Rinconada Park Long Range Plan City of Palo Alto

Community Meeting

August 2, 2012





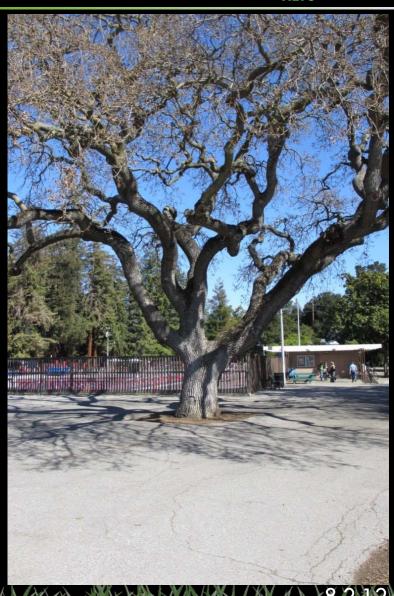
SPORT PLANNING & DESIGN

Agenda





- Introduction
 - Goals and Objectives
- Preliminary Concepts Input
- Draft Long Range Plan **Options Review**
- Community Input
- Next Steps



Long Range Plan — Why?

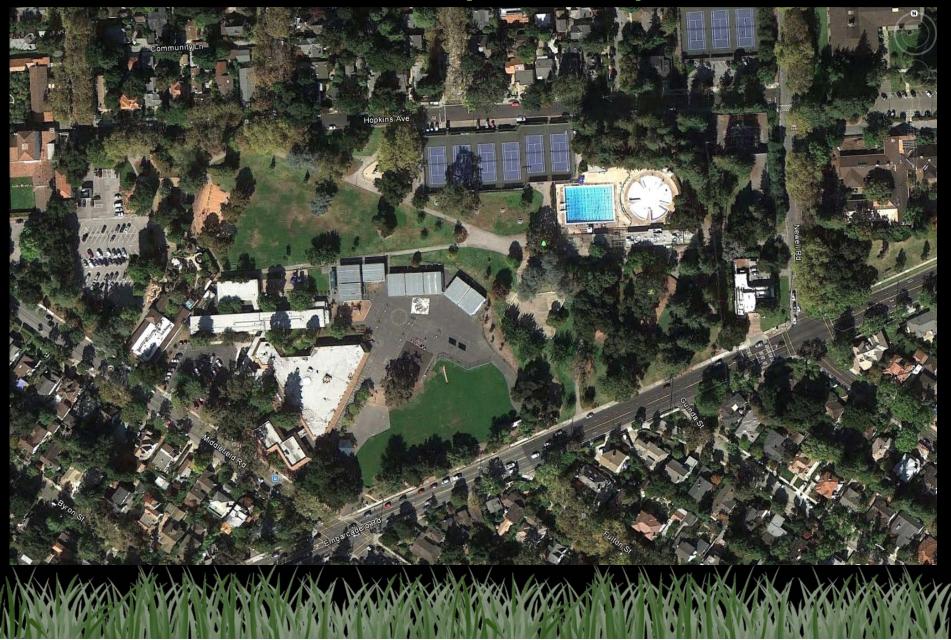




- Coordination and update of Park resources and amenities to reflect current and future needs of park users and guests.
- Respond to park usage as it relates to surrounding uses and neighborhood.
- Building Code and infrastructural improvements
- Coordination of user group objectives

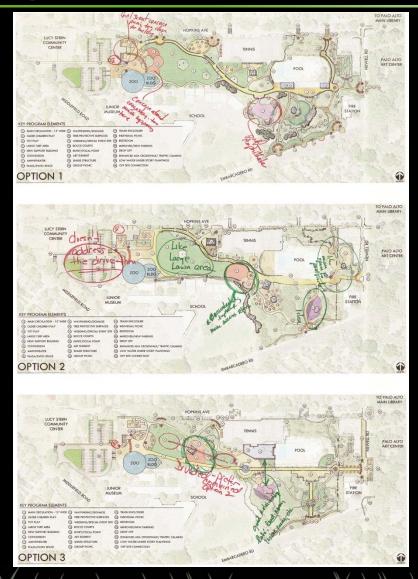


Preliminary Concepts













- General Items Common to All Options
 - Trees and the natural character of the park shall be preserved.
 - Group play areas at the west end of the park.
 - Provide a large open space lawn area.
 - Buffer or locate connections at interfaces between uses.
 - Improve park lighting and safety.
 - Extend pool area to the east under existing trees.
 - Include the opportunity for concessions, vendors, or a café.
 - Include activities and facilities for all ages.









- General Items Common to All Options Continued
 - Provide gathering areas for supervision and for drop off/pick up.
 - Parking and a hierarchy of circulation shall be improved.
 - Locate artwork, way finding, and identifiable entries and focal points
 - Pathways along busy streets shall be set back from the roadway for safety
 - Collaborate with the school district to discuss opportunities to share park uses.

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- Option 1 Specific Comments
 - Location of amphitheater at existing bowl is the preferred location.
 - The group picnic area shall not be immediately next to the Girl Scout Building.
 - Concentrated uses at the west end of the park may cause congestion.
 - Access shall be provided to the Girl Scout House garage.







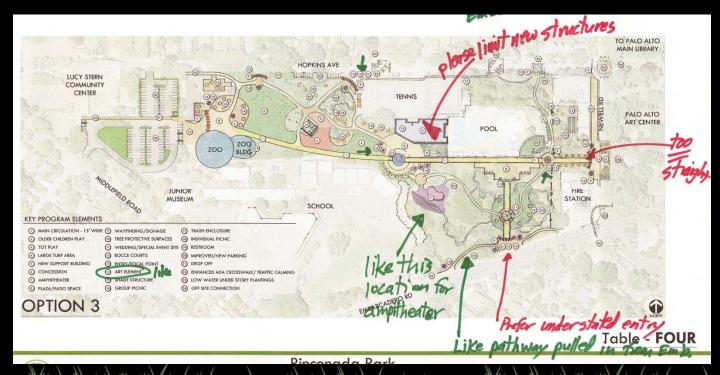
- Option 2 Specific Comments
 - Good location of tennis support building.
 - The shape of the amphitheater shall be a half circle and located at the east side of the park preferably in the existing bowl area.
 - The pool area shall be extended east under the shade of the existing trees.







- Option 3 Specific Comments
 - The main circulation route shall be more curvilinear.
 - The size of the building at the pool may be too large, but the idea of a central support building was favored.
 - The direct entry off Embarcadero Road may be dangerous or underutilized.







- A hierarchy of pathways with a main curvilinear arterial pathway was favored.
- Improve and provide uses for teens.
 - Opportunities in the bowl area
 - 'Rec Center' building
- Provide additional parking and ADA access with a focus on Hopkins Avenue edge.
- Preferred the location of the amphitheater in the existing bowl. This area is a great multi-use area and could possibly be used by the school.
- Entry off of Embarcadero less pronounced.
- Pathways pulled away from the roadways are favored.









- Drive-through and drop off issue at parking lot shall be addressed.
- Provide enhanced crosswalks and traffic calming. Align the connections to the park from/to adjacent uses.
- The popularity and level of use of a bocce or horse shoe area was questioned. The community survey will record the interest.
- The implementation of the long range plan will be a 20-30 year process based on priorities and funding.
- The necessity of the tennis building is to support tournaments, lessons, storage and check in. This could be a building or structure which allows for a public picnic area when the building is not being used for tennis.





- Parking counts shall be studied and provided with the next rendition of the concepts.
- Parking along Embarcadero is valuable but dangerous.
- Large events shall be scheduled.
- Camp counselors input.
- Connection from Hopkins through the tennis courts shall be studied.
- Combined play areas were favored.
 Equipment for special needs shall be incorporated.
- Equipment for adult and elders are also popular in community parks.
- School area could possibly be opened to the park on the weekends with improved gates and fencing.









- Girl Scout patio space and fire pit shall be included in the revised concepts.
- Concessions, group picnic areas and private event venue could generate revenue. Private event venue shall be secluded.
- Gathering and play areas shall be shaded by trees or structures. An extension of the pool area will require shade.
- Signage and artwork shall be used for way finding at arrivals and connections.

Art Commission Input





- Establish similar architectural language
- Running loop for children to be maintained
- Consulting an artist to provide input would be beneficial.
- Navigational and education art were of interest.
- Long range plan report will provide direction on artwork as the plan is implemented.
- Fixed artwork and temporary artwork areas.
- There may be limitation on using artwork as signage, as the city has strict standards for signage.
- An art sub-committee will be formed to provide a more focused direction on the next phase of concepts.





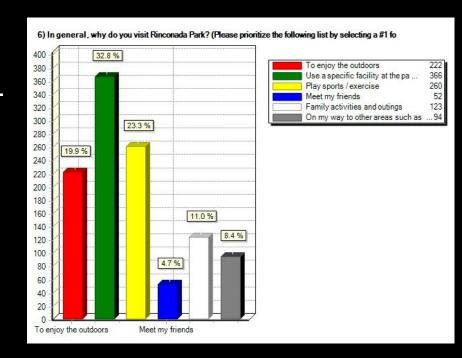


- 222 total responses.
- 67.6% of those who responded have lived in Palo Alto for 11 years or longer.
- 61% live within 1.5 miles of the park.
- 13% live greater than 5 miles from the park.
- 80% are 45 years of age or older.
- 31% are 64 years of age or older.
- 52% believe the over all level of service is outstanding or excellent.
- 30% believe the over all level of service is adequate.
- 60% use the park more than 25 times per year for exercise.
- 52% come to the park 1-10 times per year for concerts, or to participate in cultural events or classes.
- 57% of users arrive by car, though 61% live within 1.5 miles of the park.
- Only one person responded that they arrive by bus.





- Top 3 reasons people visit the park-
 - Use specific facility
 - Play sports or exercise
 - Enjoy the outdoors
- Park amenities which are used the most-
 - Pool
 - Walking Paths
 - Tennis
 - Playgrounds
 - Community Center
- Park amenities which are most needed-
 - Natural open space
 - Restrooms
 - Passive recreational elements
 - Improved tennis facilities







- Most important activities to be offered in the park
 - Performances
 - Classes for adults
 - Senior activities
 - Outdoor education
- Of those who would like to incorporate art in the park, 38% would like art in the form of sculpture.
- 66% believe the parking capacity is adequate, the remainder responded that it is poor or additional spaces are needed.
- 59% use the park for picnicking 1-10 times per year.
- 72% stated that group picnic areas shall accommodate 10-20 people. The majority of responses showed that 5 or more pavilions are preferred in the park.
- 62% do not walk their dogs in the park. 24% walk their dogs 26 times or more per year.





- 50% believe the park should have some sort of concessions.
- 61% agree that the bowl shall be replaced with a true performance space.
- 70% agree that the playgrounds shall be located on the west side of the park.
- 80% use the pool
- 50% use the tennis courts
- 90% walk in the park for pleasure
- 78% the pool fence location is fine at the pool perimeter.
- 50/50 increasing the pool perimeter for additional pool deck space.

Draft Long Range Plan Options



Draft LRP #1 - Circulation & Connections



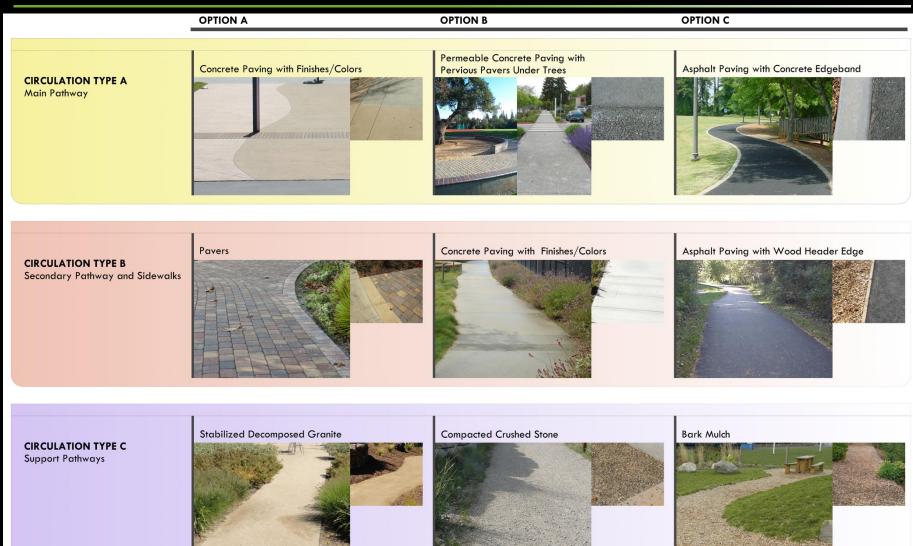




Draft LRP #1 - Materials







Draft LRP # 1 — Overview





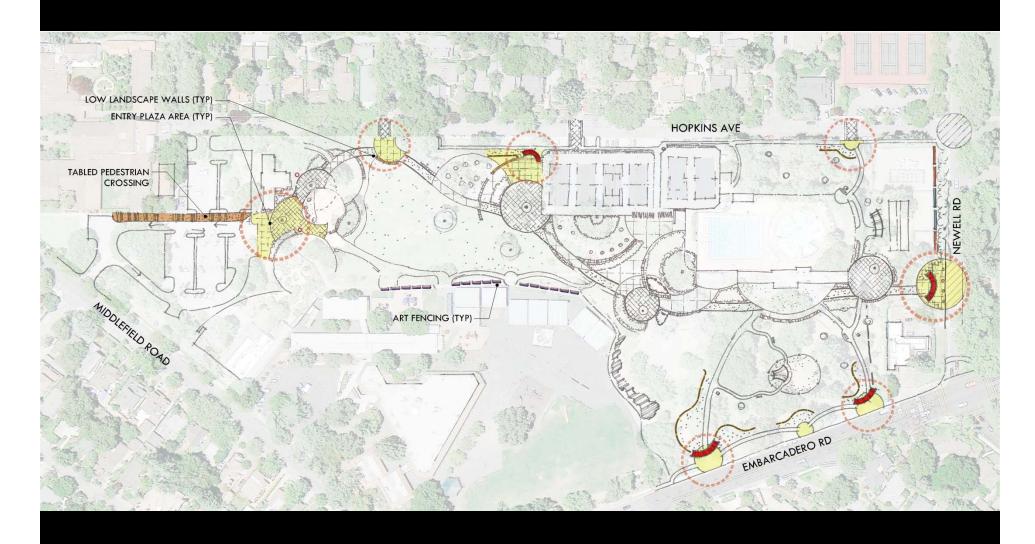


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Draft LRP #1 — Entries







Draft LRP #1 — Play Areas



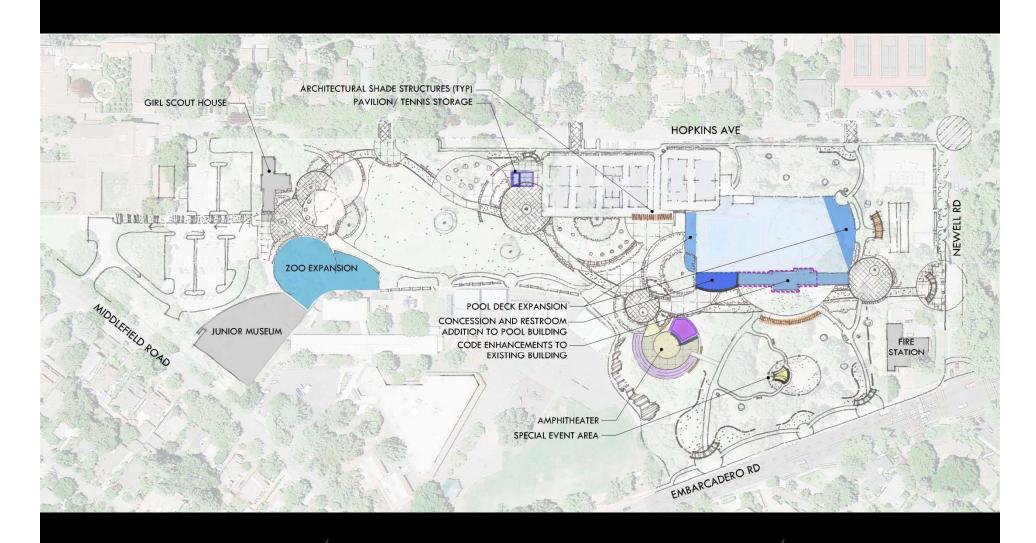




Draft LRP #1 — Architecture







Draft LRP #1 — Picnic Areas



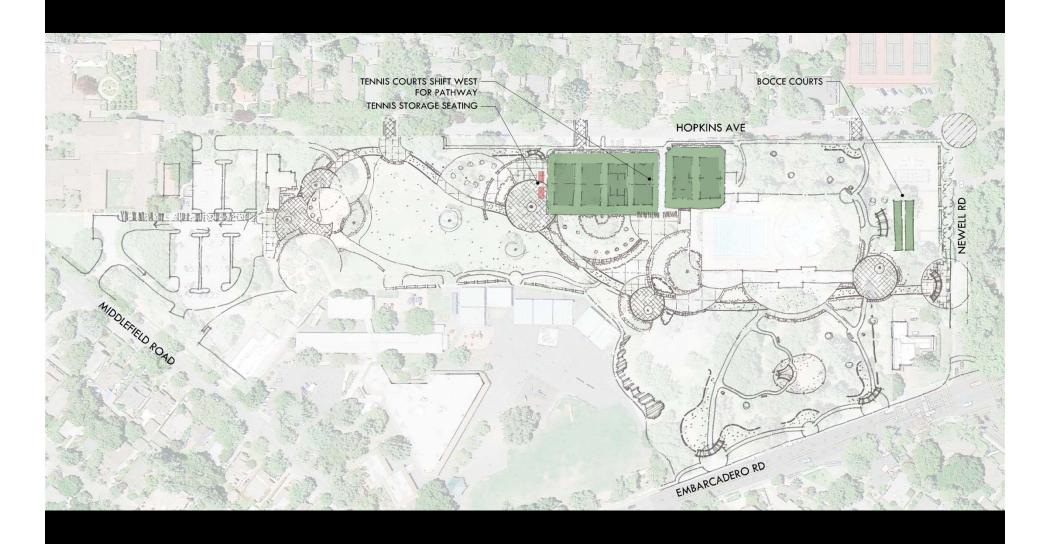




Draft LRP #1— Tennis & Bocce







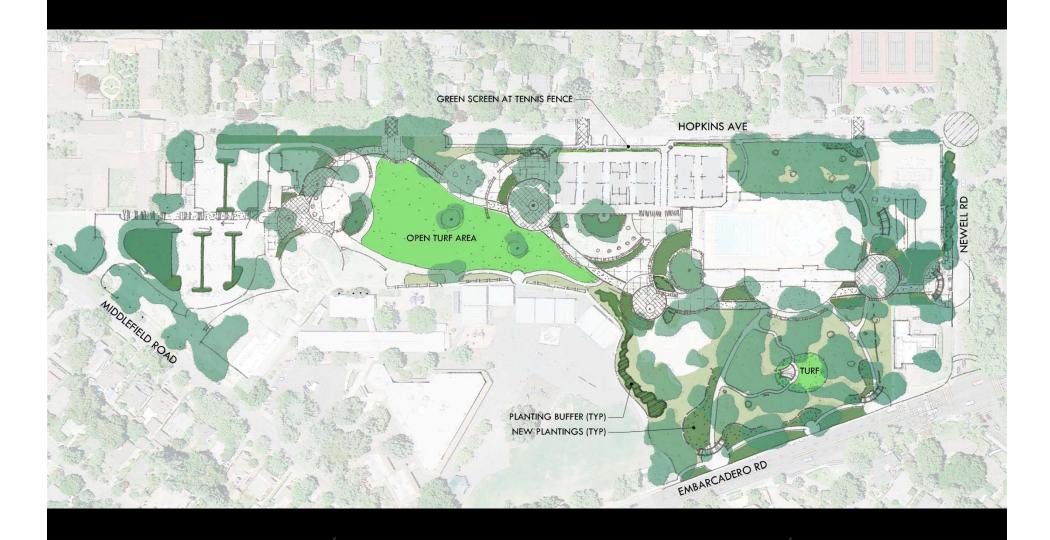
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Draft LRP #1 — Vegetation



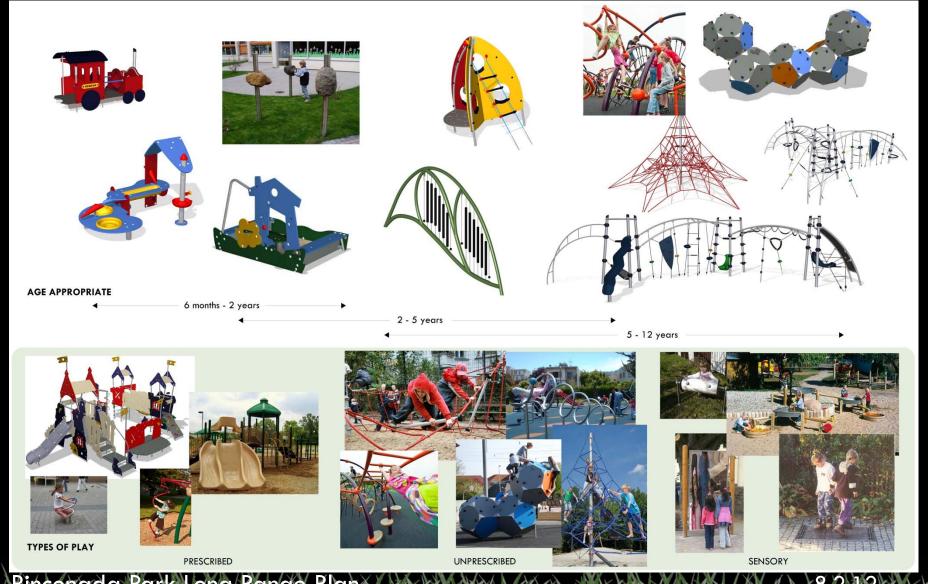




Draft LRP – Play Area Materials





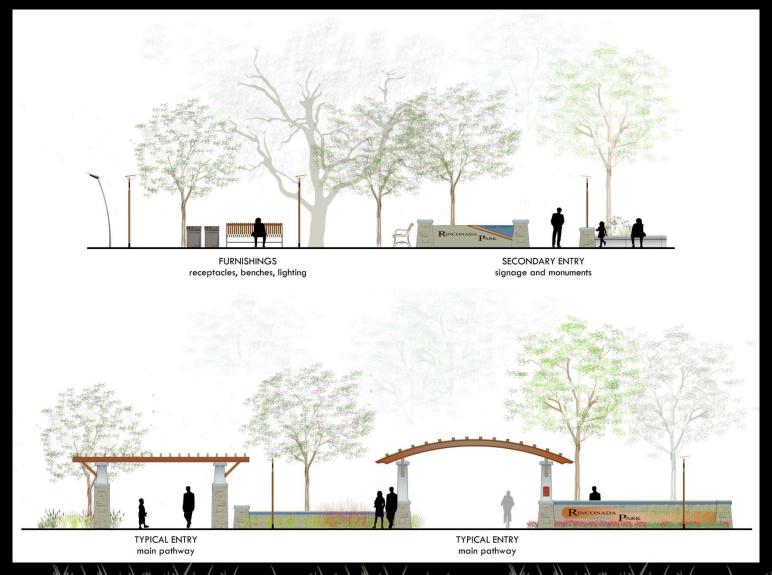


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Draft LRP – Site Furnishings







Draft LRP — Structures







Draft LRP #2 - Circulation & Connections



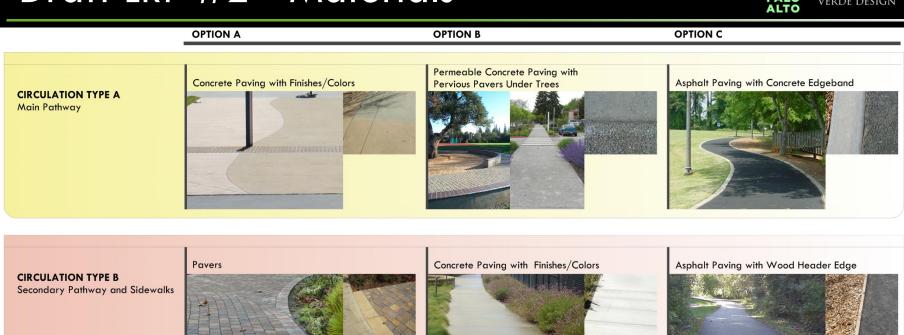




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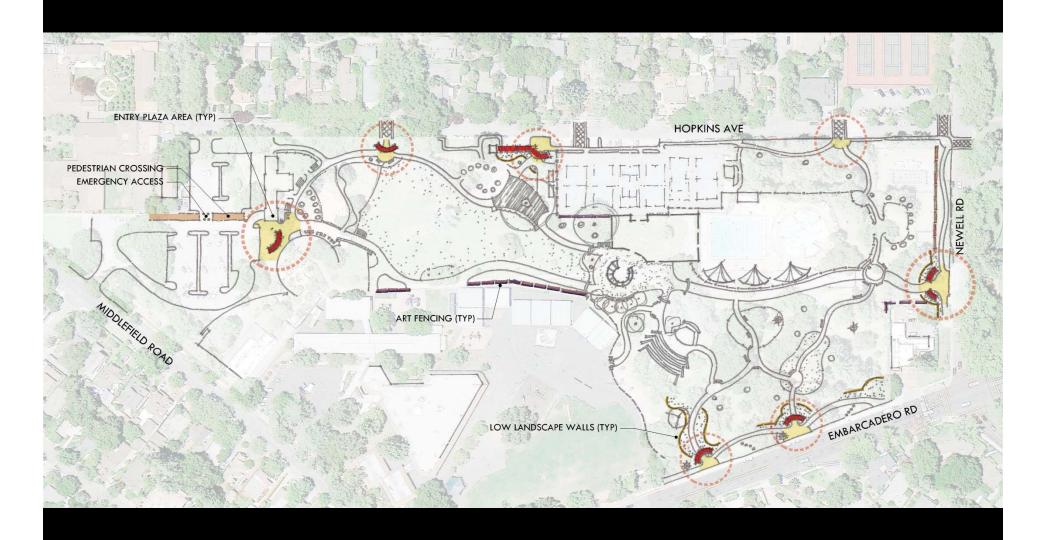


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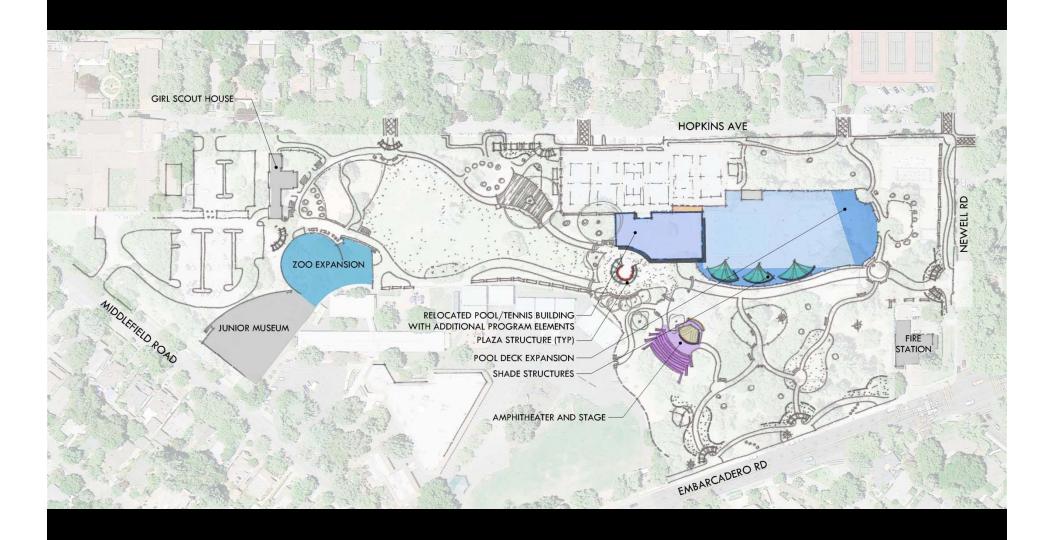


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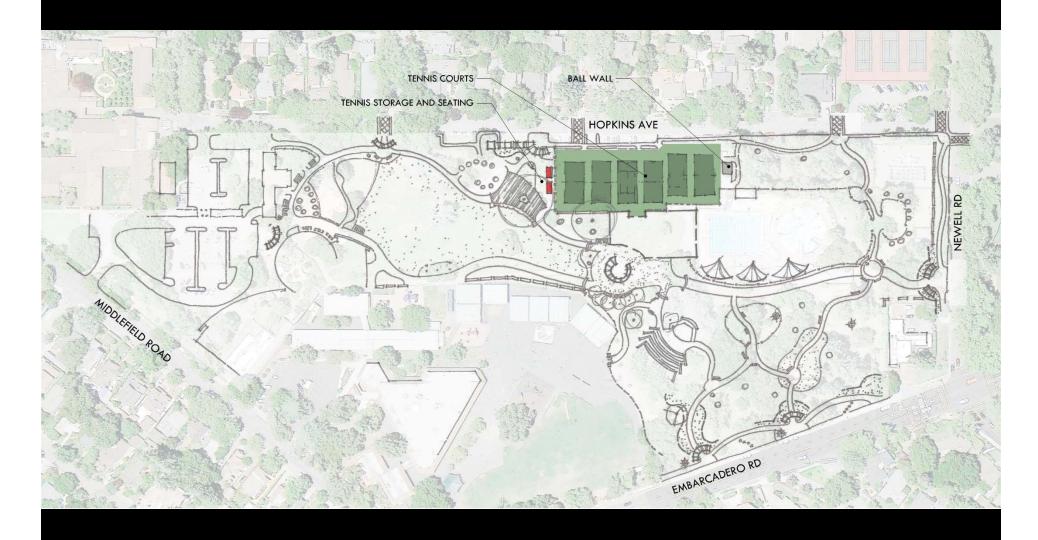


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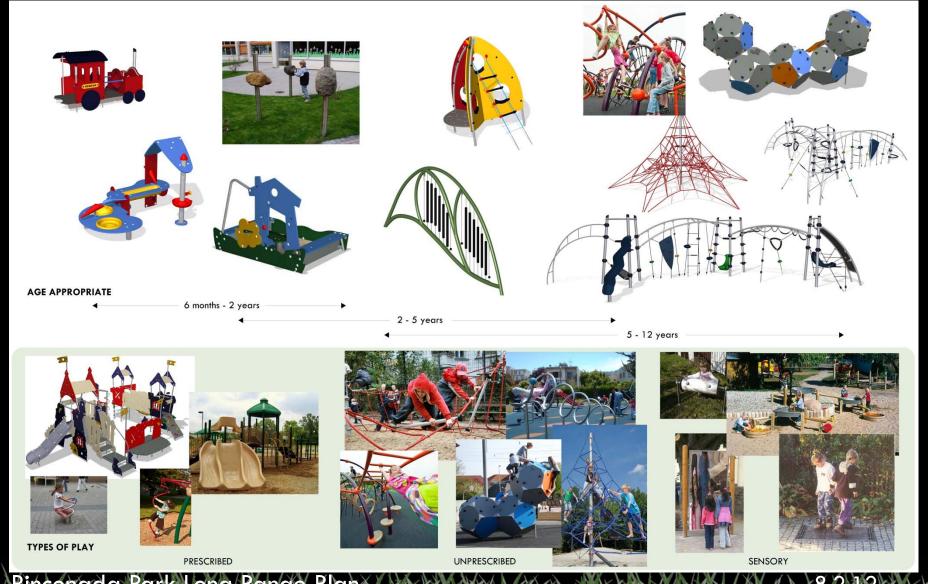


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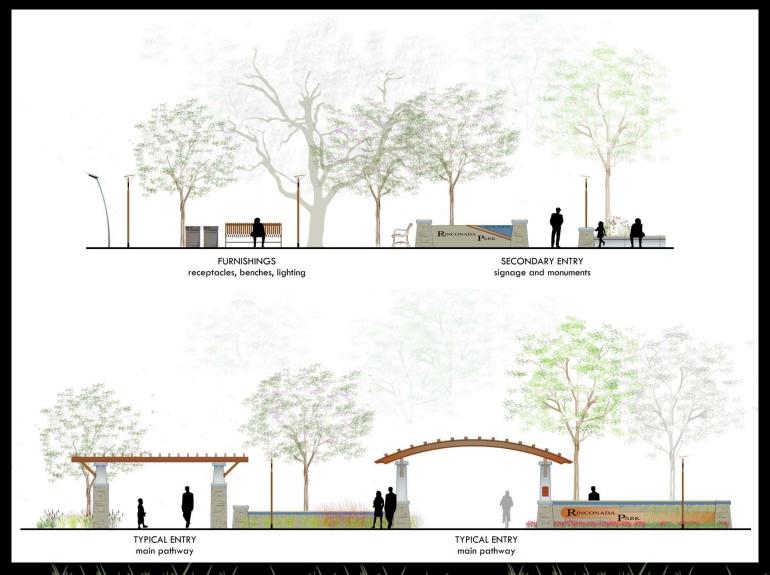


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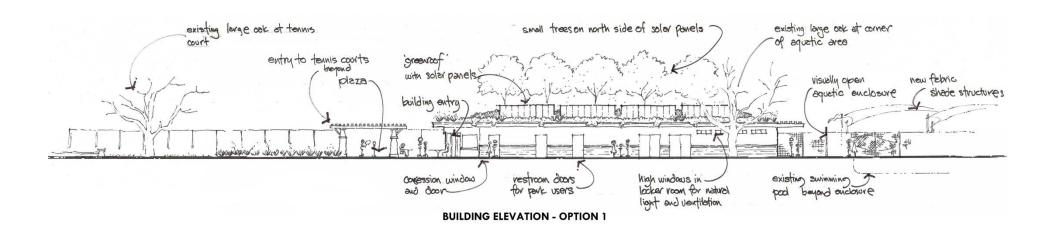


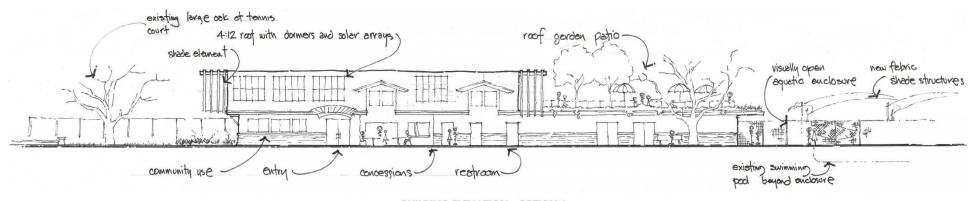
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Draft LRP - Building Options









BUILDING ELEVATION - OPTION 2

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Group Breakout





- What elements are preferred or not?
- What design layouts are preferred or not?

- Green is preferred
- Red is not preferred
- Blue Preferred priorities



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Input Review & Priorities





- Provide the top 5 pros and cons comments.
- Which design is preferred?
- What are the priorities? Pick three items for low to high.

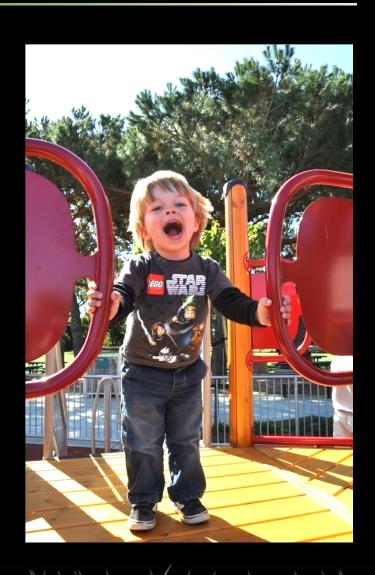


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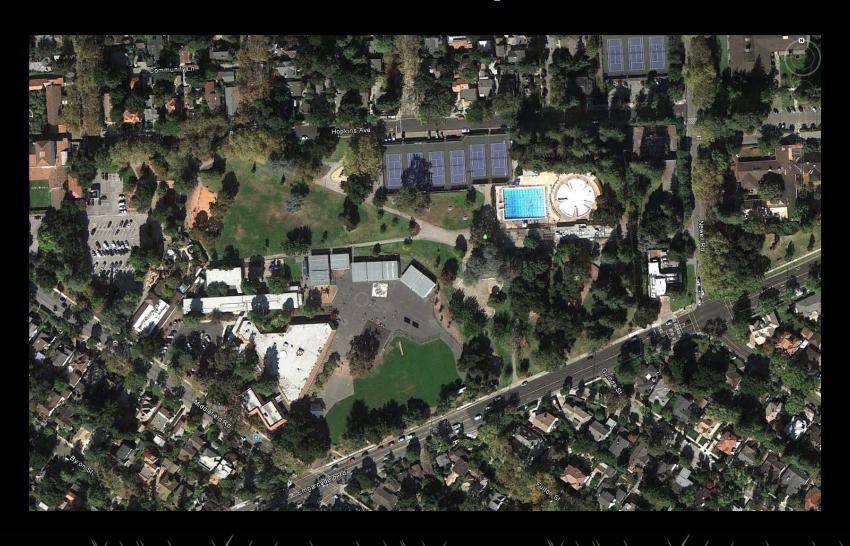




- Park and Recreation Comm.- 9/20
- Architectural Review Board 10/4
- Planning and Trans. Comm.- 10/10
- Historical Resources Board 10/17
- City Council 10/29
- Long Range Plan -1/10/13



Comments & Questions



Project Schedule





Project Start Date

February 14, 2012

Site Inventory and Analysis

February 15 to May 1, 2012

Community Meeting #1

April 10, 2012

Park and Recreation Commission

April 24, 2012

Bicycle Advisory Committee

May 1, 2012

Stakeholders Meeting

May 8, 2012

Design Development

May 1 to June 26, 2012

Concepts & Prelim. Environ. Assessment

May 22, 2012

Community Survey Activated

May 30 to June 6, 2012

Community Meeting #2

June 5, 2012

Park and Recreation Commission

June 19, 2012

Art Commission Presentation

June 21, 2012

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Project Schedule





Draft Long Range Plan

July 11 to November 1, 2012

Draft Long Range Plans

July 12, 2012

Stakeholders Meeting

July 25, 2012

Community Meeting #3

August 2, 2012

Park and Recreation Commission

September 25, 2012

Architectural Review Board Presentation

October 4, 2012

Planning and Transportation Commission

October 10, 2012

Historical Resources Board Presentation

October 17, 2012

City Council Presentation

October 29, 2012

Long Range Plan

Nov.11 to February 11, 2013

Community Meeting #4

January 10, 2013

City Council Presentation

February 11, 2013

Final Project Deliverables

Feb. 12 to February 25, 2013

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