

Parks & Recreation
Park Development Division
2005 Hilltop Circle
Roseville, CA 95747

Central Park Master Plan Public Workshop #1

Meeting Notes from January 6, 2005 Public Meeting

Thomas Jefferson Elementary School, Multipurpose Room

61 people were in attendance.

- I. Tara Gee, City of Roseville, Parks, Recreation and Libraries opened the meeting with an overview on how parks are funded, the difference between a neighborhood park and a community park, the planning and construction process (flow chart) and the purpose of the concept design contained in the specific plan. The specific plan is the overall layout of the surrounding area. The specific plan identifies where the streets, homes, parks, commercial areas, schools and other amenities will be. Tara further explained that Central Park is a community or citywide park and that the purpose of the meeting was to gather public input on the design of the park. If there is consensus, the plan would be forwarded to the Parks & Recreation Commission for review and approval. Prior to taking the plan to the City Council for approval, an environmental document will need to be developed based on the accepted plan. Once complete, the environmental document as well as the final master plan will be presented to the City Council for adoption and approval.
 - For those who are interested in the neighborhood park on Highland Park Drive on the west side of Pleasant Grove (Parcel 53), the developer currently owns the Park Site. The City has asked for the dedication of that site and we hope to begin planning workshops this Spring 2005.
- II. The Roseville City School District and the City of Roseville have an agreement, which allowed the School District to build the multipurpose field shown on the plan. The school needed the additional outdoor space to comply with student/space ratios/requirements.
- III. The concept design for this park showed the following amenities:
 - Indoor Pool (competition pool/fitness/therapeutic pool) – The facility would be located on Fairway Dr away from the neighborhood. The need for an indoor pool addresses a current unmet citywide need. Currently, our wait lists for swimming lessons includes hundreds of people.
 - Interactive Water Play Area – The City of Roseville does not have an interactive water play area. The adjacency to the pool facility is a good match because the maintenance needs are similar (i.e. chlorine, pumps, recirculating systems, etc.)

- Lighted Basketball Courts – one full court and two ½ courts.
- Two Lighted Tennis Courts
- A Lighted Soccer Field
- Two Lighted Youth Softball Fields
- A Children’s Play Area
- A Central Plaza for picnicking and gathering
- A Restroom

IV. Lighted fields – The City would like to light the soccer field, the youth softball fields, the basketball courts and the tennis courts. We are concerned with light “spillage” and glare that many sport lights can produce. Our intent is to reduce or eliminate potential impacts to the adjacent neighbors. Musco Lighting has a particular model of sports lights that addresses our concern. Tara showed some pictures that were taken off the Musco web page (musco.com) that shows the Total Light Control lights that the City would like to use at this park. The pictures showed the successful reduction of light spillage and glare in similar park facilities. These same concerns were addressed in our other two regional park facilities: Maidu Regional Park’s soccer complex and the all-weather football/soccer field at Mahany Park. Impacts to neighbors in these two parks appears to be minimal to none. Everyone was encouraged to check out the lights at both facilities or to take a look at the Musco web site.

Comments/Questions/Concerns

- What will the different construction phases contain?
 - The City currently does not yet have a phasing plan. The first phase could possibly contain the indoor pool.
- Will there be some sort of boundary/wall to divide the commercial area and park?
 - There will be a combination wall/iron fence. The developer will be landscaping along the commercial/park interface. We are working together on safe connections between the two areas so that it flows as one. Not all the details have been laid out at this time.
- At the indoor pool, will it contain a fitness area?
 - No, the front of the facility will contain classrooms, meeting rooms and locker rooms but will not contain weights. The pool portion of the building is intended to be open air so that we can open it up to the park and the sky during the warmer seasons of the year and conversely, close it to become an indoor facility during the winter months.
- Does the City have an architect for the pool?
 - This City has not hired an architect for the pool. The City is looking to possibly do this project as a design-build, which means that the City hires a contractor and the contractor hires the architect. The contractor and architect work as a team to design and build this project.
- Is it certain that the youth softball fields will be used for softball or can Pony league use them?
 - It depends on how much space we have in this area for fields. We know for sure that the 250 foot softball fields can be accommodated in this area. The little league field length is shorter (200’) and could be accommodated here. Pony ball requires a much larger field length (300’). Preliminarily, it does not look like we have the space on this site.

- The City was encouraged to have a promenade, which will connect the neighbors.
- Will there be fencing around the school?
 - Wrought Iron fencing is already in place around certain parts of the school. We have worked with the school to ensure that proper fencing around the school site is in place to ensure the safety of the students.
- Will there be fencing around the park?
 - Fencing will not be placed around the park.
- How late will the lights be on?
 - The softball and soccer field lights will work on a key card system. The key card system tracks light usage when the field has either been rented or allocated to a sports group. This system allows for an automatic override to turn off the lights at a specific time. At this site, the shut-off time might be 10 pm.
 - Lights on the softball or soccer field will not be on if no one has reserved the field.
 - Input from the Girls Softball representative indicated that they look to have the participant's home by 9:00 p.m.
- Will there be a snack bar at the field?
 - The City has not gotten that far in the design of the park. The City understands that this site will need restrooms. In other parks, the restroom is combined with a snack bar. There is a possibility to joint venture with the youth sports leagues to develop a snack bar. We have similar partnerships at Maidu and Mahany parks.
- The school currently has a parking problem; will the school be able to use the parking lots on the park side?
 - Yes, the City generally does not plan events during school hours. On the weekends and evenings, residents will see park users using the school parking lots.
- Will the parking lot be lighted?
 - The parking lot will be lighted for security reasons. The lights will not be overly bright.
- Will the walking paths in the park be lighted?
 - The walk paths will be lighted with the same low-level lighting for safety reasons. Our standard is a 100-watt fixture. This allows for a police officer to see people throughout the park.
- Will there be additional traffic control, i.e. stop lights?
 - We are unsure of any future traffic control improvements. The numbers of lanes on a given roadway are identified in the specific plan process. The specific plan was also developed with the park planned in this location, therefore consideration of the park activities and it's impact to traffic have already been taken into account
- Will there be trees planted?
 - There will be trees planted. We will pay particular attention to Highland Park Drive and provide a green buffer using a combination of fast and slow growing trees.
- How many parking stalls will there be?
 - At this time, we do not know how many stalls will be built.
- Will there be a sound wall on Highland Park Dr?

- Based on the specific plan, the developer built what was required in anticipation of noise and traffic levels for the park, school and commercial area.
- What can be done to stop people from parking in the neighborhoods?
 - Unfortunately, we cannot stop park users from parking in the neighborhoods. We do not anticipate users wanting to park in the neighborhoods because they would be required to cross Highland Park Dr and the median. This is inconvenient access to the facility. With the additional parking lots proposed on the park, the joint-use parking lots at the school and an overflow/dual use potential at the commercial center, plenty of convenient parking will be available for park users away from the neighborhood, thus avoiding the need to park elsewhere.
- What about the Nugget's diesel route behind the building?
 - There is a service access road proposed between the park and the commercial area. The City is working with the developer to come up with some sort of warning system. We are considering an option to install sensor gates that stay closed when there is no truck traffic. The sensor will trigger a warning and automatically open the gates to allow trucks to travel through the central plaza area. The final details of this proposal are still being reviewed. The need for safety at this crossing is shared by all involved in the planning process.
- What will the park's center plaza contain?
 - The center plaza would contain a group picnic facility with possible barbeques.
- Will there be a playground structure and swings?
 - There will be both. That area is proposed near the park's central plaza area but was not labeled in this sketch.

The overall feedback from the group was positive with a sense of excitement for the indoor pool. No major concern or issue was brought forth by the attendees.

The next step is to revise the park master plan with added details and move on to the Parks & Recreation Commission. This meeting is a public meeting. The date of this meeting will be announced.