

FD-50 Park Site

Public Workshop #2 – October 22, 2024, 6:30pm at Westbrook Elementary

Approximately 3 residents and 5 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 (was not in attendance.)
 - Kelly Appier, Park Development Project Manager
 - Josh Cervantes, Park Development Project Manager
 - 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.
 - Total Budget \$928,000/ Construction Budget is \$575,000
- Review of the 1st Public Workshop (September 10, 2024):
 - Recap of the top requested amenities/park improvements:
 - *Play structure with a slide and toddler swings*
 - *Trees/ Shade*
 - *Open area*
 - Other requested amenities included:
 - *Rock wall*
 - *No adult fitness area*
 - *Basketball*
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 - Recap of biggest concern related to this park:
 - *Dogs without leashes*
 - *Shade*
 - *Tanbark*

Tara responded to the tanbark comment that we use ADA-compliant engineered wood, which is cost-effective and designed to absorb falls. In contrast, poured-in-place rubber for universally accessible playgrounds is expensive, can burn feet, and has a short lifespan. Our goal is to balance the neighborhood's needs within the budget, keeping in mind that several parks are within walking distance of each other. The City aims to provide distinct experiences and identities for each park, and the unique features or themes often emerge after a park is named.
 - Recap of one main feature from the suggested items:
 - *Shade/ Shade over play structure*

- *Basketball*
- *Play Area/ Multi-swings*

The feedback from the first workshop resulted in the presented rough concept sketch, shown. We incorporated walking paths, a shaded picnic area, a larger play structure with shade, landscaping and open grass areas. Many people at the first meeting requested a large play area similar in size to that at Bev Bos Park. The play area proposed is slightly bigger than most parks.

- Resident Questions/ Feedback:

- *Excited about the future park*
- *Glad to have a park in the works*
- *Good amount of shade in the sketch*
- *What are the dash lines on the sketch? Walking paths*
- *What are the brown areas on the sketch? Mulch and pockets of plantings. They are placed in specific areas as to keep the kids away from the roads. This also is due to water conservation efforts. We plan for usable grass, not just decorative grass. Depending on the bid we could potentially add more grass, should budget allow.*
- *Are the pathways on the edge of curb? Will there also be sidewalks? The pathways are located within the park, set back well away from the curb, and connected as a looped system with access points at the corners. It seems you want to ensure that the walking pathways create a continuous loop around the perimeter. We won't install a sidewalk, as that would create redundant paths and strain our already limited budget.*
- *We understand it's not in the budget, but we would like to have basketball if possible. Kids would enjoy it and there are many homes in the area that have basketball hoops outside. Basketball was not included in the sketch because it would put us over budget and it wasn't a top priority as the others. If we were to add basketball, it would be a ½ court, as that is more family orientated. Full court attracts games with older teens and young adults, who bring more traffic, noise and language.*
- *If we don't get basketball hoops, then can the placement of the play and picnic area be reconsidered to make a larger field for kicking around a soccer ball? Yes, we can definitely reconsider the layout. Initially, the play and picnic areas were at one end, but they were moved to the park center for better accessibility. Regardless of placement, some residents may feel features are too close or too far from their homes, and we aim to find a balance. We also need to keep the limited budget and rising construction costs in mind. Since this was discussed again, we could draft a second rendering that includes a basketball court. When a project goes out to bid, it specifies minimum amenities, but we can request add-alternatives if the budget allows, like a half-court basketball option. It doesn't hurt to check the pricing for this.*
- *What is the elevation thought process for parks? We don't necessarily want that, but notice that Hughes Park dips quite a bit from the curb. I saw that our park site was graded. Parks are typically flat land parcels when developers hand it over to the City. When a playground is built, we often have excess dirt, which is very expensive to move, so it usually remains on-site. This dirt is sculpted into strategic mounds (berming) for design purposes, but to prevent crime, these mounds won't be very high, ensuring clear sightlines for police. Some parks, like Denio Family Park, have natural rolling hills, which complement the beautiful oak trees and make it suitable as a site for disc golf. In the case of Hughes Park, the elevation changes were already existing when the land was decided to the City for development as a park.*
- *What type of trees will be planted? How long until they provide shade? 15-gallon trees will be planted, and while they won't provide immediate shade, we typically mix fast and slow-growing varieties to ensure some shading in about five years. Tara shared her*

experience of planting a 5-gallon oak tree alongside a 24-inch box oak in her backyard. The result was that the smaller tree, grew faster than the larger specimen. Larger trees are more expensive and often do not survive the transplanting due to shock since they've been grown in a certain environment for a longer amount of time.

- *How does the sketch design fit within the scope of the budget?* It is currently in the top end of the budget. Though there is a lot of grass; grass is expensive. It's not just putting seeds in the ground, there are costs for irrigation and drainage that isn't as obvious. Again, the total budget is \$928,000, but after permitting and inspections it leaves us with just \$575,000 - \$600,000 for construction.
- Next Steps:
 - As a reminder, we are still in Step 1 of the Park Planning Process.
 - Due to the small turnout for this 2nd workshop, we are making an exception to give residents another chance to participate. In about a week, the sketch shown and a revision based on our conversion will be posted online, along with the meeting minutes. The attendees from the 1st meeting will be invited via email to make additional comments on the posted sketch(s) shown. Please note that we are already at the top of the budget without the basketball court. However, we would like determine if residents prefer more grass or less grass and ½ a basketball court. Once posted, we will accept these additional comments for 1 week at yourlandscape@roseville.ca.us
 - Then, with the combined feedback, we will create a formal rendering. This will prompt the public 2-week write-in period. (Due to the holidays, this will most likely occur in January 2025.)
 - If consensus is reached on the design of the park, then we can move along in the park planning process to construction documents. If not, then we may need to hold another workshop causing a delay of the start date.
 - Currently, we anticipate breaking ground in early spring 2026, and we hope to complete the park in one construction period, to avoid the impact winterization has on the budget.

If you have any questions or if you know anyone who missed this meeting and would like to provide feedback, please email: yourlandscape@roseville.ca.us

The meeting minutes will be posted on the website:
<http://www.roseville.ca.us/parksintheworks>

Thank you very much for participating and will follow up soon. We appreciate you time!

Meeting adjourned.