



Memorandum Parks and Recreation

DATE: May 8, 2018
TO: Parks, Recreation, and Arts Commission
FROM: Sarah Novo, Parks Manager, Parks & Recreation
SUBJECT: Item #11 – Park's Manager Report – BLUE MEMO

Parks Manager, Sarah Novo, provided the following updated information to replace the existing Parks Manager report that is currently in the Agenda Packet.



Parks, Recreation, and Arts Commission Report

Subject: Park Manager Report

Submitted by: Sarah Novo, Parks Manager

Date: May 9th, 2018

Department: Parks & Recreation

Staff Recommendation:

- Informational Only. No Action necessary.

Park Phase II Updates:

A lengthy process of checks and balances exists for the implementation of new safe, attractive, resilient, and accessible park and playground facilities for all residents and visitors to use and enjoy. One of the ways that cities achieve these spaces for their communities is through proper planning. The process from concept to execution includes many phases: collaboration, design, procurement, construction and funding. Lack of available or reliable funding is a very real culprit for why projects can stall or fail altogether and is responsible for some of the unfinished phases of park development within our parks system.

Parks in Rocklin are planned and constructed in a variety of ways, from internal planning and funding to turn-key developer installed parks. Like many other cities across the country, the City of Rocklin experienced a large volume of parks being developed and installed during times of high development. With the construction of new homes came requirements for park space within those developments. Other parks came from land which was donated to the City, and yet others were built upon land already owned by the City and designated as park space.

With Rocklin parks already featuring traditional sports fields and playgrounds, this undeveloped space provides an opportunity for unique amenities which attract people of all ages. An inventory has been conducted of the park and recreation resources currently found within the City of Rocklin as well as the locations of existing parks which have ancillary adjoining space to grow. To complement this inventory, the City has also surveyed residents in an effort to better understand the needs and desires of the community as they pertain to public satisfaction within Rocklin's current and expanding public park system and recreational offerings. It is our hope that the feedback and eventual updated master plans for each park will set a framework for new community projects, as well as help to identify funding needs and future potential parks and recreation resources as funding becomes available. While capital has not currently been allocated and future construction recommendations would likely proceed in phases as resources become available, smaller projects may be completed if in connection with other park projects, are projects which require maintenance attention, or are in proximity to additional City work and can be coupled with existing projects. An inventory of these park sites and potential uses of undeveloped park land is complete, and a more formal report is attached.

Corral Alva phase III:

- At Commission's request, staff has prepared a report as attached which is specific to each of the phased additions at Corral Alva Park. Corral- Alva Park was initially planned as a 5.29 acre park site with **Phase I** developed in 2008 consisting of 1.59 acres of parkland being developed. In phase I, the majority of items mentioned in the master plan were accomplished, leaving an open turf area, detached group picnic area, half-court basketball court, public restrooms, meandering turf strip and expanded native landscape area unfinished due to a lack of funding. This park is funded through the General Fund and naturally contains a wetland area and native landscape preserve for the habitat of native species, which aids in topographical concerns such as water runoff not addressed within the master plan. Although identified in the master plan to contain a public restroom, neighborhood parks commonly serve only the neighbors who reside within walking distance and historically have not included public restroom facilities.

Phase II of this park consisted of planting an oak tree woodland in the area directly behind the park sign and along the north frontage on Saxony Drive behind a landscaped frontage area. Oak tree mitigation funds were used in the planting of these trees. Although part of the planted area was identified in the master plan to be open turf, this area is located in close proximity to the existing wetlands which creates additional runoff and maintenance concerns. Some of the area planted was slated to be expanded natural landscape which is consistent with native species oak plantings.

Phase III of this park was completed in 2018 and consists of the installation of bark, trees, plants, drainage, irrigation and cobble in response to continued water runoff due to the uneven topography of this area of the park. The cobble drainage improvements were installed along the west side of the park, with a drain inlet placed at the northwest corner to capture water runoff previously draining onto the sidewalk. The addition of cobble, although inconsistent with the master plan which identified the installation of a meandering turf strip, resolved concerns of excessive drainage resulting in the potential for standing water and/or runoff onto the sidewalk in an area which would not be optimal for usable turf.

Water Play Areas:

- Water play areas are located at Kathy Lund Park (6101 West Oaks Blvd) and Whitney Park (1801 Whitney Ranch Pkwy.) They will open May 14th through October 15th from 10 A.M. to 7:30 P.M., 7 days a week.

Christine Anderson Park Grand Opening:

- A ribbon cutting and community celebration was held on Saturday, May 5th, 2018 and Christine Anderson Park was officially opened as Rocklin's 34th park.

Sunset Whitney Recreation Area Updates:

- On April 21st, 2018, over 200 local youth arrived bright and early wielding shovels, rakes and smiles – ready to plant over 120 trees, 200 plants and paint 2 restroom facilities on site at the SWRA. The trees planted serve to replace those dead/hazardous trees which have been removed over the past several months and the restroom paint refresh provides a sealant and further protection against deterioration and weatherization.



- For the safety of all citizens, this property remains closed to the public and public access is currently prohibited in all areas. Parks staff has conducted a risk assessment of this property in conjunction with other City departments which will be reviewed in order to prioritize further repairs.
- The website (<https://www.rocklin.ca.us/sunset-whitney-recreation-area>) is active and features the Park, Recreation and Arts Commission adopted guiding principles for the Sunset Whitney Recreation Area, as well as most recent updates, volunteer opportunities, and contact information for staff so that comments, questions and suggestions may be fielded and addressed.
- Continuing irrigation work in the landscape islands and along the Midas frontage.
- Stump grinding and wood chipping of downed trees is ongoing.
- SWRA Commission priorities and outreach updates to be addressed within a separate report.

Attachments:

- Re-Imagine Rocklin Parks

Re-Imagine Rocklin Parks

Addressing the use and re-use of existing park land

Introduction

A blank canvas of over 200 acres of undeveloped park land and designated open space sits next to several existing park sites and is ripe for the imagination of Rocklin residents. The City of Rocklin is currently home to 30 neighborhood parks (164.64 acres), 6 community parks (421.19 acres), and 4 future parks planned for development (28.54 acres) with a total of 614.37 acres, in addition to over 700 acres of open space. These acres of park land are specifically intended to serve a large portion of Rocklin residents by providing a broad range of passive and active recreational opportunities. With Rocklin parks already featuring traditional sports fields and playgrounds, this undeveloped space provides an opportunity for unique amenities which attract people of all ages. An analysis of undeveloped park land also serves as an opportunity to take inventory of the current demographics of our communities and their changing needs and desires for recreational space.

Imagine a park system interconnected with different sections tied together by walkways, open space, and gathering areas. An inventory has been conducted of the park and recreation resources currently found within the City of Rocklin as well as the locations of existing parks which have ancillary adjoining space to grow. To complement this inventory, the City has also surveyed residents in an effort to better understand the needs and desires of the community as they pertain to public satisfaction within Rocklin's current and expanding public park system and recreational offerings. The questionnaire, hosted through the online web software SurveyGizmo.com, was posted on the City's website for three weeks from October 10th through the 31st, 2017 and solicited 1,029 responses from community members. The survey was open to Rocklin community residents, and we believe that the results of this survey represent the voice of the community and will provide greater insight into both community needs as well as the

planning and development of remaining Rocklin City park land.

It is our hope that these survey results and recommendations will be used to prioritize park features and set aside funding allocations based upon community needs. It is also our hope that the feedback and eventual updated master plans for each park will set a framework for new community projects, as well as help to identify funding needs, future potential parks and recreation resources as funding becomes available. While capital has not currently been allocated and future construction recommendations would likely proceed in phases as resources become available, projects may be completed if in connection with other park projects, are projects which require maintenance attention, or are in proximity to additional City work and can be coupled with existing projects. Community input combined with staff analysis, and in conjunction with standards set forth by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) will deliver the standard for recommendations described herein.

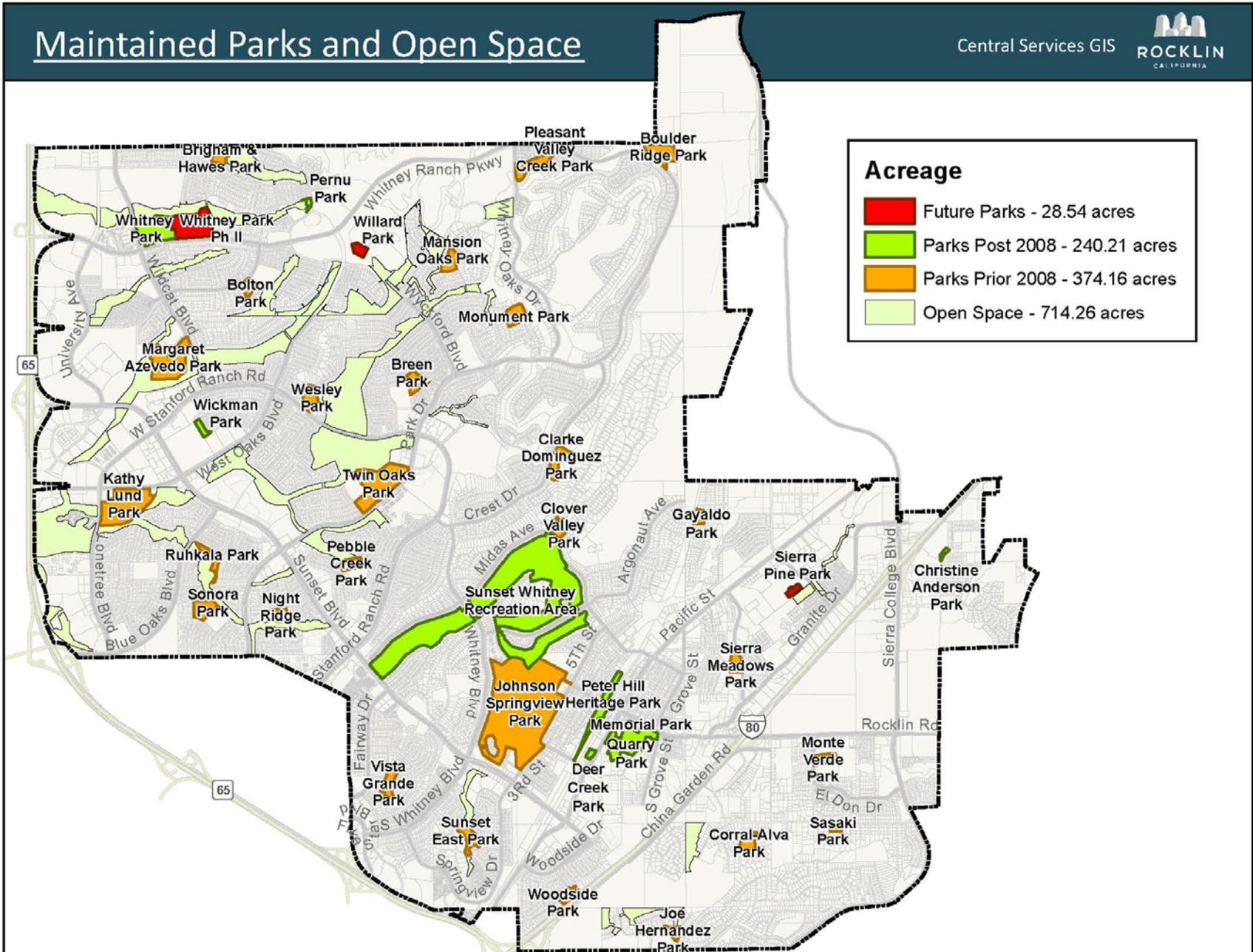
Park Standards

Though data is a very valuable tool, it is not always the final answer in terms of decision-making for local park and recreation agencies. No two park and recreation agencies are the same. They each serve different residents with different needs, desires and challenges and have unique access to funding. A successful department is one that tailors its services to best meet the needs and demands of its community rather than following the trends of preferred recreation or the recommendations of sport groups. Rocklin, as a unique agency, has numerous undeveloped parcels of land adjoining several existing neighborhood and community parks.

The development and celebration of the qualities unique to each city is becoming more and more prevalent within the world of parks and recreation. While park planning has historically taken a “cookie-cutter” approach to development; the tides of change have shifted

and are now embracing more imaginative free play and creative park features which often have the unique ability to blend into their equally unique communities. In recognition of this change in philosophy, the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) no longer publishes a “national park standard” to define best practices for park features. They do, however publish an agency performance review report which consists of data from 925 park and recreation agencies across the United States as reported between 2014 and 2016. This data indicates that the national standard for park space within jurisdictions is 5 acres per 1,000 residents. With the new acquisition of nearly 184 acres at the Sunset Whitney Recreation Area, the City of Rocklin far exceeds those standards at 9.53 park acres per 1,000 residents.

Rocklin's Inventory of Parks



Rocklin currently has to 30 neighborhood parks (164.64 acres), 6 community parks (421.19 acres), and 4 future parks planned for development (28.54 acres) for a total of 614.37 acres. These parks receive funding through a variety of sources to include: Community Facilities Districts, General Fund, development fees and park tax contributions. Currently 21 of Rocklin's parks rely upon the General fund, while 15 are funded through CFD5.

Park and Facility Inventory Matrix City of Rocklin				Total Acreage	Total Developed	Planned	FUNDING	CFD 5	General fund
	Park Name	Year	Address	Size					
COMMUNITY PARKS (5)									
1	Johnson-Springview		5480 Fifth Street	134.3	12.9				X
2	Kathy Lund	2004	6101 West Oaks Blvd	29.97	13.8			X	
3	Margaret Azevedo	2005	1900 Wildcat Blvd	24.2	9.6				X
4	Sunset Whitney Recreation Area	2017	Midas	183.7					X
5	Twin Oaks	1993	5500 Park Drive	30.28	17.8				X
6	Whitney Phase I	2007	1801 Whitney Ranch	18.76	12.3			X	
SUBTOTAL				421.19					
NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS (30)									
7	Bolton	2006	Bridlewood Wy and Leafy	2.99	2.3			X	
8	Boulder Ridge	2003	Park Dr at Black Oak Pl	10.16	5.7			X	
9	Breen	2001	2842 Shelton St	5.94	5.1				X
10	Brigham & Hawes	2006	Ranch View Dr and	3.58	1.2			X	
11	Christine Anderson	2018	Silver Lupine	0.89				X	
12	Clark Dominguez	2004	3098 Crest Dr	8	5.2			X	
13	Clover Valley	1998	4298 Clover Valley Rd	3.72	2.3				X
14	Corral-Alva	2008	Brookshire Dr	5.29	2.1				X
15	Deer Creek	2018	Pacific St.	1.26					X
16	Gayaldo	2008	Aitken Dariy Rd	2.62	1.5			X	
17	Joe Hernandez	2004	6901 Ballantrae Wy	3.52	3.0			X	
18	Mansion Oaks	2000	2406 St. Andrews Dr	5.72	2.2				X
19	Memorial	2001	3980 Rocklin Rd	1.08	0.6				X
20	Monte Verde	1997	El Don Dr	4.04	1.2				X
21	Monument	2001	4401 Hood Rd	7.35	1.8				X
22	Night Ridge	2001	6299 Night Ridge Dr	3.91	3.3			X	
23	Pebble Creek	1998	5939 Pebble Creek Dr	4.68	4.7				X
24	Pernu	2016	877 Old Ranch House Rd.	1.7	1.7			X	
25	Peter Hill Heritage Park	2009	Front St. and Rocklin Rd.	10.34	10.3	No			X
26	Pleasant Valley Creek	2005	Whitney Oaks	9.61	2.8			X	
27	Quarry Park	2015	4060 Rocklin Rd	21.99	1.7	No			X
28	Ruhkala	2001	2160 Arnold Dr	5.4	4.1			X	
29	Sasaki	2003	5014 Southside Ranch	1.64	1.4				X
30	Sierra Meadows	2007	2530 Sierra Meadows Dr	4.85	2.8				X
31	Sonora	2004	2101 Great Divide Wy	7.61	1.5			X	
32	Sunset East	1988	5953 Willownd Dr	7.04	0.8				X
33	Vista Grande	1995	5639 Onyx Dr	6.13	3.4				X
34	Wesley	2001	5376 Wesley Rd	7.8	5.2				X
35	Wickman	2017	1501 Monroe Ct	2.23	2.2	No		X	
36	Woodside	2000	3300 Westwood Dr	3.55	2.5				X
SUBTOTAL				164.64				15	21

Future Parks

37	Sierra Pine			2.03		Yes		
38	Veterans Park	2018		1		No		
	Whitney Park II	TBD		20.81		Yes		
39	Willard Park	TBD		4.7		Yes		
SUBTOTAL				28.54				

Inventory of Phase II Park Projects/Unfinished Existing Parks

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Like many other cities across the country, the City of Rocklin experienced a large volume of parks being developed and installed during times of high development. With the construction of new homes came requirements for park space within those developments. Other parks came from land which was donated to the City, and yet others were built upon land already owned by the City and designated as park space. To make matters even more complicated, parks within Rocklin also have different funding sources. For example, parks funded through a Community

Facilities District (CFD) have a designated funding source through a built in community assessment for maintenance and may find that the level of maintenance is more sustainable than those which are funded solely through the general fund. When parks have been constructed in Rocklin, they were built with the funds available at the time and while many beautiful parks have been fully completed, several were only partially funded and have been slated to be completed in phases as additional funding becomes available. The following is a detailed analysis of the current state of neighborhood and community parks which are in need of phased improvements.

What is a Neighborhood Park?

Neighborhood Parks are intended to serve City resident who live in close proximity; However they also contribute to the overall park system available to the entire community. Ideally, everyone in the City would reside within a convenient walking distance (typically one-half mile) of a Neighborhood Park. This is defined as the “service radius” or “service area” of a Neighborhood Park. Neighborhood Parks should address daily recreation needs of the surrounding neighborhood; features of neighborhood parks may include elements such as playgrounds, multi-purpose open turf areas, practice sports fields, picnic tables and/or picnic shelters, walking paths, attractive landscaping, and recreation features such as basketball courts. A size of up to (10) ten acres is considered appropriate to serve a neighborhood of approximately 1,000 residents within its service area.

Neighborhood Parks

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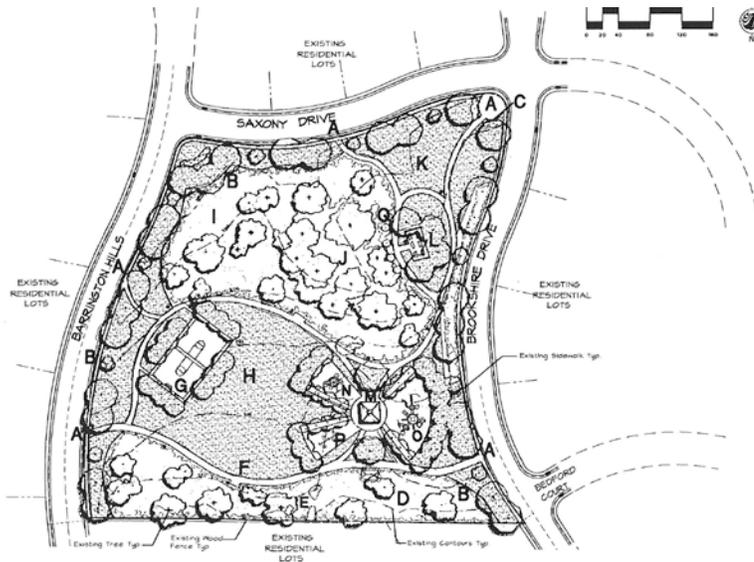


Corral-Alva Park



Plan Legend

Symbol	Description
A	Park Entry
B	Streetfront Meandering Turf Strip
C	Park Signage
D	Public Restrooms
E	Existing Boulders
F	Park Bench Cutout Typ.
G	Half Court Basketball Back-to-Back
H	Open Turf
I	Expanded Native Landscape
J	Existing Native Landscape Preserve
K	Open Turf
L	Detached Group Picnic Area
M	25' Shade Structure w/ Picnic Tables
N	Play Structure (Ages 2-5)
O	Play Structure (Ages 6-12)
P	Swings
Q	Native Planting w/ Signage
⊙	Security Lighting Typ.



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CORRAL-ALVA NEIGHBORHOOD PARK 5.5 ACRES MASTER PLAN

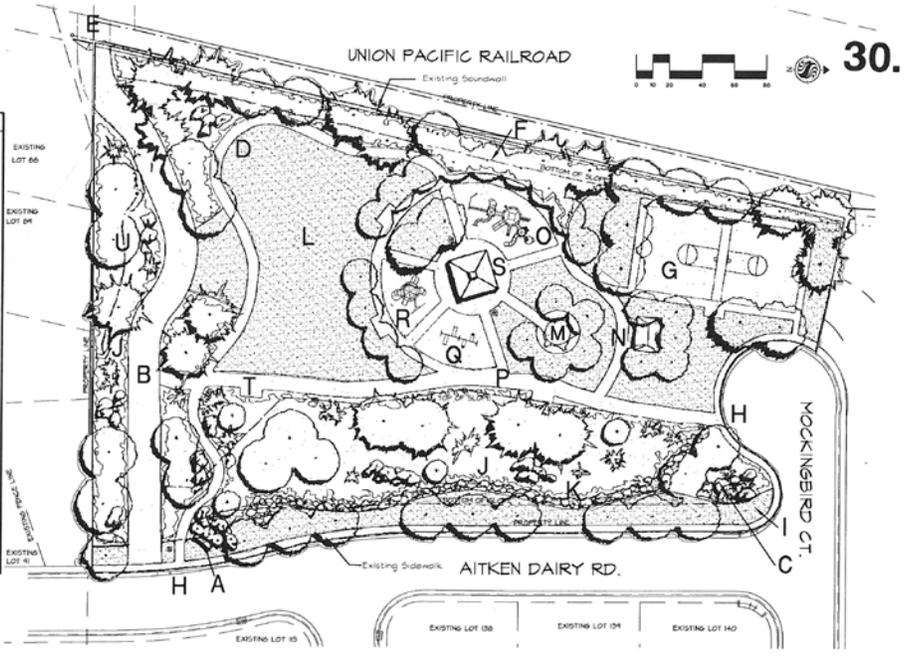
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Gayaldo Park was planned as a 2.62 acre park, with 1.82 acres developed to date. This park is funded through CFD 5 and currently offers a beautiful landscape of flowers and shrubs, an all-purpose field, covered picnic area, water fountain and school age play area. The full development of this park stopped short due to a lack of funding, and items identified within the master plan which remain undeveloped include a basketball court and water feature. Currently water features are amenities only seen within Community parks as they tend to bring a regional draw of visitors not ideal for a neighborhood environment. While the budget does not currently support the infrastructure originally identified, there may be an opportunity to wait for funding to come available or identify potential alternatives for this space such as additional all-purpose fields or oak tree plantings to mitigate those removed during development.



Plan Legend

Symbol	Description
A	Park Entry Signage
B	Existing Access Road
C	Site Boulders
D	Perimeter Walk
E	Existing Access Gate
F	Screen/Shrubs at Wall
G	Half Court Basketball Back-to-Back (Future Phase)
H	Entry Access Path
I	Meandering Street-front Turf Strip
J	Drought Tolerant Landscaping
K	Cobble Drainage Swale
L	Open Turf
M	Splash Pad
N	Public Restrooms (Future Phase)
O	Play Structure (Ages 6-12)
P	Maintenance/Access Path
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U	Drainage Swale
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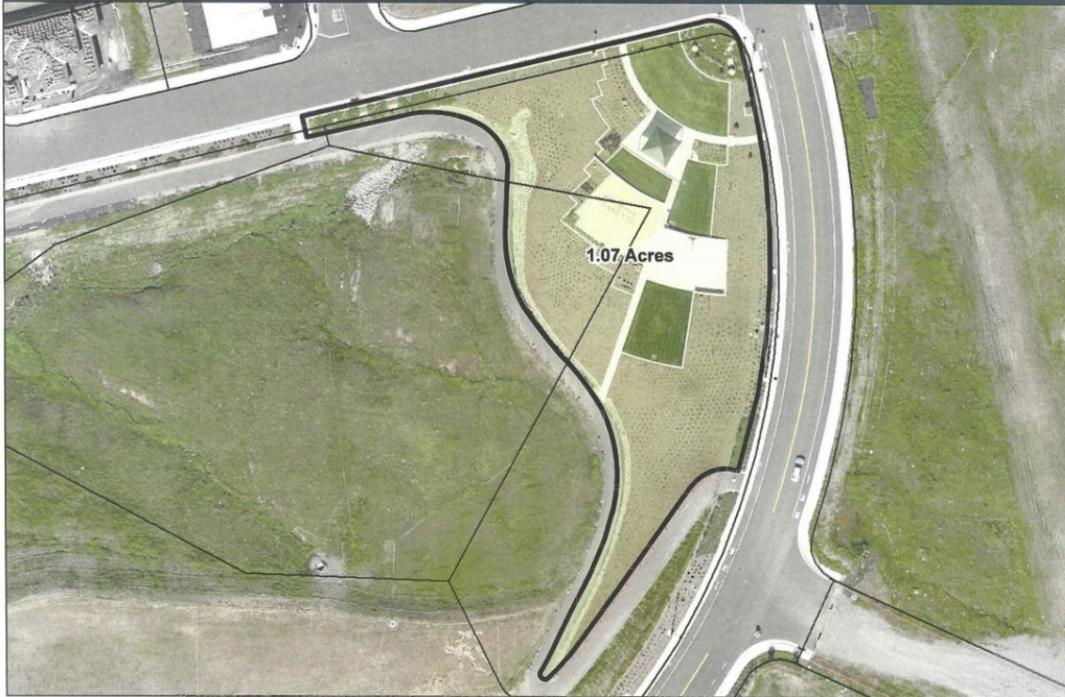
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Pernu Park, also known as development lot 48 was initially intended as a 1.07 acre, developer-installed park funded through CFD 5. To date 0.9 acres have been developed and consist of a basketball half-court, water fountain, shaded picnic area and an all-purpose field which is consistent with the master plan. The park is currently situated within a new housing development and is across the street from a swath of bare land ripe for future development. Although bicycle trails currently exist in this area as noted within the Parks and Trails Master Plan, Pernu park is adjacent to 21.8 acres of existing City-owned open space which may provide opportunities for walking trail development and additional park connectivity to adjoining communities, Whitney Park, and Whitney High School. There is a future elementary site with an adjacent 4.7 acre park site (Willard) which is also located in close proximity to Pernu Park.



Pernu Park



LEGEND

- A LANDSCAPE TREATMENT AT KEY CORNER BOUND BY WHITNEY RANCH STANDARD ORNAMENTAL FENCE & HALF PILASTER
- B PICNIC SHELTER (20' x 20') WITH (3) PICNIC TABLES
- C LOW CONCRETE SEATWALL, EXTENDS OUT INTO PLANTING
- D PLANTING BANDS SET IN RADIAL PATTERN
- E BASKETBALL HALF COURT
- F DOUBLE SWING
- G DRINKING FOUNTAIN
- H OPEN TURF AREA FOR PASSIVE PLAY
- I BIKE TRAIL CONNECTION
- J STREETSCAPE PLANTING
- K SLOPE STABILIZATION PLANTING

Park Master Plans



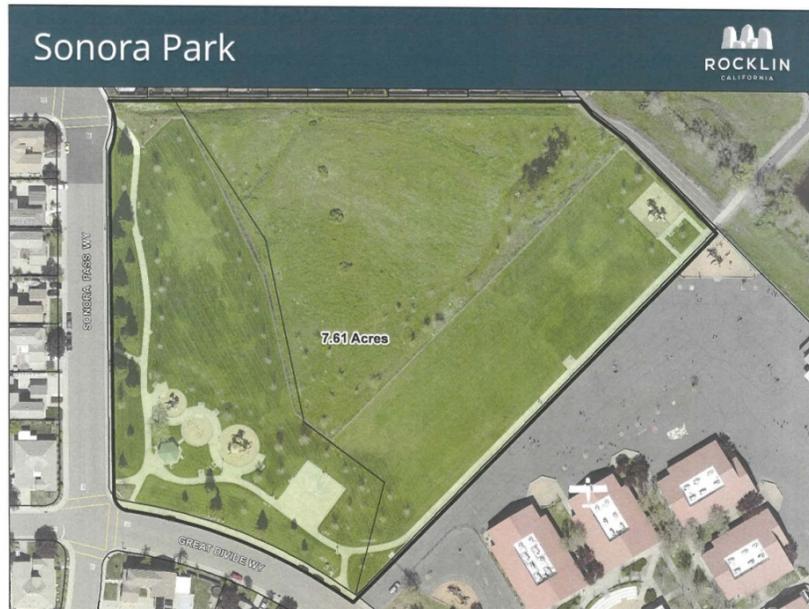
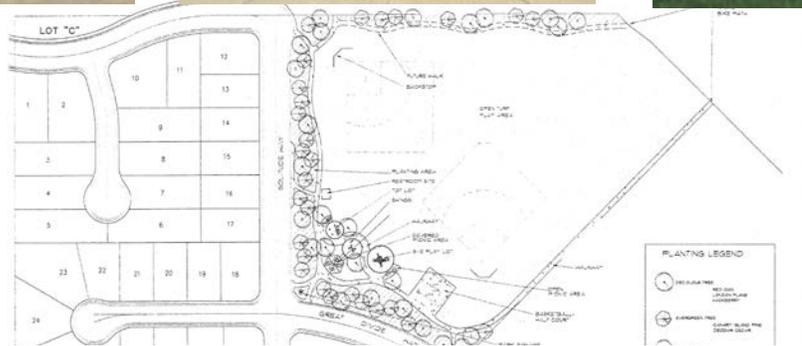
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LOT 48 PARK
Whitney Ranch, CA

Preliminary Landscape Plan



Sonora Park is a 7.61 acre park funded through a CFD and of which 2.66 acres are currently developed. This was a developer installed turn-key park accepted by the City in 2003, and currently features BBQ's, half-court basketball, school age play area and tot-lot, multi-use field, and a lovely picnic area. Although not included within the master plan as developable space, this park site has a large swath of open turf play area which may serve as potential space for oak tree planting should there be a desire for future phased development within this park.



What is a Community Park?

Community Parks are those which have been developed with a wide range of improvements usually not found in local neighborhood parks, and are intended to meet the needs of the entire City population. Some elements in these parks may be under lease to community groups, or facilities may be used to host tournaments or events which can create a regional draw and contribute toward the local economy. Community parks typically provide a broad range of both passive and active recreational opportunities, but their primary purpose is to provide active recreation use by a larger segment of the population than neighborhood parks. Community Parks are generally considered to serve several neighborhoods within a two-mile radius.

If a Community Park is located within a residential area it can also serve a Neighborhood Park function and, therefore, can be included in the service area analysis for Neighborhood Parks. Recreation buildings or centers are important features in some Community Parks. These are building features that may contain features such as gymnasiums, multi-purpose rooms, classrooms and offices for parks and recreation staff. Other facilities often found at Community Parks might include sport fields, sports courts, Frisbee golf, ponds or quarries, amphitheaters, group picnic pavilions, water play areas and public restroom facilities. Large special events such as concerts, fun runs and festivals might also be held in larger Community Parks.

Community Parks

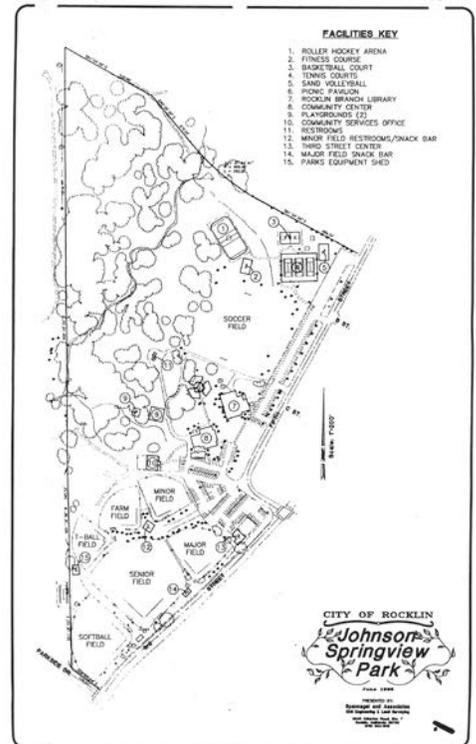
Johnson-Springview Park is the largest of all Rocklin parks and serves as an activity hub encompassing 132 acres, with over 90 acres of open space it offers a variety of activities for every age and ability to include: an 18 hole disc golf course, lighted tennis courts, a baseball complex, skate park, pavilions, children's play area and a dog park.

As we imagine the possibilities of enhancing and diversifying park uses and amenities within the Johnson Springview park master plan and Parks and Trails Master Plan, several ideas have been identified. They include:

- Water Play area – The removal of the water play area at Memorial park and its replacement at the Johnson Springview park has been an item of interest. Parks and Recreation feels that this would be a great addition to this space, as Johnson Springview is the park experiencing the highest level of use and lies on the border of the “Quarry district” of historic Rocklin. Historic Rocklin features older homes which lend to the nostalgia and charm of the City, but these homes also do not feature swimming pools commonly found in other areas of the City. For this reason, the City Council feels that water play would be a very welcome and highly used addition to this park.

Other opportunities include:

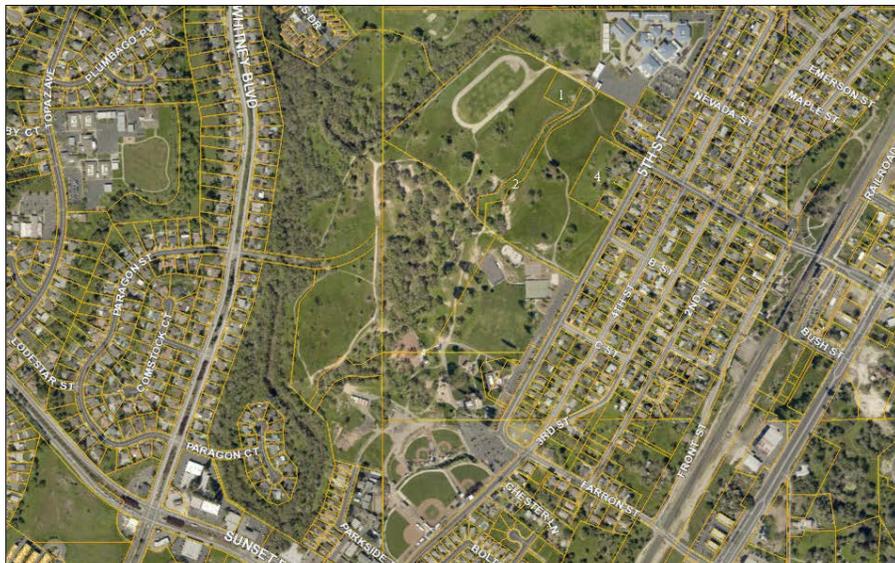
- Expansion of recreational programs through partnerships
- Community center remodel
- Installation of batting cages, driving range, futsal or other multi-sport all-weather court





Johnson-Springview park is funded through the General Fund and was deeded to the City by the Johnson family. Specific parcels have deed restrictions in place for a finite timeframe which limits some development opportunities in certain areas (below).

Johnson Springview Park



July 7, 2017
 — HIGHWAY
 — MAJOR
 — MINOR
 ■ Parcels

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Restrictions in place for parcels 1 and 2:

- No roadway, street or highway which is open to the general public for vehicular traffic shall be constructed across or through this property.
- The use of this property shall be restricted to open space and educational purposes.

Parcel 1 Only:

- To preserve the significant historical and cultural artifacts located on this property (Huff Springs)

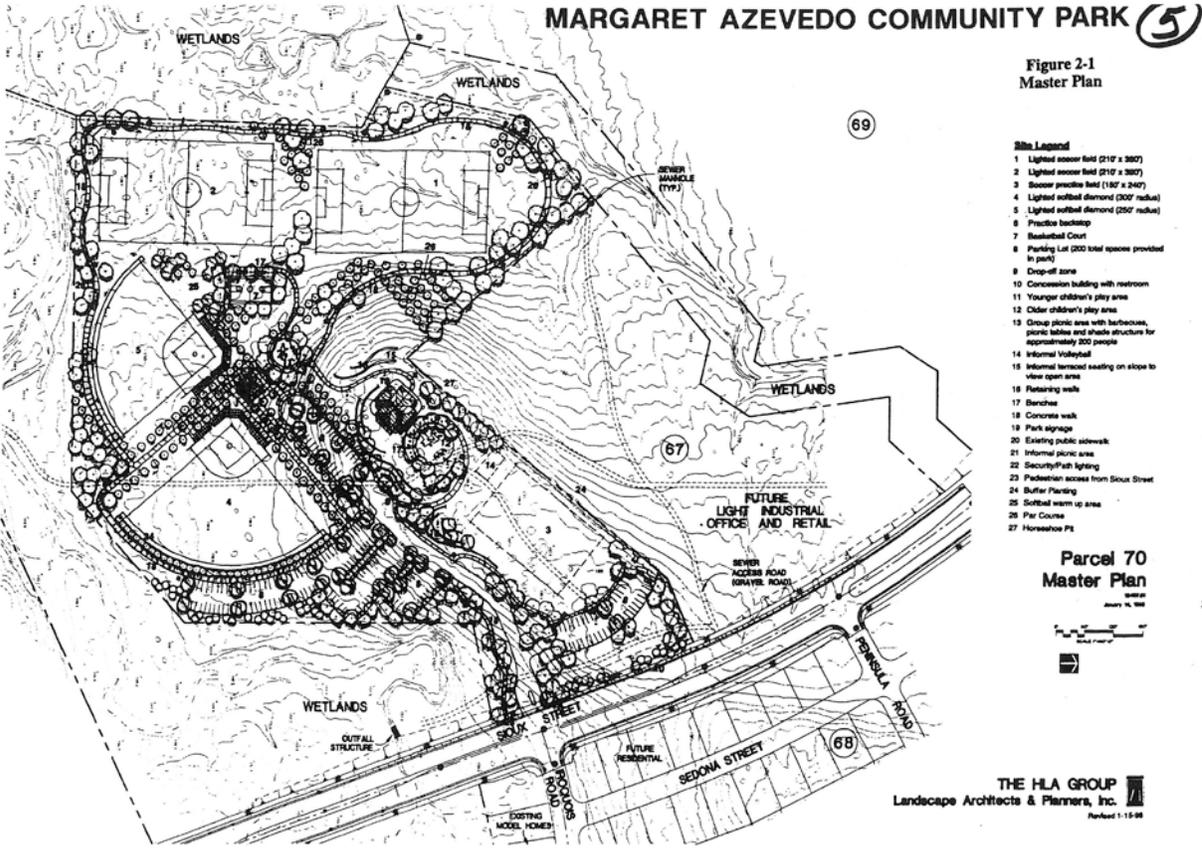
Restrictions for all parcels:

- The use of the property shall be restricted to open space and park purposes including recreational play fields.
- No building shall be constructed West of parcel 4.

Margaret Azevedo Park, formerly known as Lone Tree Park consists of 24.20 acres, of which roughly half is developed. This park receives funding through the General Fund and currently features two large soccer fields, a play structure, covered picnic area, restroom facilities and a softball field. Though funding is not currently available for completion of Phase II additions, thoughts regarding development include possibilities such as: basketball, volleyball court, horseshoe pits, par course, softball field, additional soccer fields or a futsal court.



Margaret Azevedo Park

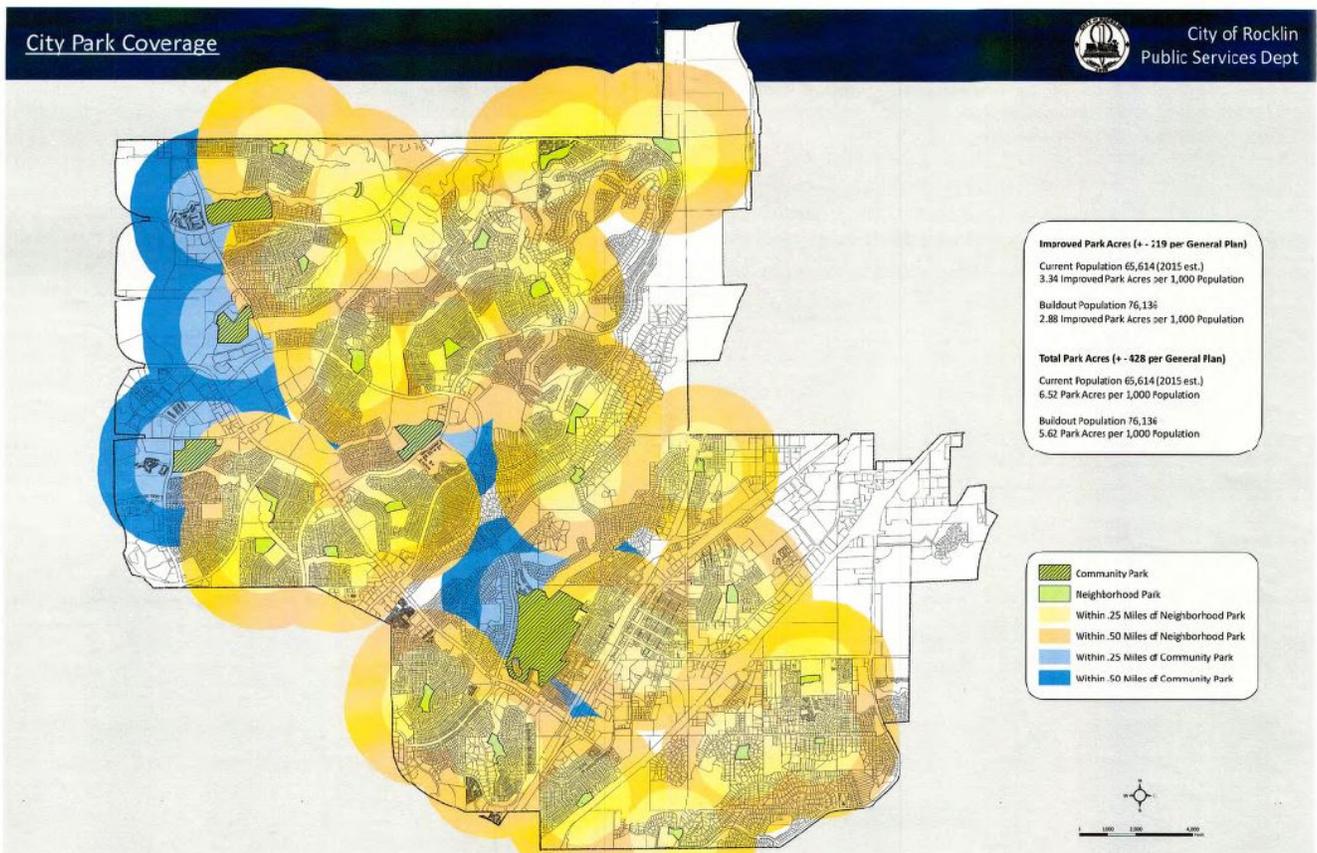


Whitney Park, the most recently installed of all community parks consists of 39.57 acres of designated park land in one of the newest developments within Rocklin. Approximately 20 acres have been constructed using development fees, and consists of four baseball and multi-use fields, restroom facilities, pavilions, play structures and a water play area. Development fees were exhausted for the construction of Phase I of this park, and although no budget is currently available for development of a Phase II, a recent survey of the community was conducted to gain an understanding of the community's needs and desires as we create a master plan for the remaining developable areas. Many of the thoughts and ideas found within the survey involve construction of more sporting fields, and /or restful space and features such as hammocks.



Walkability and Accessibility

With exception to a handful of locations within Rocklin, residents can easily walk to a neighborhood or community park within ½ mile of their home or place of business. Some of the underserved areas identified in the map below are intended as planned development space for additional parks to be built over the next several years. The currently underserved area on the East side of the city as identified in the map below is not yet updated to reflect the recently constructed Christine Anderson neighborhood park. Once additional forecasted parks are built, we anticipate that the accessibility for those areas will improve significantly. The map also includes only City owned and managed parks, and does not include parks located within gated communities or operated by homeowner’s associations (HOA).



Rocklin Parks currently feature a myriad of offerings to the community. The assets below offer a snapshot of the existing amenities within each park. As Parks and Recreation analyzes park user demographics and current amenities to imagine new possibilities, our goal is to ensure that the City of Rocklin continues to offer something for everyone. Addition of ADA components and more nature play will continue to be priorities as park planning and development moves forward.



	playground	dog park	picnic tables	covered picnic area	grills	water spraygrounds	baseball	basketball	roller hockey	sand volleyball	skate park	soccer	tennis	pickleball
Johnson-Springview - 5480 5th St														
Kathy Lund - 6101 W Oaks Blvd														
Margaret Azevedo - 1900 Wildcat Blvd														
Sunset Whitney Recreation Area - 4201 Midas Ave														
Twin Oaks - 5500 Park Dr														
Whitney - 1801 Whitney Ranch Pkwy														
Bolton - Bridlewood Dr and Anvil Cir														
Boulder Ridge - Park Dr and Black Oak Pl														
Breen - 2842 Shelton St														
Brigham & Hawes - Telegraph Hill Dr														
Christine Anderson Park - Silver Lupine Ln and Snowbrush Dr														
Clarke Dominguez - 3098 Crest Dr														
Clover Valley - 4298 Clover Valley Rd														
Corral-Alva - Brookshire Dr														
Deer Creek - Pacific St														
Gayaldo - Aitken Dairy Rd and Lemon Hill Dr														
Joe Hernandez - 6901 Ballantrae Way														
Mansion Oaks - 5255 Pacific St														
Memorial - 3980 Rocklin Rd														
Monte Verde - 4651 El Don Dr														
Monument - 4401 Hood Rd														
Night Ridge - 6299 Night Ridge Way														
Pebble Creek - 5839 Pebble Creek Dr														
Pernu - Old Ranch House Rd														
Peter Hill Heritage - Rocklin Rd and Front St														
Pleasant Valley Creek - Whitney Oaks Dr														
Quarry Park - 4000 Rocklin Rd														
Ruhkala - 2160 Arnold Dr														
Sasaki - 5014 Southside Ranch Rd														
Sierra Meadows - 2530 Sierra Meadows Dr														
Sonora - 2101 Great Divide Way														
Sunset East - 5953 Willowynd Dr														
Vista Grande - 5639 Onyx Dr														
Wesley - 5376 Wesley Rd														
Wickman - Monroe Ct														
Woodside - 3300 Westwood Dr														

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Community Survey

In an effort to determine how best to serve Rocklin park users, parks staff solicited community input as the first step toward creating recommendations for the aforementioned parks with planned Phase II additions or parks with capacity to incorporate additional features into existing planned space. With each of these parks already featuring traditional sports fields and playgrounds, the undeveloped space provides an opportunity for unique amenities to attract people of all ages. Rocklin residents were surveyed in an effort to better understand the needs and desires of the community as they pertain to public satisfaction within Rocklin's current and expanding public park system and recreational offerings. The questionnaire, hosted through the online web software SurveyGizmo.com, was posted on the City's website for three weeks from October 10th through 31st, and solicited 1,029 responses from community members. The survey was open to Rocklin Community residents and city officials, and we believe that the results of this survey are the voice of the community and will provide greater insight into both the needs of the community as well as the planning and development of remaining Rocklin City park land.

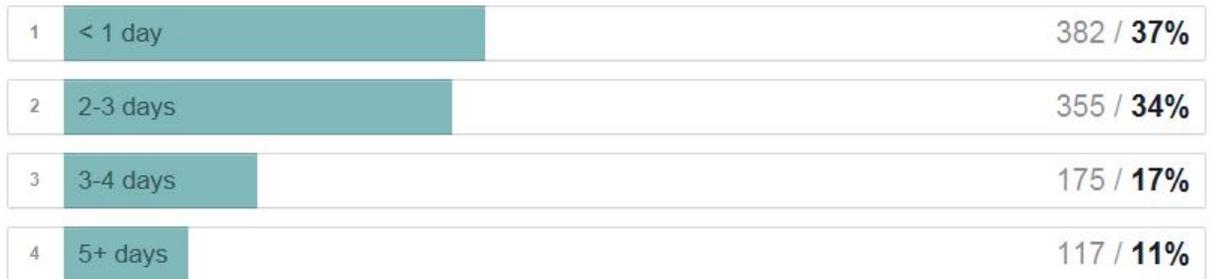
The feedback received by those who took the survey will set a framework and serve as a catalyst for desired community improvements and park additions, and will help identify funding priorities and needs. Although funding has not been allocated for any of the phased additions and these improvements would likely proceed only as funding came available, it is imperative to first identify those parks in need of more diversified options, and contrast the community desires with anticipated costs. The survey is as follows:

Survey Questions

1. Do you own or rent a residence in Rocklin, CA?



2. How many days per week do you use the parks in Rocklin?



3. What are three words you would use to describe the parks in Rocklin?

Clean Abundant Accessible Safe

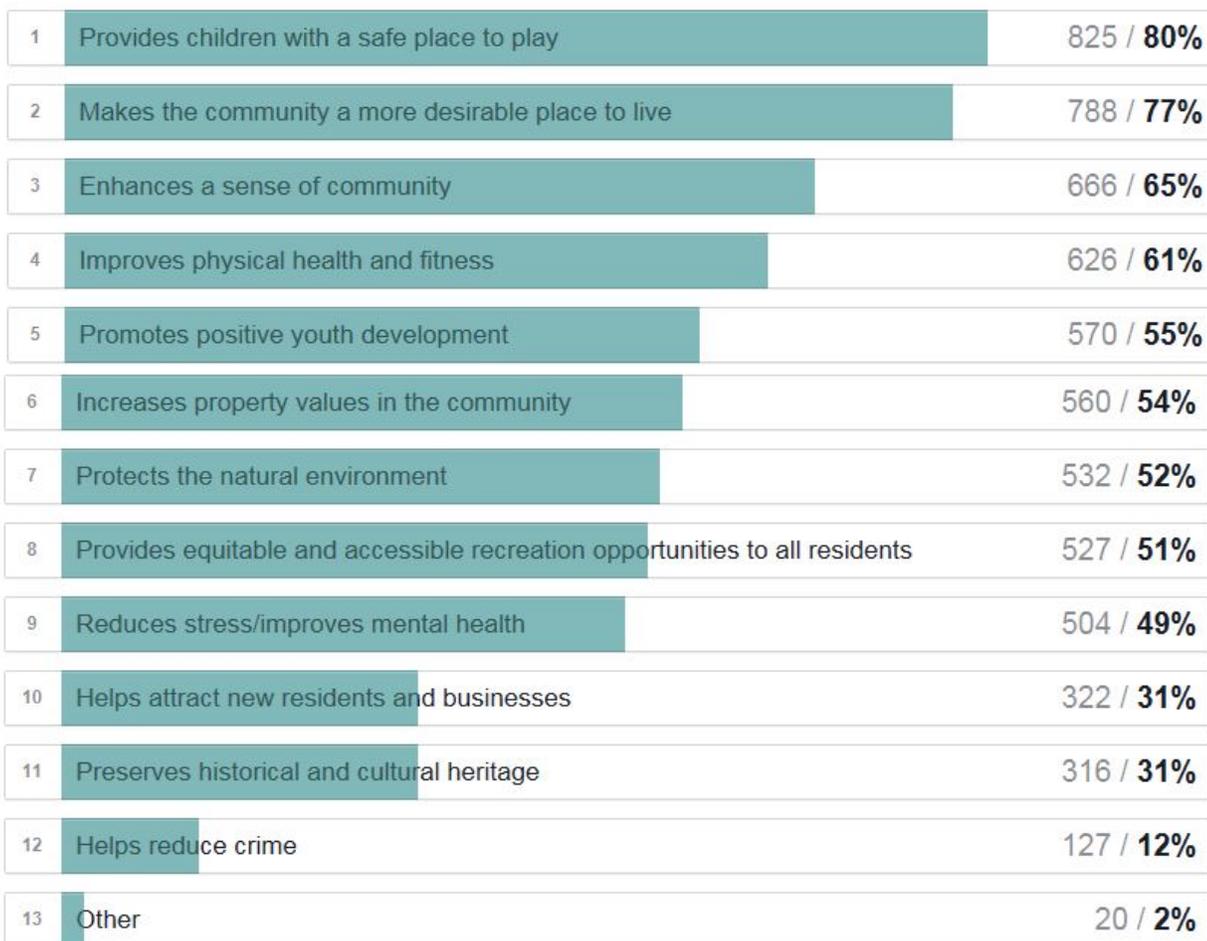
4. If there were one thing you would change about Rocklin parks, what would it be?

- More bathrooms
- More shade and trees
- More unique activities (splash pads, aquatics, security)
- Connection of walking trails
- Better lighting
- General maintenance (muddy areas from over watering)

5. What’s one thing you hope never changes about the parks in Rocklin?

- Cleanliness, maintenance, safety
- The amount of them
- That they are included in neighborhoods
- The importance of them
- That they are family friendly
- The variety
- The open spaces
- That they remain free, are not sold
- Free of transient people, crime and vandalism
- Beautiful green grass

6. What do you feel are the most important benefits of parks in Rocklin?



7. What are your 5 top options for park development in order of importance from the following list of amenities?

Walking/running trails Dog park Obstacle course Creative play Outdoor fitness

Analysis of Survey Results

Rocklin has a long legacy of beautiful and abundant parks, and the analysis of data received from this survey confirmed that the citizens of Rocklin are innately in tune with the many amenities and positive qualities that Rocklin parks contribute to a healthy and livable community. The City has paid careful attention to develop Rocklin into a desirable place to live and has enjoyed people moving to the area just to experience the many parks located within the neighborhoods and community. Many people we spoke with during the course of this survey shared fond memories that were made in the Rocklin parks while spending time with their family, watching kids sporting games, or taking their dog for a walk. Through the survey results we found that Rocklin parks are associated with health, family, and fun. They were described as the hub of the neighborhood; where parents felt safe to send their kids down the block to play or where they can meet up with friends for an evening stroll. Rocklin parks are seen as a beautiful and clean place to spend time and enjoy the great outdoors.

Across the board, residents who were surveyed saw great value in the Rocklin Parks. Many commented on their variety and abundance while others mentioned enjoying that they were close to home and walkable. The survey results show that people believe the parks to be a safe place for children to play, make the community a more desirable place to live, and enhances a sense of community and connection among residents.

Below are a few key buzzwords that Rocklin residents used to describe their parks:

CLEAN ABUNDANT ACCESSIBLE SAFE

Survey participants also described Rocklin parks as featuring easy access for families and community members with accessibility challenges, beautiful, open, welcoming, featuring large swaths of green grass, clean, calming, well maintained, and unique. After speaking with a variety of residents, one thing rang true: life happens at the

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parks. Whether you spend six days a week at the park for your child's soccer practice, or go to the park once a week for a leisurely stroll—people are meeting, relationships are forming, connections are being made, and life is happening. In today's world of instant access to information, social media, and an over-abundance of screen time, we are more disconnected than ever. As a way to battle this lack of unity and loneliness, Rocklin parks not only enhance the community, but are doing their part to bring humanity together. From dog lovers, to fitness enthusiasts, kids in sports, music and art lovers, and families – Rocklin provides a park for everyone who supports the invitation to come together and live in community.

During the course of this survey, we heard personal stories from people whose lives were touched by interactions at the park: one woman met her husband while she was there, and another said she always meets new friends at the park. There were stories shared by parents about coaching their kids' games, and an uncle who goes to the park to watch his nephew play soccer. Stories of attending community celebrations and music events with friends, and stories of gathering with family and neighbors – all of it happening in the Rocklin parks. Rocklin parks have created and will continue to create a place for relationships to flourish. From parents taking their kids to the water play areas or playground structures and enjoying a day with them, to grandparents attending their grandkids' baseball or soccer games to friends walking together for exercise; one thing is clear - the parks create space for connection and community.

Methodology

The questionnaire, hosted through the online web software SurveyGizmo.com, was posted on the City's website for three weeks from October 10th through the 31st with the intention of gathering individual opinions of Rocklin residents with regard to their preferred development and to gather the level of public understanding for how parks are funded and managed. Data was analyzed and interpreted solely by City Staff team for presentation to the Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission so that they can better plan park space and best serve the Rocklin community.

Park Analysis

Healthy Parks and Recreation opportunities promote the economic, health and conservation benefits of our community. It was our hope from this survey that we will be able to determine how frequently residents are visiting parks, whether they are informed of park funding, what amenities are current favorites and which amenities the community would like to see more of. This survey is in an effort to uphold the research supporting that:

- The City should continue to maintain and provide adequate parks and recreation facilities to ensure the high quality character and livability of the community;
- Passive open spaces remain a valuable component of a livable city;
- Youth programs are a major part of life for many families. Parks and recreation facilities and programs provide a safe refuge and a place to play, which helps to reduce at-risk behaviors. Youth participation in parks and recreation programs has been proven repeatedly to reduce the likelihood of youth becoming victims of violent crime, smoking, drinking alcohol, or use illegal substances/drugs;
- Excellent parks and recreation programs promote healthy lifestyles and social interactivity for all ages, which helps to maintain community cohesion and pride;
- The City should continue to promote recreation and sport destination activities in Rocklin;
- The City should continue to promote and provide recreational and social opportunities to all populations.

Conclusion

Your park, for your benefit. It is no doubt that the parks in Rocklin are seen as an asset to the city. In addition to preserving natural beauty and providing a safe place for people to be, they also enhance the desirability to live in this community. There is demonstrable evidence that parks are an asset. A recent study on home ownership has suggested that people take better care of what they have ownership over. Helping each resident to feel that they have “ownership” over their local parks can help instill a sense of pride and deeper

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concern for the future of the parks. Staff feels that by involving the community in decisions pertinent to their park system, residents will feel more of a sense of ownership over ‘their’ park. Even for residents who don’t consistently use the parks, there is still immense value. In numerous studies, parks have proven to increase property values, aid in economic development and boost tourism. Homebuyers prefer homes close to parks, open space, and greenery. Proximity to parks increases property value which in turn makes Rocklin a more desirable place to live. Parks also contribute to mental, physical, and emotional well-being. It is widely known that individuals who move to greener areas have significant and long-lasting improvements in mental health. Even passive leisure activities in parks like reading and contemplation improve mood, reduce stress and enhance a sense of wellness. In addition, many residents use the parks for physical fitness, running, and play for children.

Rocklin has a serious sense of hometown pride. We spoke to many long-time residents of Rocklin and one message that kept coming up was the way Rocklin parks have contributed to a strong feeling of hometown pride. The residents who have lived here a while are deeply connected to the city, and the parks have played a role in that. There were fond memories shared about spending time at the parks and multiple generations gathering there for events and fun. From little league games, to play dates, to participating in the Jubilee celebration and family picnics – many lasting memories were made at the parks in Rocklin, and the expansion of parks is a welcome thought to all who were surveyed. However, less of the newer residents we spoke with mentioned any nostalgic events happening at the parks. As Rocklin has expanded, some of the hometown feel has been lost and there is an opportunity to capture that pride and sense of belonging through the addition of new elements with historical ties to the past. Along that vein, Rocklin parks can be positioned as the place to begin and carry on traditions. Family memories can be made in simple, yet meaningful ways. Families don’t have to take a trip to Hawaii or Disneyland for memories to be created and a sense of tradition to be fostered. Fourth-of-July barbecues and birthday celebrations at picnic areas can be meaningful events with emotional importance.

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What Sets Rocklin apart? Your Park Near Your Home. One of the most mentioned comments, when asked the question, “What makes Rocklin parks unique from others in the area?” was the amount of parks located within walking distance of homes. This adds a unique aspect to neighborhoods and can help foster relationships with neighbors which is rudimentary to establishing a home-town feel. When a child is able to ride a bike a few houses down to play at the park with friends, or when a group of women can walk a block away to meet and watch their kids play on the playground, that park becomes an extension of “home.”

Recommendations

Based upon the results of the community survey, we will recommend those standards upheld by the NRPA and desires of the Rocklin community. By reaffirming the City of Rocklin’s commitment to provide quality parks and recreation services, it continues to create significant economic value by improving the job base and the viability of the local economy, including business relocation, expansion in the community and increased tourism. Quality parks and recreation services also assist in reducing fuel costs and commute times by providing a place close to home to relax, exercise, and reduce stress through varied offerings of leisure activities.

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