

FD-50 Park Site

Virtual Public Workshop #1 – September 10, 2024, 6:00pm

Approximately 18 residents and 5 City Staff attended.

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

- Park Info:
 - FD-50 is a 1.7-acre neighborhood park site, surrounded by Mercury Lane, Starfield Drive, Nova Place, and Supernova Lane.
 - It is 1 of the 12 parks planned for the Sierra Vista area.
 - Construction Budget is \$575,000.

- 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.
 - Gathering input, you will help us prioritize items, and identify amenities.
 - Final master plan is created, which we will review at 2nd in-person workshop. Then we will open a public 2-week write-in period. This is to confirm that what we seen and heard was captured accurately.
 - 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.
 - To see examples of final approved master plans (Colored renderings of what the park may look like): [Roseville.ca.us/parksintheworks](https://roseville.ca.us/parksintheworks)
 - Step Three: Design Development (3-4 Months):
 - Preparation of design development plans (construction documents.)
 - Refine design (based on budget) and address site-specific issues (identify materials such as type of concrete, type of paving, playground design, etc.)
 - 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 is weather dependent. If we have a long winter or rain, we might not be able to start right away, and near the end weather can potentially cause delays.

- Ideally, our goal is to start in the earliest date of the construction window (early spring to early fall) as possible. (Possibly March/April)
 - Step Seven: Establishment (3-4 Months)
 - Plant Establishment/ grow-in period The park looks perfect, but the fences are still up. This is literally the hardest part, it seems like nothing is happening, but things are happening.
 - We are watching the plants and grass grow. This is the time to ensure the turf is thriving and able 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. For instance, residents near a recent park did not respect the fences, which resulted in delayed opening of the park.
 - Also, this time includes permit sign offs and safety inspections.
 - Step Eight: Project Dedication and Grand Opening (Weather dependent)
 - We may have a soft opening when fences are removed, then we will have the formal dedication in warmer weather.
- Concept Plan, shown:
 - This is concept plan is contained in the planning documents. A concept plan is subject to change based on funding, environmental conditions and other factors. This is considered a space planning exercise (with all the parks in Sierra Vista, we need to look at it cumulatively.) This considers what might fit based on the configuration of the site and helps to establish a budget. With all the parks that are planned for Sierra Vista, this allows us to determine the park fee for all of the neighborhood parks here. These elements are not cast in stone. We want to offer different experiences at each of our parks. Each park is like a pearl in a string of pearls that make up a whole park network. The shape of the park and street names are different.
 - The amenities that were contemplated: multi-use turf, a children's play and swing area, a shaded picnic area, and landscape areas.
 - While these amenities fit the space it's more of a critical factor to consider the budget, which is in total, \$928,000. While that might sound like a lot of money, we also have to account for architectural, engineering, permitting and inspections which will leave us with +/- \$575,000 for construction.
- Park Funding:
 - **How does the City collect funds for park construction?** It is based on all of the planned parks in the area. In Sierra Vista, there are 12 parks. A fee is paid per home when the building permit is pulled to construct it. Everyone pays the same fees. The funds are collected for all of the Sierra Vista parks. The generated funds are not just collected by your surrounding neighbors and does not specifically cover the park in your neighborhood. Everyone in the plan area contributes.
 - **People often ask, how do we increase the budget?** In order to do so, the fees would need to increase over all of the Sierra Vista area, including the landowners that already built their homes (this includes you) and homeowners whose homes are under construction. Since this area is already mostly built out, it would be challenging to increase the park development fees. Typically, the General Fund, does not supplement park development because the park fees are already collected in each specific area. Implementing a retroactive fee increase across the board would be quite challenging, and increasing fees only for those who have yet to move here would not only delay the development of future parks but also unfairly place a burden on future residents. We need to be good stewards of public funds and ensure that there is enough funding for the last park to be built.
- Resident Input:

Are there are any additional questions specific to the park planning process? There were no questions.

Tara the asked for input to be submitted through the chat feature. Given the current cost of construction, the items noted in the bubble diagram, shown, will total more than the budget allows. **What park improvements would you like to have considered for this park?**

- *Park structure with shade (3 people agreed)*
- *Swings (1 people agreed)*

- *Jungle gym*
- *Trees*
- *Shade (2 people agreed)*
- *Open area for kids to play*
- *Rock wall*
- *Picnic tables*
- *Toddler specific swing/ toddler accommodation (1 person agreed)*
- *Monkey bars*
- *No adult fitness/workout area (4 people agreed)*
- *Varying playground turf vs all wood chips (1 people agreed)*
- *Climbing structure with ropes similar to Astill Park or Sakamoto Park (2 people agreed)*
- *Half-court Basketball (2 people agreed)*
- *Bev Bos is a great park*
- *On the outer part of park near borders would be great if there was bike/walking path corridor that circled the park in some way. Lots of kiddos with bikes, scooters, etc...and having a bike maze for fun races, etc. type of element would differentiate from other parks.*
- *(From SignUpGenius RSVP) I would like there to be plenty of shade structures suitable for older adults (not just parents watching their kids). Also, a community test / demonstration garden would be amazing but that's more of a dream.*

While comments are coming in, Tara explained that this is a neighborhood park, which are directly related to the proximity of your home. City-wide parks, like Mahany Park, are large and support more intensive use. They typically feature extensive amenities and require large parking lots. In contrast, school-park sites are located adjacent to schools and offer a range of amenities such as ball fields, parking lots, and restrooms. Neighborhood parks, due to their proximity (usually within a 10-minute walk or bike ride from home), typically do not include restrooms. These parks have smaller budgets and simpler (or more informal) amenities compared to city-wide parks and school-park sites. The expected stay-and-play duration varies: school-park sites generally offer 2 to 2½ hours of recreational value, while neighborhood parks usually offer 1 to 1½ hours.

What is your biggest concern related to this park?

- *Shade, not enough (3 people agreed)*
- *Dogs running without a leash*
- *Shade seating areas*
- *Tanbark in swing area or under jungle gym. That is actually not tanbark, it is engineered wood fiber that is manufactured specifically for playgrounds. Some people love it, some hate it, but it is made to absorb falls and is considered ADA accessible. These are 2 critical elements for a playground - should someone fall or if someone on a wheelchair visits. Sand is not ADA accessible and attracts cats. The poured and place rubber in universally accessible playgrounds are very costly and doesn't last long. We need to find the balance. The limited materials we have to choose from for playgrounds need to meet code, regulations and guidelines, as well as meet the budget. We will consider all of those things as we define the materials used.*

If you had to pick one main park feature, what would it be? As mentioned, we have a very tight construction budget. This doesn't mean we will only have one feature in the park, we are looking for your top ranked answers to help us prioritize what we need to focus on. Know that with every park we build, we try to stretch the limited dollars as far as possible.

- *Shade (1 person agreed)*
- *Shade over whatever there is to play*
- *Basketball*
- *Multiple swing sets*
- *Play structure/ swings*

Thank you for the feedback. It seems like there is some commonality. We will look at the shade and play structure component, as well as, how the park might look like with the budget we have. Tara asked if there were any questions before moving on to the next steps and there were not.

- Resident Questions:

- *If there are corporate sponsors interested in provided funding for the park, is there a process to get them involved?* This is something that we can talk offline about if there is serious interest. If you have a corporation that is interested, please get us connected.
- *How many confirmations do you need to proceed past the two-week review?* It's not about a specific number, it's more so, of the people that provided feedback. Have we have acquired general support?
- *Did I hear correctly, most realistic timeline to start is 2026?* Yes, it may seem like a long time, but we have several parks in the pipeline. The process takes several months to reach the finished master plan stage, which we expect to complete around early 2025. The design development, construction documents and City-wide phases takes an additional 6-8 months. Therefore, a more realistic timeframe for breaking ground would be in the spring of 2026.
- *By turf, do you mean real grass or artificial?* It will be real grass.
Will construction start regardless of the houses being built around it? Yes, if there is sufficient funding we will continue forward in the timeline
- Next Steps:
 - Review feedback: We will review and consider all of the feedback and priorities that were expressed tonight.
 - Develop a sketch: Utilizing your feedback, as well as considering factors such as use, size, amenities at the other parks nearby, and the budget, etc. we will create a rough, high level, hand drawing of the concept.
 - Hold a 2nd public workshop: We will schedule another meeting, in-person, to present the sketch for feedback. We will check in to ensure that the sketch is on the right path with what was imagined.
 - Refinement = Master Plan: If we get to a thumbs up at the 2nd workshop, we will refine the sketch into a formal, colored master plan.
 - Two-week write in period: The master plan will be posted online during a two-week write-in period. We invite you and your neighbors for final comments. Even if you commented at the previous meetings, we need to hear support during the write-in period to ensure the majority supports it. There was an instance that we didn't hear anything during the 2-week write in period, so we couldn't determine consensus. This can prolong the process because if consensus isn't reached, we may need to hold a 3rd public meeting.
 - Parks & Recreation Commission: After consensus, we can present the master plan at a Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. These are open to the public, so you if you want to attend, keep an eye on the agenda and website for details. If the Commission approves, it will be recommended to the City Council.
 - City Council: The City Council is the final approval. If approved they will formally adopt the master plan.
 - Construction document preparation: This includes the document preparation and permitting. The first year usually includes everything to this point.
 - Start construction: The second year generally the construction period. Given current timeframe in the season, the potential start of construction is Spring 2026.

Thank you for your input. Please pass this on to your neighbors and have them share comments with us as well. We really appreciate you being here and look forward to building a beautiful park for you. You can track the progress of the park on the website.

If you have any questions, know of any neighbors who missed the meeting, or would like to provide additional comments or questions, please email: yourlandscape@roseville.ca.us

The recording of this meeting and the meeting minutes will be posted on the website in about a week: <http://www.roseville.ca.us/parksintheworks>

Meeting adjourned.