorporated in the design and I will send some examples

F. I would like to see sculptures incorporated in the design. I do not have an example to send.

G. I've seen a different trash can in balboa park close to Mingel complex. It looked elegant and would be nice to implement a variety of ideas.

H. Can we install a nice klock where people can buy good quality refreshments and maybe getato's



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#### List of Park Ideas at Waite Drive

Please see the attached list for park ideas. Sony it's a bit last minute

Sent from Mail for Windows

Park Idea List.docx

#### Waite Drive park feedback

Thanks for sharing your work with us. I've lived in the area since 1971 and am excited to see this property being developed into semething for the community.

I live north of the property and would be visiting by walking there so I really like the access from Murray Hill Rd in the first design.

I like prefly much everything about design number two. If you could add access from Murray Hill Road and extend the design to include the property that belongs to the HOA behind the property, it would be prefly perfect.

Don't worry, be happy

I look forward to seeing it come to life and enjoying it in the years to come.

## Community Meeting #4: Community Services Commission - September 14, 2022

The following images are notes that were taken on large post-it boards in front of the meeting to document comments from the public.

- · Shrubs in Front of Fence
  · Police cameras
  · Planning cameras throughout
  park
  · Benches Multiple benches
  along walking route
  · Shade structure could this be
  a solid covered structure
  · Dry creek bed / Bio-retention basin
  will collect water for about 24 hrs
  after rain
  · Fence along north extends past
  homes
- · Bio-retention basin percolates water based on geo-technical report.
  · Proposing street trees to Shade MHR sidewalk.
  · Rollerskating have concrete be smooth (smoother joints).
  · Basketball court be used for rollerskating activities.
  · Fuel tanks on property 2012 Site went though "Brownfield" cleanup.
  · Ground water issues on Waite Or/Harris St. allowing water to percolate might create problems. This will be cleared by geo-techical report. If there is concern a liner will be added to swale.
- · Security concerns / Response
  of police to security issues without being locked concerned about
  drug problems / inappropriate activity
  Lto providing plenty of activity in the
  park eyes on the park"
  Lto possible gate access
  · How much money is secured for
  design / construction currently funding
  for design only. Possible sources of
  funding are raising developer impact
  Fees, grant funding, possible bond
  · Appropriate channels for emails
  about the park relating to operations,

security. parkat wastedrive @gmail.com

· Site Resident Supervisor looked into this but found not
appropriate for this area.
Possible for community-oriented
Supervising.

· Natural grass was preferred over
synthic turf

· Asting for additional shade where
possible

· There will be drinking fountain and
hydration station. Water also at
clog run.

· Existing timbers onsite will mostly
be used at Collier Park.

· Self-cleaning bathrooms

· Security cameras focused on park

· Self-cleaning bathrooms failed downtown

· Outlets for plugging in projector

· Extending walkway for exercise

· Playground and elevated ramp most

expensive features of park

· Expected lifespan of wood elements—
depends on type of wood used—plenty of options
for longer lasting woods/composite materials

· Maintenance schedule for (at least 25 years)
taking care of the park long-term.

· Water feature/water play—possible misters—
anything more will be very expensive due to
DEH regulations

· Resilient surfacing and Fibar used below
playground

· Parking—2 \* ADA spots along with

11 additional spots.

## **Community Services Commission Meeting: September 14, 2022**

The following are pictures taken at the Community Services Commission public meeting presentation of the Master Plan



Sign-in sheet and welcome materials.



Introduction and presentation.



Post presentation discussions.



O & A from in-person and online attendees.

- City of La Mesa cityoflamesa.us
- City of La Mesa, New Park at Waite Drive cityoflamesa.us/1693/New-Park-at-Waite Drive
- Earthscape earthscape.com
- CRA cramobility.com
- ExoFit exo.fit

## **Earthscape Play Equipment**

The following are equipment pieces that are part of the Children's Playground and the Adult Fitness Area

## **Playground**

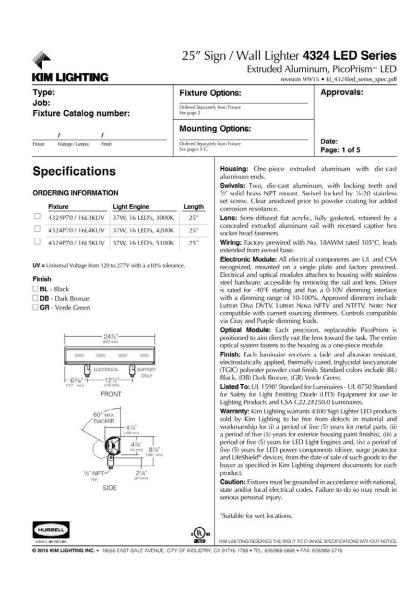
- 2-5 Nature Play Structures
- Log Tower 3
- 30' Play Bridge
- Small Bride to Log Tangle
- Presidio Wood Wall
- Retaining Wall for Climbing Structure
- Giant Rope Swing
- Single Bay Swing
- Log Pile 8.2 with Shade Sail
- Slide Platform 900 with Shade Sail
- Stepper Cluster L3

## **Fitness Area**

- Fabric Shade Sail Structure Fitness
- ExoFit ExoPod
- ExoFit 5113 Sit-Up Apparatus & Sign
- ExoFit 5114 Push-Up Apparatus & Sign
- ExoFit 5118 Beam Walk Apparatus & Sign

## **Lighting Fixtures**

The following are recommended manufacturers and models. See Figure 3.11: Preliminary Lighting Plan for layout and location of fixtures.



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**FIRST**LIGHT TECHNOLOGIES Using solar power and LEDs, the IPL is completely self-contained and offers significant benefits over grid-based lights including: · Cost-effective design that ships fully assembled and installs in minutes · Wireless control & communication with your light Low installation cost and minimal site impact with no trenching, cabling Minimal ongoing costs with no electrical bills or bulbs to change
 Operates entirely independent from the grid and is immune to power A sustainable choice without recurring carbon emissions **TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS** Solar Module:

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 See lighting profile sheet for all options
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 Provide configuration and control of lighting profiles
 Adjustment over dusk and dawn thresholds
 Motion sensing capabilities optimize performance

**IPL Series** 

SOLAR LED INTEGRATED ARCHITECTURAL AREA LIGHT

light type 'SA'

12' Pedestrian light type 'SB'

2' Sign lighting fixture 'SC' 20' Parking lot light type 'SA'

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LM6 Aluminum is used for its excellent

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Stylish adjustable projector range. Naturally beautiful and unique contempor family, Odessa packs a punch with an abur of options and accessories.

The Odessa family of floodlights have a modern aesthetic design and are a perfect lighting solution for most small to medium size spotlight and floodlight requirements. The floodlights can be aimed and locked in place to highlight specific features or

elements in the environment, as well as provide security when illuminating dark areas on campuses

This small and medium range of high performance LED floodlight luminaires provides a robust design for demanding applications such as recreational areas, public spaces and architectural structures.

The luminaire has integrated heat sinks to facilitate LED cooling, as well as an integral driver. The Odess is available in Narrow. Medium, Wide and Very Wide light distributions. Color temperature 2700K, 3000K, 3500K and 4000K. Luminaire has optional accessories, such as a ground spike, visors, louvres, and linear spread lenses.

For non standard fixture variations, as well as specific reflector requirements and dichroic filters, please contact the factory. Two mounting options are available, namely yoke mount and 172° serated locking system with a fully rotatable with locking

screw option for after installation aiming.

## UOD-50001 Odessa 1 Small Floodlight













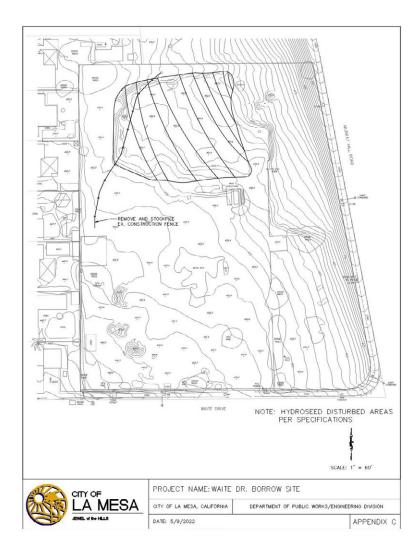




Trellis light 'SD'

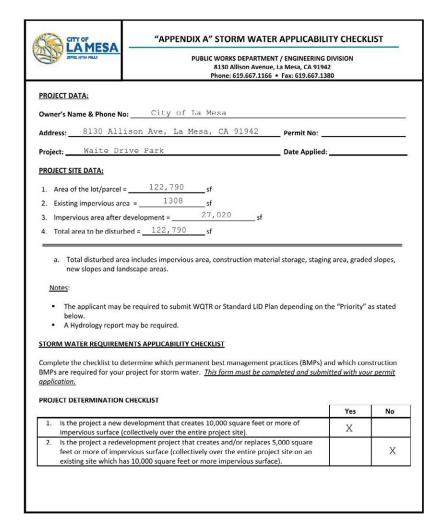
## **Borrowed earth**

The plan below shows the new grading after soil is taken from the site to construct another City project.



## Preliminary storm water quality assessment checklist

Below is an excerpt from the checklist form.



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