

## **KT-52 Park Site**

### **Virtual Public Workshop #1 – November 28, 2023, 6:00pm**

*Approximately 60 residents attended in addition to City Staff.*

- 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:
  - KT-52 is a 7.6-acre neighborhood park site
  - Located in the Sierra Vista area on Sierra Village Drive and Silver Spruce
  - Located adjacent to a future elementary school. This allows the school district and the City to stretch our resources. We take a campus approach, for example, if the school builds basketball courts then we can focus on another desired amenity for the park.
  - We are looking at shared parking with the school which will allow for joint-use benefits
  - A high level concept plan was shared
  - Budget is about \$3 million
  
- Park Planning Process, 8 Steps (24-36 Months):
  - Step One: Public Workshops (2-3 Months):
    - Public workshops and initial introduction of the project to the park
    - Gather input, give a survey to residents, and have a follow up after the survey results come in
    - Final master plan review and public comment period
  - Step Two: Master Plan Approval and Environmental Review (2 Months):
    - Parks and Recreation Commission design review/approval
    - 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
    - Refine design and address site-specific issues
  - Step Four: Citywide Plan Review (3-4 Months):
    - Construction plans submitted to all City Departments
    - 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 review and approval of low bid received
  - 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
  - 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 and to respect the fences or a potential delay may occur if repairs are necessary
    - This time also, includes permit sign offs and safety inspections
  - Step Eight: Project Dedication and Opening
    - A soft opening is 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 usually occur during warmer weather.
- Parks Adjacent to Schools:
  - Are considered neighborhood park
  - Have more acreage
  - Are shared facilities with the adjacent school (campus approach)
  - The City and School District are separate entities. Any school questions should be directed to the Center Joint Unified School District. We do not know the timing of construction of the elementary school. We will be collaborating with the School District early on regarding the combined site plan
  - Joint-use and planning allows both the City and the School District to stretch limited construction dollars
  - Since this park is bigger, it will be designed for a 2-2.5 hours “stay and play” value. With longer ‘stay and play’ values, it will cluster more formal recreation amenities such as formal ballfields. In comparison, smaller neighborhood parks (around 3 acres or less) have a “stay and play” value of 1-1.5 hours and has more informal play features.
- Resident Input:

*Assume that there will be turf/grass, picnic tables, benches, walkways and trees. What park amenities would you like the City to consider in this park’s design?*

- 6 suggestions for batting cages/pitch for baseball/cricket/softball
- 5 suggestions for a water play area/ splash pad
- 4 suggestions for a cricket field
- 4 suggestions for shaded play areas
- 3 suggestions for shaded picnic areas (for parties and events)
- 3 suggestions for restrooms
- 3 suggestions for outdoor exercise equipment/ stations
- 3 suggestions for a tennis court
- 2 suggestions for soccer/ cricket field with Bermuda grass fields similar to Maidu Park
- 2 suggestions for a pickleball court
- 2 suggestions for a basketball court
- 2 suggestions for a fenced dog area with dog waste station
- 2 suggestions for ample lighting
- Toddler play area, age-appropriate play structures
- We have lots of little kids around here, so a really fun play area would be awesome!
- Community garden
- Tree around any open fields

- Shade trees surrounding the park, mature trees
- Water fountain/ water refill station
- Free library stand/box
- Horseshoe pit
- Ground for cricket and baseball can share, so this can help with cost associated with it
- In-ground trampoline
- I'd just like to second the comment that there are a lot of young families, so shaded age-appropriate play structures would be much appreciated. Similar to how Mahany Park has two sets of play structures for younger and older kids.
- Volleyball court
- Soccer
- Bocce ball courts
- Bike racks

*If you had to pick only 3 of the park features suggested, what are your top 3?*

- Dog, water, volleyball
- Cricket field and multi-sport batting nets especially because cricket is now in the Olympics and youth would like to have their own home ground to practice and qualify
- Cricket field and cages, soccer fields, water park
- Tennis, splash pad, soccer
- Large shaded area covering play structure, lots of shaded seating areas, ample lighting
- Tennis court, playground, shaded structure
- Sport area, play area, water features
- Batting cages for baseball/cricket/softball, soccer/cricket ground just like Maidu, shaded structure
- Water pads, kids playground, sports field
- Basketball, water refill station, shaded areas
- Shaded playground, basketball, water pad
- Large age-appropriate play structures for kids, tennis courts, water pads
- Large shaded area, tennis, basketball
- Soccer/ cricket field, batting cages, kids play area like Maidu
- Basketball, pickleball, lighting
- Shared baseball/ cricket, Bermuda coverage, restrooms
- Keep in mind there is a huge baseball complex with a dog park going in at Curry Creek at Baseline and Watt.
- Tennis, water play area, exercise equipment
- Play area, shaded area/structure, sport field
- Cricket field, nets, cages
- Cricket/ soccer field, multi-sport batting cages, playground
- drinking water, multi-age play area (maybe integrated with adult exercise), turf/grassy area (multi-use)
- Cricket /baseball cages for practice
- Batting Cages for cricket/baseball/softball like Maidu
- Outdoor workout equipment!!
- Multi-plex athletic area, children play area, water feature
- Toddler playground, exercise equipment, pickleball courts

*What are thoughts on an agility course?*

- Approximately 10 people said yes
- Monkey bars
- Water park
- I'd recommend committing to an adult one or a kiddy one
- That could be riskier - American Ninja level courses need supervision

- That would be great and include the outdoor gym in that area
- Residents Questions:
  - *Out of all these suggestions what are realistic? Please elaborate considering budget. The City will evaluate the top desired suggestions along with city-wide needs, gaps and trends in light of the budget. The second meeting will share this evaluation and why specific amenities are recommended.*
  - *(Regarding agility course) How much space does it take? **It depends on the size of the equipment.***
  - *Bermuda is better for the environment. Have you decided on grass type? No.*
  - *Is there a separate opinion poll coming out to gather these same inputs? It sounds like we are having really great input. There will be another opportunity to provide input. It will be covered in “Next Steps” later in this presentation.*
  - *Will this be the only park in this area and/or school? No, Rex Fortune Elementary was recently constructed and is now open. There are approximately 2-3 elementary schools planned for the area. We currently have four parks on the docket in this area, including KT-52. Some are underway with public workshops and design. Some will have public workshops scheduled for early next year. There are plenty of parks that are planned to be built throughout the Sierra Vista area.*
  - *Separate dog area? Which school, and when (Sierra Village Drive)? Unsure of that as unfamiliar with street names, but put in the chat and we will get back to it.*
  - *In deciding which amenities will be chosen will there be consideration to what type of facilities will be relatively close by? For instance, there is the large soccer complex being constructed in Westpark which will be a short drive. Absolutely! Our job is to look at the individual park in context to the wider City plans for parks and recreation. To your point, since we know the soccer complex is coming in, we ask if we need to put high-end soccer in this area. We might consider for practices. The school sites are designed to accommodate a couple of fields, but it won't be another complex. Some of these requested amenities may be more conducive to a bigger park in the area, such as Pistachio Regional Park, which has a longer “stay and play” value of 4 or more hours. The kind of park features that are included the different types of parks are consistent with each of the different “stay and play” values. We will look at all of that in design, along with the demographics of the larger area. Not every park will look the same. A neighborhood park, especially, will have a unique identity. We also look at how specific amenities will impact the neighborhood.*
  - *Which district will the school be with? Center Joint Unified School District.*
  - *Any plans for skate parks in or near Sierra Vista? We are looking at that. In fact, we have a virtual public workshop for Pistachio Regional Park coming up on December 7<sup>th</sup>, where we will discuss the update to the master plan to include skate and BMX tracks. See our website or email if you would like to be included.*
  - *Where is Pistachio Regional Park? Next to West Park High School on Westpark Drive.*
  - *Is there going to be a future park on Sierra Village Drive and Carbone Drive? Yes, this is the CG-50 park site. However, it is not currently in today's forecast. How we determine priority is based on building permits. Developers pull building permits. You pay for the development of a neighborhood park fee and a citywide park fee when you purchase a home. We balance where people are buying homes and the amount of funding that's available to build a park. As I mentioned, there is 4 parks on the docket right now, which will get us towards the end of the fund balance. So, we would need to let it build up more in order to build more parks. Depending on the health of the economy and home sales, we can keep going. It's just a matter of how quickly we can build up those funds, and how consistent building continues on through the upcoming years.*

- *You mentioned the duration of each step of the park planning process, when will this be starting?* Today. This meeting marks the first step. We will take a couple weeks to collect additional feedback that might come in through emails, then we will start looking at it. With the holidays, it's more difficult to hold public workshops, so you probably won't hear from us until after the first of the year.
- *Is there a way to accommodate some of the input received today with the park's that are currently under construction? For example, adding a cricket field to the soccer complex.* That would be more difficult because that design process is completed and construction has started. This (input period) is the time to consider park amenities, once we break ground it's very difficult and expensive to change.
- *Will the park have dedicated restrooms or will it share with the school?* The park will have a restroom, if we have formal fields. Because it will have a 2-2.5 hour "stay and play" value, that is a too long to have to go home to use the restroom. Smaller parks with 1-1.5 hour "stay and Play" values generally do not have a restroom.
- *Is the master plan available to residents?* There is no master plan at this point. What was shown is just a line drawing that you can access on the website under Planning/Sierra Vista. However, please don't take that as a done deal. As I mentioned, it's just a space planning exercise to see what a park of 7.6 acres can accommodate and helps to create a budget. This process that we are in now defines and refines what will actually be included in the future park.
- *Will there be a fence dividing the school from the park or while we have access school facilities after a session is out?* The reason we do look at school sites is for joint use. We have entered a Master Use Joint Agreement with the School District. Fencing is generally a school decision. Right now, there isn't a plan at the school site, however things do change. Our priority is to keep our children safe. This is a conversation to have with the School District.
- *What will the name of the park be? Nicole Gee?* Undetermined. The City has a public naming process, where every July, for the whole month, we open the opportunity for residents to submit name suggestions for specific parks about to go into the construction phase. It will be a while for this one to be named, so check back every July if you have a name to suggest.
- *Will the blacktop path that is there remain the same?* That will be removed and we will put in new pathways that are consistent with the design.
- *Will our taxes go up?* You currently are in a community facilities district for service. That means that you already paying county assessments with your tax bill twice a year to help offset the maintenance of street landscapes and mediums. When neighborhood parks like this and smaller are built, you will be assessed a maintenance fee, so those could go up. Citywide parks, such as Pistachio Regional Park, are maintained with general funds, so that will not impact you.
- *How many parking stalls will the park have? Will the west boarder be open?* We don't know how many stalls yet, that is something that will be worked out with the school. There is parking on the street, it makes sense to have parking on Silver Spruce.
- *Police and law enforcement?* When a park is built it becomes part of the neighborhood (police) beat. You may not see them patrolling the empty lot now, but as the park gets developed and used, Police will have it on their radar.
- *Are you considering building a bridge to connect the park with the other park/trail on the other side of the creek?* We would need to work with alternative transportation, who build the trails, we will not build off of the site. The park has 2 streets, we wouldn't build a bridge across that. So most likely, there will not be a connection in this project.
- *Will the water treatment be removed?* Yes.

- Next Steps:

- We will review the feedback from tonight with what we receive within the next several weeks. We will review all factors/ trends and the budget to develop a sketch.
- When the sketch is ready we will hold a second public workshop, in-person, to present the sketch for feedback. Please remember, not everyone will get what they want. We have a lot of suggestions and limited space and budget. However, our goal is to stretch the dollars as reasonably as we can to get the most desirable amenities.
- Based on that feedback and support at the second meeting, we refine the sketch into a colored master plan that will be posted online.
- There will be a two-week write-in period for resident comments. This is to ensure that the master plan is still in a direction that everyone can support. We encourage residents to utilize this with any comments or to share support. This will determine if there is consensus and we can move to the next step in the process, or if we need to hold a 3<sup>rd</sup> public meeting.
- Once we achieve consensus, we will present the master plan to 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.
- Start of construction is planned for Spring of 2025.

If you have any questions or if you know anyone who missed this meeting and would like to provide additional feedback over the next week or so, please email:  
[yourlandscape@roseville.ca.us](mailto: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>

Thank you very much. We will be sending notification for the next meeting after the first of the year. We appreciate you time!