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Rinconada Park Long Range Plan: Stakeholder Meeting Agenda Topics

The Goal of the Long Range Plan….
The goal of the Long Range Plan is to prepare a plan that will guide future improvement and renovation of Rinconada Park well into the future.
Last major renovation performed on the park was the irrigation upgrade in 1999.
Children's play equipment and tennis court resurfacing are the only renovations items to take place after 1999.

The Purpose of the Long Range Plan…..
The Rinconada Park Long Range Plan is an evaluation of the Park and it's amenities to guide future improvements and renovations. Analyzing current site conditions as well as community uses (both locale and regional) to provide insight into how the park is currently being utilized and indentify areas that the park is under serving. The park analysis will be used to prepare a Long Range Plan for park development, maintaining and supporting the amenities in the park and addressing insufficiencies. The Long Range Plan will be divided in phases allowing for its implementation over time to spread out the cost of the work.

The Community Stakeholder Committee….
Composed of members of the community the stakeholder committee is requested to represent the needs of their user groups. Committee members will participate in the development of the Long Range Plan, by communicating the concerns, needs and ideas of their user groups to the design consultants and city staff. Committee members are encouraged to attend all community meetings and relay the information discussed and presented at those meetings back to their user group for further comment and dialog. The establishment of a stakeholder committee is to assist in maintaining community involvement through the planning process of the Long Range Plan.

The Community Stakeholder Committee Suggested Duties……..
- Act as a representative and liaison to the community stakeholder group.
- Forward prepared announcement and review materials to the stakeholder group (email).
    - Community Meeting Invitations
    - Design Plans
    - Web page links
    - City agency meeting announcements
- Direct comments and questions to city staff from the stakeholder group.
- Attend community meetings.
- Form Ad Hoc stakeholder committee within their specific group to review plan options.

Scope of Work……..
(Tasks to be performed by the design consultant)
- Site Analysis (Task 2)
    - Review existing features of the park: Built & natural
    - Parking & traffic study
    - Review recreational uses & assess park amenities
    - Community input (Community meeting 1)
- Design Development (Task 3)
    - Develop conceptual alternatives & written evaluation of concepts
    - Community input on the concepts
- Draft Master Plan (Task 4)
    - Develop draft plans options
    - Community input on options
- Master Plan (Task 5)
    - Develop final plan
    - Community input on final plans

Tentative Schedule & Process of the Long Range Plan……..
Dates & times of meetings to be added
Initial Stakeholder Meeting 3/20
Community Meeting (Task 2) 4/10
Stakeholder Meeting 4/17
Community Meeting (Task 3) 6/5
Community Meeting (Task 4) 7/26
Stakeholder Meeting (Task 4) 8/9
Community Meeting (Task 5) 12/11

Review of Rinconada Park & Adjoining Facilities……..

- History
  - Established as a Park in 1922
  - Named after *Rancho Rinconada del Arroyo de San Francisquito*
  - Rinconada means corner in Spanish
  - *The Magic Forest*, dedicated in 1971 in memory of Edith Ellery Patton (1877-1970), a teacher at Walter Hays School. Miss Patton would read to her students in the shade of the tall trees.
  - Home to Heritage Tree No 2, a Coast Live Oak, approx. 200(+) years old, dedicated in 1994 Palo Alto's Centennial year
- Current layout
  - 2 Playgrounds
  - Activity turf area
  - 1 Group picnic area
  - 6 Tennis courts
  - The Municipal swimming facility
  - The Girl Scout house
  - Performance bowl
  - The Magical Forest
  - Arboretum picnic area
  - Shuffle board & horse shoe pits
- Adjoining facilities
  - Lucie Stern
  - Junior Museum & Zoo
  - Children's Library & Theatre
  - Walter Hayes School
  - Fire station
  - Main library
  - Art Center

Stakeholder Committee Groups……..

- 6 Neighborhood Associations
    - Old Palo Alto
    - University South
    - Duveneck /St. Francis
    - Community Center
    - Embarcadero Oaks – No Rep.
    - Leland Manor/Garland
- Lucie Stern Center
- Junior Museum & Zoo
- Children's Library
- Children's Theatre
- Walter Hayes Elementary
- Tennis Players Association
- Swimmers
    - Swim Team
    - Master Swimmers
    - Lap Swimmers
- Friends of Palo Alto Parks
- PABAC – Palo Alto Bicycle Advisory Committee
- Canopy
- Girl Scout House
- Friends of the Art Center
- Park & Recreation Commission Member

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