

## **Fiddymment Homestead Vision Plan Virtual Public Workshop #1 – January 21, 2025 at 5:30 pm**

*Approximately 32 residents plus City staff and design team attended.*

### Introductions:

- Tara Gee, Park Planning & Development Manager, City of Roseville
- Heather Buck, Senior Park Development Project Manager, City of Roseville
- Jill Gellar, Parks, Recreation & Libraries Director, City of Roseville
- Narinderpal Sufi, City Librarian, City of Roseville
- Annie Stanco, Cultural Arts Supervisor, City of Roseville
- Greg Yanito, Page & Turnbull
- Lada Kocherovsky, Page & Turnbull
- Clare Flynn, Page and Turnbull
- Iqra Anwar, Callander Associates Landscape Architecture
- Melissa Ruth Callander Associates Landscape Architecture

### Project Planning and Progress to Date:

Tara (City of Roseville) discussed how this property has been a valued asset to the City Roseville. This project has been a work in progress.

- In 2004, we had efforts to create the West Roseville Specific Plan and its Environmental Impact Report.
- In 2010, the homestead was listed on the National Register for Historic Places, which included the house and 2 other structures, the hot house and cooler, and the related grounds. During the same period, some of the other structures, such as a barn, were demolished by the developer due to safety and disrepair.
- In 2017, the City acquired the homestead and we started the development of the master plan for the entire park site, now known as Pistachio Regional Park. Due to the need for stabilization work of the homestead, the City hired Page & Turnbull to complete a Conditions Assessment.
- In July 2018, the Pistachio Regional Park Master Plan was approved. The house was stabilized with a new roof, addressing dry rot and downspouts/drainage and exterior painting. We also entered a temporary 5-year right of entry agreement with the Roseville Historical Society to help maintain the grounds.
- From 2019-22, the City constructed Phase 1 (ballfield, parking, 2 softball fields and restroom) in concert with the development of the high school. Our department also completed a 10-year Strategic Master Plan.
- In 2023, the need to locate a new community center and library along with changes to the soccer complex plans created the opportunity to review the park's Master Plan. This includes the high school building their own tennis courts and moving the universally accessible playground to the Soccer Complex. The revised Master Plan was based on community feedback and included many additional features, most notably the destination skate track with BMX component and a spray pad.

### Project Background:

The purpose/ goal of the revisioning efforts is to preserve the homestead, provide interpretive opportunities and a broader historic connection to Roseville residents.

In August 2024, the City held a brainstorming session with key stakeholders such as the Roseville Historical Society, Roseville Joint Union High School District, etc., to review opportunities and constraints, and to discuss the sitewide vision.

### Outdoor Opportunities:

Greg (Page & Turnbull) shared that the purpose of tonight's meeting is to generate ideas and make sure we understand. There will be a real time survey at the end of the presentation. We will briefly go over existing conditions and opportunities the team found while investigating the site. Reminder that we are not at the stage for solutions yet, this is the idea phase. We will share what we found and see what sticks with the community. These features are not proposed, they are just suggestions.

Iqra (Callandar) discussed site issues, reiterating what Tara said about the Fiddymont Historical Site being nestled in Pistachio Regional Park off of Hayden Parkway and Westpark Drive, to the South is the existing West Park High School. The context is important because of the adjacency to future improvements such as the community center, parking lot, play area and garden may influence some of the usage.

Yellow indicators (Homestead Site graphic) shows different zones within the boundaries that we are focusing on. Each zone offers different user experiences. This includes the front yard, side yards and backyard with opportunities to connect paths to other buildings and expand.

- Opportunity Area 1: Kitchen Garden (Side Yard)
  - Welcome Area
  - Break/ Waiting Area
- Opportunity Area 2: The Lawn (Front Yard)
  - Preserve view of home and attract visitors/ flexible use space
  - Photo opportunities - weddings, Instagram
- Opportunity Area 3: The Patio (Rear Yard)
  - Outdoor gathering space, shaded picnic area
  - Interpretation of smokehouse and cooler
  - Educational programming
  - Garden
  - Connections to surrounding amenities

### Opportunities for the Home:

- Opportunity Area 4: Farmhouse
  - Museum
  - Small events/ gatherings
  - Full-service kitchen
  - Accessible restrooms
  - Office space for staff for museum tours/ administration
  - Wedding party prep and hospitality
  - Storage
- Opportunity Area 5: Garage
  - Gift shop/ refreshments
  - Assessable restrooms

- Museum storage
- Indoor classrooms

### Constraints:

There will always be constraints, especially in regards to accessibility in a historical site. For example, access to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, if an elevator is required, and upgrades to mechanical, electrical, plumbing, etc. We need to be mindful of traffic and parking from the high school and future community center. Plus, we need to consider the landscape conditions of the area and the funding sources. We need to have realistic expectations.

### Case Studies: (Similar historical sites in California that have been restored and improved.)

- Bernhard Museum, Auburn
- C.F. Lott Home, Orville
- Oxnard Historic Farm Park, Oxnard
- Ardenwood Historic Farm, Fremont

### Survey:

Clare invited the group to participate in the interactive activity/ survey with questions, below, in real time (via menti.com.)

- ***How far do you live from the Fiddymment Homestead Site?***
- ***Outdoor Activities- Which image (shown) best represents what you'd like to see at the Fiddymment Homestead?***
- ***Farmhouse Uses: Which image best represents what you'd like to see at the Fiddymment Homestead?***
- ***Youth Education: Pin the image that best represents what you'd like to see at Fiddymment Homestead.***
- ***Outdoor Setting & Amenities: Which image best represents what you'd like to see at the Fiddymment Homestead.***
- ***Click and rank in order of priority of what you'd like to see at Fiddymment Homestead.***
- ***Fill textbox – What amenities would you like to see at the Fiddymment Homestead that West Roseville currently lacks or needs more of?***
- ***Word cloud – What types of activities or amenities would get you to visit the Fiddymment Homestead on a regular or semi-regular basis?***
- ***How often would you visit a living history museum inside the house?***
- ***How often would you visit the site if it offered a place to relax with a giftshop and/ or refreshment?***
- ***How often would you visit the site if it offered passive outdoor activities (i.e. Walking paths, interpretive displays, picnic tables, etc.)***

### Q & A:

Participants were invited to ask questions or make comments.

- *Thank you for a beautiful presentation. The case studies comparisons were great to see.*
- *Some members of the Roseville Historical Society were not able to make it. Please encourage those that were not able to make it, to view the recording when it's posted.*
- *We are very excited about the future of the ranch house. As far as events, we can highlight local wineries and farmers (wine tastings/ pairings.) These types of events usually can draw a crowd at restaurant or other venues.*
- *Nothing like food and beverages! There's a venue in Winters called Park Winters. It makes me think of the ranch house. They offer weddings, a barn and a historical home. Another comparison site to look into.*

- *Overall Master Plan of Pistachio Regional Park – Are there going to be more meetings that impact the of other sections of the park? We did quite an extensive outreach about 2 years ago to create the revised master plan. The information shared at the beginning of this presentation shared the updates to the master plan that resulted from the feedback and outreach from that point in time. Are the rest of those elements finalized and would not go through the review process such as this? They have already gone through an open public outreach process.*
- *Is the Pistachio Master plan easily found on the website or can it be shared with the list of people on here? It's currently on the City of Roseville's Parks and Recreation website under Parks in the Works for Pistachio Regional Park.*
- *The community right next to Fiddyment Farm was not built yet 2 years ago when the outreach was done. Is there any consideration for those newly constructed homes that was built after the input was gathered to make changes to the plan? We haven't considered it as we did take this Master Plan to the Parks & Recreation Commission, and it was recommended for approval. We can talk about this offline. We want to make sure we focus our time tonight on the Homestead, as the purpose of this meeting, but (Tara) I'm happy to talk to you about this or reply via email.*

Additional comments or feedback – Contact [yourlandscape@roseville.ca.us](mailto:yourlandscape@roseville.ca.us)

Next Steps:

All the comments and feedback will be considered and next time we meet (in about 2-3 months) we will share the concept plan. We will take pen to paper and look forward to your reactions to the ideas and vision.

Thank you all for participating and taking the time out of your busy days. We appreciate your feedback in this important process. Again, this recording will be posted online along with updates for this projects and more at [Roseville.ca.us/parksintheworks](https://Roseville.ca.us/parksintheworks)