

(WB-50) Solaire Park

Virtual Public Workshop #3 – November 28, 2022, 6:00pm

Approximately 20 residents attended in addition to City Staff.

I. City of Roseville Staff in attendance

- Tara Gee, City of Roseville, Park Planning & Development Superintendent
- Joel DeJong, Park Development Analyst
- Jill Geller, City of Roseville, Parks, Recreation & Libraries Director

Purpose of the Meeting

- This is a follow up meeting to share the proposed modifications of the park's design due to the budget constraints.

II. Overview

Tara Gee presented

- The original master plan that was approved in 2021 which happened as a result of a few public workshops and write in periods.
- The allocated budget for the project is \$2.1 M. However due to the post-Covid world, the current estimate from the hired contractor is \$3.7 M, creating a \$1.6 M shortfall. Challenges that caused this volatility include: supply chain issues, manufacturing delays, materials availability, labor shortages, cost of businesses and gas prices.
- Given the budget constraints, a proposed revision was created. We took the top rated asks of the public and focused on those. These included: looped trails (both decomposed granite and natural trails), picnic area, fitness area, children's play area, game area and the interpretive solar system signs that take families through the park for educational purposes. If funding allows, one to two natural play areas are planned. These can include boulders and tree stumps, and will be in addition to the traditional play area. Features that will be slated for future, if budget allows: the ball field, bathrooms and parking lot.

Next Steps

- Seek additional savings
- Inform Parks & Recreation Commission/Council of changes
- Break ground in late Spring/early Summer 2023

III. Comments/Questions/Concerns

- *If a parking lot is built eventually, will it replace the trees at the right side?* If we put in a parking lot, we will replace the trees as needed. We would try to maintain as many trees as possible though the shape of parking lot might change from the original plan. Again, this is all dependent on if there is future funding.
- *How long will it take for the park construction to be completed?* If we are able to break ground in spring as planned, then it be completed approximately in February/March early 2024.
- *A member of the community made a comment that we need at least one bathroom.* Tara responded that typically a bathroom would accompany a sports field. The revised design has a stay and play value of an hour or less. Homes are in walking distance, thus not needing a bathroom. Again, if we had a formal ball field of any kind, that changes the stay and play value to 2 hours or more, thus making the inclusion of a restroom more necessary at that time.
- *Will there be benches for sitting?* Yes.
- *If funding becomes available, will grass fill in the remainder of the park?* If we do add a ball field, we will certainly put in turf. If budget allows, we will consider future turf (grass) in the areas inside the center of the trail loop. We look at usable/functional areas instead of aesthetics, as it's an important factor to being water-wise and drought tolerant.
- *Will the landscape where the decomposed gravel path just be natural, weeds?* We are planning to put mulch down. If you look at the red dashed lines, it indicates the decomposed granite trail, north of it would have grass and landscaped areas, where as the south side would be more natural.
- *Any chance of adding a water feature?* Water features are quite expensive and it would exceed our budget dramatically. On top of that, they are attractive to lots of users from different neighborhoods and that could be an issue with the limited parking. So that isn't compatible with the park site at this time.
- *What do the stars in the diagram represent?* These stars are the solar system interpretive signs. What can happen is the children will start with the sun, move to the next sign and so forth, and learn about each of the planets in the solar system. It will take families and children throughout the park.
- *Is there any picnic tables?* There's picnic tables right here (north end of the park off of Solaire Drive.)
- *What are the security measures for parking lot use during off hours?* The parking lot is (responsibility) of the school's at this point. Unsure if the school plans to barrier off the parking lot. The parking lot driveway, for a potential future (connection to the park), will be blocked off. So nobody will be able to get into the park.
- *Will there be trash barrels with pick up? Is there a shade structure?* Yes, we always have trash cans and we will have shade for the picnic area.

When asked about general support of the revisions, ten comments shared support and no non-supported comments were made.

IV. Recording/Meeting Notes

- The recording of the meeting and proposed revision plan will be posted on www.roseville.ca.us/parksintheworks in about a week.
- Comments or thoughts can be emailed to yourlandscape@roseville.ca.us