

FD-51 Park Site

Virtual Public Workshop #1 – January 11, 2024, 6:00pm

Approximately 21 residents attended in addition to City Staff attended.

- Introductions:
 - Tara Gee, Park Planning & Development Manager
 - Jill Geller, Parks, Recreation & Libraries Director
 - Heather Buck, Senior Park Development Project Manager
 - Joel De Jong, Park Development Project Manager
 - Kelly Appier, Park Development Project Manager
 - Jennifer Adona, Customer Service Specialist

- Park Info:
 - FD-51 is a 1.1 acre neighborhood park site and backs up onto open space.
 - It's located in the Sierra Vista specific plan area on Earl Rush Dr and Market Street.
 - Construction Budget is \$550,000

- Park Planning Process, 8 Steps (24-36 Months):
 - Step One: Public Workshops (2-3 Months):
 - (Starts today) Public workshops and initial introduction of the project to the park
 - Gather input and feedback
 - Final master plan review at 2nd in-person workshop. Then we will open a public 2-week write-in period. We need to hear from you to make sure that we reach consensus before moving on to the next step.
 - Step Two: Master Plan Approval and Environmental Review (2 Months):
 - Parks and Recreation Commission design review/approval (this is a public meeting, so you are welcome to attend)
 - Potential environmental impacts identified
 - Environmental permitting application (if required)
 - City Council design review and approval
 - Step Three: Design Development (3-4 Months):
 - Preparation of design development plans (construction documents)
 - Refine design and address site-specific issues
 - Step Four: Citywide Plan Review (3-4 Months):
 - Construction plans submitted to all City departments to ensure standards are in place
 - Construction permitting
 - Step Five: Bid and Award of Contract (1-2 Months):
 - City Council review and approval of bid advertisement
 - Advertisement of bid and bid opening
 - City Council reviews and approval of competitive (lowest) bid received, and award of the contract
 - Step Six: Construction (8 Months):
 - Contractor on site building the park
 - Time period may expand due to weather

- Ideally, we start construction in early spring to take full advantage of construction window
 - Step Seven: Establishment (3-4 Months)
 - Plant Establishment/ grow-in period
 - The park looks perfect, but the fences are still up
 - This is the time the turf is growing and strengthening to be able to endure the heavy foot traffic once the park opens
 - We need your help to remind your neighbors to that the park is not ready, to respect the fences or a potential delay may occur if repairs are necessary
 - Also, includes permit sign offs and safety inspections
 - Step Eight: Project Dedication and Opening
 - Soft opening when fences are removed
 - If the park is named after an individual, there will be a formal dedication where family members and friends of that person are invited to officially dedicate the park. These occur during warmer weather.
- Concept Plan, shown:
 - This is a space planning exercise. It's a high-level sketch shown to consider what might fit in here based on the configuration of the site in order to establish a budget.
 - Concept show amenities contemplated: multiuse turf, children's play area, swing area, shaded picnic area (with drinking fountain) and landscaped areas.
 - This is not set in stone. Noted on the specific plan, "this is a concept plan that is subject to change based on funding, environmental conditions and other factors." While these amenities fit the space it's more critical to consider the \$550,000 budget.
- Resident Input:

The current cost of construction and the items noted in the sketch will total more than what the budget allows. We know this based off of recent bids. *What park improvements are most important to you?*

- *How close is this to this park to the paseo or trail? Will this be used as a rest stop from the trail?* Unsure on the proximately, but if it is close, we will connect. We try to string our parks together, but it depends on the topography, installation of the bike trail and the alignment. We can follow up with the other department that handles those and discuss at the next workshop.
- 4 suggestions for lots of shaded areas
- It needs to be a better park than John L. Sullivan. The play structure is not for kids above the kindergarten age.
- 3 suggestions for a splashpad
- 2 suggestions for drinking fountains with water bottle filler
- *Sullivan Park has a half basketball court, maybe we can get a half roller hockey rink?* To compare, John Sullivan is a 4-acre park with a \$1.25 million budget. FD-51 park is smaller at 1.1-acre and budget is only \$550,000.
- 2 suggestions for dog amenities: spout, poop bags and disposal area
- *Is there room for a fenced dog run?*
- I'd love to see something unique.
- 2 comments about concern about a safety fence between the open space and the park. The open space is marshy and hilly.
- Play structure under shade
- *The park is close to the marsh area, can we get trees there?*
- If swings are added, you need 6. If swings come in, you need several.
- Bathroom

- Picnic tables

What improvement is least important to you? We are trying to be realistic on what we can include and envision for the park.

- 8 commented bathrooms
- 3 commented grass
- (Small space) less amenities
- Rocking horse car thing (at John L. Sullivan Park)
- Dog run
- Basketball
- Play structure
- 2 commented parking
- Adult workout area, kids use it more than adults
- 4 commented that we don't need dogs mixing with kids, so please don't attract dogs

A neighborhood park is to serve the immediate residents within a 10-minute walk or bicycling distance, so it's typical that we would not put in a restroom for some of the reasons that you identified. Some of the other considerations, as we look through your suggestions, is the space. What fits the neighborhood? There is no parking, so we want to carefully consider if amenities attract large crowds and the impact it will have there. Certain amenities will attract people to drive into the area and park in front of your house.

If you had to pick one park feature, what would it be? As mentioned, we have a very tight construction budget. In comparison to the types of amenities at John L Sullivan Park, they had a much larger budget than we have here. This doesn't mean we will only have 1 park feature, but we want to know what the top ranked answers are to this question to help us prioritize what we need to focus on. Know that with every park we build we strive to stretch the dollars as far as we can.

If you can please help us prioritize that one main feature? Or other suggestions?

- Splashpad
- Trees against the open area
- Fence barrier between open space and homes
- 5 suggestions for shade (structure, sails) and shade trees (preference for lots of trees)
- 5 suggestions for shaded picnic/gazebo with seating
- 4 suggestions for grass, trees, landscaping (beautification)
- 2 suggestions for a water fountain
- Other water feature, like misters
- 3 suggestions for a children's play structure that's covered/shaded

- Residents Questions:

Do you have any additional questions about the park process or the park itself?

- *How would we go about getting a pickleball court?* Pickleball is pretty expensive, about \$350,000 of your \$550,000 budget. Cost, as well as it being a small space and close to homes is considered. Pickleball is a loud sport. Again, we need to consider proximity to elements and homes, and the (noise and traffic) impacts that out of area people will have coming to play. That being said, we are about to open a 9-court, lighted pickleball facility over by the Galleria on Gibson and Roseville Parkway. Although that isn't super close, know that we are looking at other opportunities to add pickleball as a clustered amenity in larger parks, such as at nearby Pistachio off of Westbrook. These types off amenities are a better fit for larger sites where residents don't live right next to it and we can offer off street parking or parking lots. We do understand that pickleball is popular, but it has

to be the right place and time. We want to be good neighbors and we want to make sure that whatever we put in will not disrupt the quality of life in that neighborhood.

- *Is the park intended to be a low activity space or high (like basketball)?* Low, or what we call informal passive recreation. You can take a walk, sit and have a picnic, but nothing programed or any organized sports/games. It's intended for more low impact, passive activities such as enjoying the natural area. Because its such a small site, one of the reasons it is connected to open space is it makes it feel bigger.
 - *Can you use more natural barriers to the open space like rocks or plants?* We can consider that as well. It depends on the purpose of the barrier. With rocks, people can still go through. At some other parks there were concerns with the connected open space, but at other sites its wide open. In either case, we haven't had issues regarding the connectivity of the park to the open space.
 - *Is the open space designed to flood? Will that impact the design of the park?* We don't have the answer to that yet, as it depends on the grading (topographic survey.) We hope that this park will be minimally, at worst, impacted by the open space flood issue. We will design it so that we will have amenities available throughout the year.
- Next Steps:
 - We will review the feedback that we receive to develop a sketch. It will be high level, hand drawn, and attempt to integrate your requests considering use, size, usage, limitation on parking and the adjacency to homes. It will be realistic to these factors, as well as the budget.
 - Then we will hold a second in-person public workshop to present the sketch for feedback.
 - If we get to a consensus with that feedback, we will refine the sketch into refined, colored master plan.
 - The refined master plan will be posted online during a two-week write-in period. We want to hear whether you like it or have additional comments. Even if you spoke at the previous meeting, we need to hear support during the write-in period to ensure the majority supports. If consensus isn't reached, we may need to hold a 3rd public meeting.
 - Once we achieve consensus, we will present the master plan to the Parks and Recreation Commission. If they approve, it will be recommended to the City Council.
 - Next, the City Council will formally adopt the master plan.
 - Then construction document preparation will begin (6-8 months.)
 - If we are able to move through public outreach quickly and gain consensus, we could potentially start construction in the Spring of 2025.

If you have any questions or if you know of any neighbors missed this meeting and would like to provide additional feedback or so, please email:

yourlandscape@roseville.ca.us

The recording of the meeting and the meeting minutes will be posted on the website:

<http://www.roseville.ca.us/parksintheworks>

We appreciate all your time to be here! We will inform you when the high-level concept sketch is ready and we will meet in person to review. Thank you!