



City of Laguna Hills Parks & Recreation Commission

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Special Meeting Agenda
Monday, September 16, 2024 - 6:00 PM

City Council Chamber
24035 El Toro Road
Laguna Hills, CA 92653

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Call to Order

Resolution No. 96-04-09-1 established rules of decorum for public meetings held by the City of Laguna Hills. Resolution No. 96-04-09-1 is available on the table at the back of the City Council Chamber.

Roll Call of Commissioner Members

1. Public Comments

This is the time to address the Parks and Recreation Commission on any matter not listed on this Agenda that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. Public Comments are limited to three minutes per person, an overall time limit of twelve minutes for any one subject, and a total time limit of thirty minutes. Clarification questions from the Commission will not count against time limits. Speaker's responses are limited to one minute.

2. Presentations

2.1 Summaries of Community Outreach Work Efforts for Park Improvements at Cabot, Veeh Ranch, and San Remo Parks

Recommendation: That the Parks and Recreation Commission receive a presentation from RJM Design Group on the community outreach results for these parks.

Adjournment

The next Special Meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission will be September 18, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Laguna Hills Community Center Heritage Room, located at 25555 Alicia Pkwy, Laguna Hills, California .

CERTIFICATION

I, DAVID T. REYNOLDS, Deputy City Manager of the City of Laguna Hills, do hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Agenda was posted at Laguna Hills City Hall, Laguna Hills Community Center, and the Courtyard at La Paz Center by Friday, September 13, at 5:00 p.m.



David T. Reynolds, Deputy City Manager

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City of Laguna Hills Parks & Recreation Commission Staff Report

Date: September 16, 2024
To: Parks and Recreation Commission
From: David Reynolds, Deputy City Manager
Issue: Summaries of Community Outreach Work Efforts for Park Improvements at Cabot, Veeh Ranch, and San Remo Parks

Recommendation: That the Parks and Recreation Commission receive a presentation from RJM Design Group on the community outreach results for these parks.

Background:

On May 14, 2024, the City Council awarded Professional Services Agreements to RJM Design Group (RJM) for landscape architectural design services for Cabot, Veeh Ranch and San Remo parks. One of the goals of these agreements is for RJM to develop conceptual designs of park improvements at these three parks. An essential and first step in this process is for RJM to conduct public outreach for improvements at these parks as well as to compile an inventory of existing park amenities.

RJM held two public workshops at each park as illustrated in the table below to elicit public input for potential park improvements. Additionally, RJM conducted surveys for residents to provide comments and suggestions on park improvements.

Park	Workshop Date
Veeh Ranch	Saturday, July 20 from 9am to 11am
	Wednesday, July 24 from 4pm to 6pm

San Remo	Saturday, July 27 from 9am to 11am
	Tuesday, July 30 from 4pm to 6pm
Cabot	Saturday, August 3 from 9am to 11am
	Tuesday, August 6 from 4pm to 6pm

The purpose of the September 16, 2024, Parks and Recreation Commission workshop meeting is for RJM to provide the results of the public outreach work efforts and park inventories for Cabot, Veeh Ranch and San Remo parks. RJM’s community outreach summaries, attached to this staff report, include the following information for each park:

- Workshop Summary
- Feedback Summary
- Park Site Inventory
- Park Opportunities and Constraints

This meeting provides the opportunity for the Parks and Recreation Commission to provide feedback on these summaries before this information is presented to the City Council. It also provides another opportunity for the public to provide additional input on park improvements at these parks.

Fiscal Impact:

The Professional Services Agreement with RJM Design Group, Inc., for Landscape Architectural Design Services for Cabot Park Rehabilitation Project includes a total Maximum Contract Amount of \$193,500.

The Professional Services Agreement with RJM Design Group, Inc., for Landscape Architectural Design Services for Veeh Ranch Park and San Remo Park Rehabilitation Projects includes a total Maximum Contract Amount of \$285,390

Attachments:

1. Attachment 1 - Cabot Park Outreach Summary
2. Attachment 2 - Veeh Ranch Park Outreach Summary

3. Attachment 3 - San Remo Park Outreach Summary

Attachment 1

Cabot Park Community Outreach Summary





COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE WORKSHOPS SUMMARY

DATE: August 26, 2024
TO: CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS
FROM: RJM Design Group, Inc.
SUBJECT: Cabot Park Revitalization

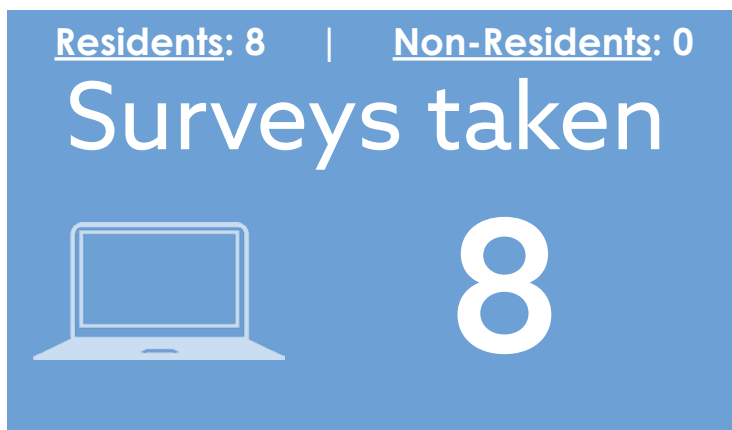


Residents of the City of Laguna Hills were invited to the community open house workshops to share their feedback on what they would like to see for the future of Cabot Park. The first open house was on Saturday, August 3, 2024, at 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM with approximately 10 attendees, the second was held on Tuesday, August 6, 2024 at 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM with approximately 7 attendees. Both community open house workshops were held at Cabot Park.

The online community survey was open for two weeks after the second workshop, until August 20, 2024. The survey was available online and paper copies were available at City Hall. The community online survey was advertised on the City's social media and posters were displayed at the park. A total of eight (8) surveys were completed by community residents.



The survey summary results are as follows:



CABOT PARK PROJECT

Participate in the Community Engagement Process!

- Check out the Project Website (Scan QR Code or visit CabotParkProject.com).
- Stay up to date, provide feedback, and take surveys.
- Attend in-person community workshops at the park.

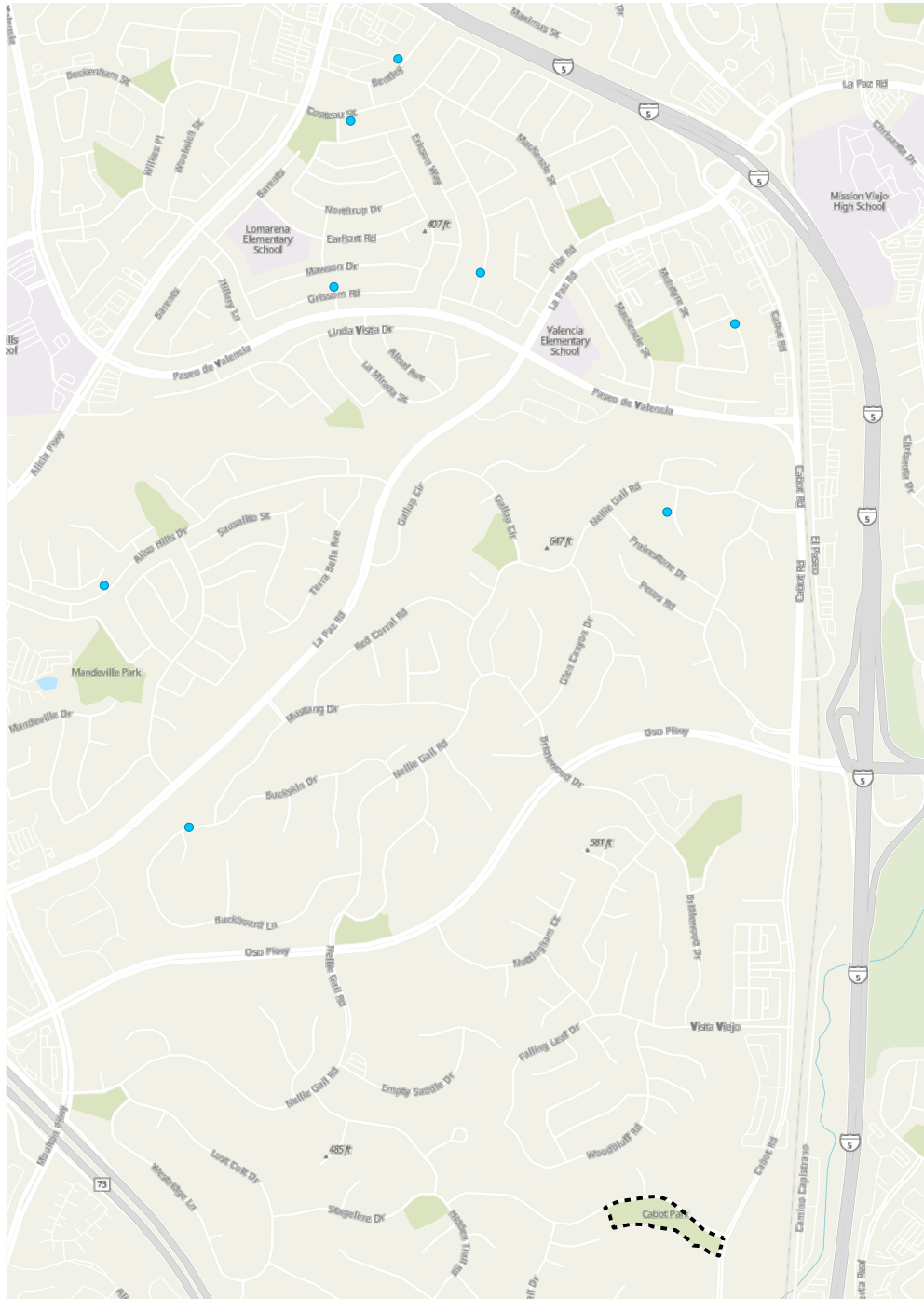
OPEN HOUSE WORKSHOP 1:
Saturday, August 3 at 9AM - 11AM

OPEN HOUSE WORKSHOP 2:
Tuesday, August 6 at 4PM - 6PM

CabotParkProject.com

1. Where do you live?

Each survey participant indicated their location as part of the survey. As illustrated by the map exhibit to the right, 100% of survey participants were surrounding neighbors of the park.



2. How often do you or members of your household visit Cabot Park?

The majority of participants (50%) visit Cabot Park more than once a week.

All 8 responses were summarized into categories. The top categories are listed for each survey question.

3. What do you like most about Cabot Park and why?

- **Baseball Activities and Amenities (6 mentions):** Mentions of the baseball fields, little league, and batting cages.
- **Convenient Location/Parking (2 mentions):** Mentions of convenient location and easy parking.
- **Isolated and Scenic Views (2 mentions):** Appreciation for the isolated setting and views.

4. What do you dislike most about Cabot Park and why?

- **Field Maintenance (3 mentions):** Multiple responses highlight the need for significant maintenance and improvements to the fields and play areas.
- **Parking Concerns (2 mentions):** Several mentions of parking issues, particularly the lack of parking at the upper portion of the park.
- **Lighting Improvements (1 mention):** Specific request for improved lighting around the fields, especially the batting cages.

5. What new park amenities would you most like to see in Cabot Park?

- **Field Lighting (3 mentions):** Multiple requests for lighting around fields and batting cages, with specific emphasis on baseball field lights.
- **Fencing Needs (3 mentions):** Repeated requests for fencing around batting cages and new or refurbished outfield fences.
- **Baseball Enhancements (3 mentions):** Interest in refreshing and improving the overall condition of the baseball fields, including dugouts and adding helmet racks.
- **Additional Amenities (2 mention):** Request for additional amenities like parking at the maintenance entrance, fitness training circuits and dedicated soccer/football fields.

6. What existing park amenities would you like to see improved or renovated at Cabot Park?

- **Baseball Field Improvements (6 mentions):** Focus on repairing and enhancing the condition of the baseball fields, including fixing fences, level and edge infields and baselines, and improving the overall field quality.
- **Additional Upgrades (3 mentions):** Additional upgrades requested including, restrooms, the Snack Shack, helmet racks, storage sheds, and the playground to provide a better facility for users.
- **Parking (1 mention):** Request for additional parking at the maintenance entrance.

7. Do you have any additional comments?

- **Positive Sentiment and Support for the Project/Cabot Park (2 mention):** Appreciation for Cabot Park, noting its significance for social connections and memories with enthusiastic support for the project and improvements.
- **Field Maintenance (1 mention):** One respondent emphasized the importance of maintaining the fields in good condition.
- **Lighting (1 mention):** A respondent suggested installing lights at the batting cages and baseball fields to allow for extended usability, particularly in the evening until 8 pm.
- **Field Restorations and Upgrades (1 mention):** One respondent highlighted the critical role Cabot Park plays for baseball families in Laguna Hills and stressed the need for overdue restorations and upgrades to the fields.

As part of the open house workshop a thematic playground board was presented with eight different themed equipment options. Participants were encouraged to place a dot on their favorite playground theme from the board. The result from the in person activity are as follows. The sports theme was the preferred theme for participants at Cabot Park.



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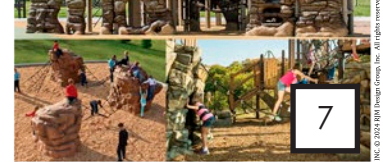
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8/3/2024

THEMATIC PLAYGROUND ELEMENTS
CABOT PARK PROJECT
 CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS, CALIFORNIA

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CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS CABOT PARK REVITALIZATION



FEEDBACK COMMENTS SUMMARY 4 COMMENTS COLLECTED (09/03/2024)

The four (4) responses provided diverse insights and suggestions on improvements in Cabot Park. The feedback for Cabot Park includes a desire for modern, inclusive playground upgrades with ample shade, innovative play structures, and restrooms, noting that other nearby cities offer better-equipped parks. There is also a suggestion to add a splash pad, as no such feature is available in the area. Additionally, the community requests more trees, shaded seating, updated lighting, and stricter enforcement of parking regulations, particularly during busy sports seasons when illegal parking causes an inconvenience. Lastly, the feedback calls for the use of native, water-efficient plants and the inclusion of a dog water fountain to promote sustainability and cater to pet owners. A list of all of the feedback comments are listed below:

1. I would love to have a park that has ample shade, an inclusive, innovative and modern play structure (ramps, tide pools, sound bath instruments, for example) and a restroom. Almost all of the parks in Laguna Hills, except for Dinosaur Park, are in dire need of an upgrade to the 2020's. I find myself traveling to neighboring cities (Mission Viejo, Aliso Viejo, Irvine, Lake Forest) more than 10 miles away from my home because the playgrounds are more interesting and fun, modern and comfortable for my grandkids. Laguna Hills can do better than just having one desirable park/playground!
2. It would be great to add a water element, perhaps a splash pad for this park. It would be centrally located and add great value to the surrounding neighborhoods. There aren't any public splash pads near this location in south OC.
3. Hello, I haven't seen the planned changes, and I had to miss both workshops due to travel. Therefore, my feedback is general in nature, but I would like to suggest planting more trees, adding shaded seating (ideally under trees) and updating the light fixtures. Also, very importantly, since the new design and remodeled park will attract more people, I cannot emphasize enough the importance of controlling parking. This is very important for all parks, and in particular, Cabot Park across which is my residence. During baseball and soccer seasons especially, people have been parking ILLEGALLY at the park entrance and along Rapid Falls Road on both sides of the street. On some days, our guests could not park near our house because park visitors had filled the street with their cars. The City should increase its enforcement because parking without permit along Rapid Falls (and other streets throughout Nellie Gail and Laguna Hills is in violation of City Code. Thank you.
4. native plants only, water wise supportive native species no more roses please, dog water fountain



1	Park Monument Sign		1	
	Split-Rail Fencing	FAIR	1	Rails are breaking or falling off posts.
2	Parking Area	FAIR	1	Asphalt is lifting in some locations due to tree roots
3	Light Pole	POOR	1	Top of light is cracked open.
	Bike Rack	GOOD	2	
	Park Bench with Back	GOOD	1	
	Trash Receptacle	GOOD	1	
4	Dog Bag Dispenser	GOOD	1	
	Bike Rack	GOOD	2	
5	Play Equipment	GOOD	2	
	Play Area Surfacing	GOOD	2	Potential trip hazard with lowered play area
	Light Pole	FAIR	2	Damage or fading to top
	Park Bench with Back	GOOD	3	
	Trash Receptacle	GOOD	1	
	Picnic Tables	GOOD	2	
6	Drinking Fountain	FAIR	1	Clogging in Sink Drain
	Park Bench with Back	GOOD	1	
	Trash Receptacle	GOOD	1	

7	Trash Receptacle	GOOD	2	
	Recycling Receptacle	GOOD	2	
	Light Pole	GOOD	1	
	Shade Shelter	GOOD	1	
	Bleachers	GOOD	2	
8	Trash Receptacle	GOOD	1	
	Light Pole	GOOD	1	
9	Bleachers	GOOD	2	
	Light Pole	GOOD	1	
10	Trash Receptacle	GOOD	2	
	Recycling Receptacle	GOOD	2	
	Light Pole	GOOD	1	
	Shade Shelter	GOOD	1	
	Bleachers	GOOD	2	

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Attachment 2

Veeh Ranch Park Community Outreach Summary





COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE WORKSHOPS SUMMARY

DATE: August 13, 2024
TO: CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS
FROM: RJM Design Group, Inc.
SUBJECT: Veeh Ranch Park Revitalization

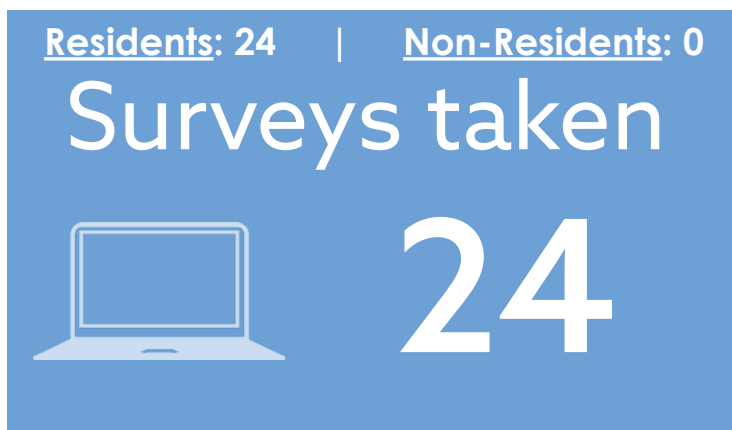


Residents of the City of Laguna Hills were invited to the community open house workshops to share their feedback on what they would like to see for the future of Veeh Ranch Park. The first open house was on Saturday, July 20, 2024, at 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM with approximately 30 attendees, the second was held on Wednesday, July 24, 2024 at 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM with approximately 10 attendees. Both community open house workshops were held at Veeh Ranch Park.

The online community survey was open for approximately two weeks until August 7, 2024. The survey was available online and paper copies were available at City Hall. The community online survey was advertised on the City's social media and posters were displayed at the park. A total of twenty-four (24) surveys were completed by community residents.



The survey summary results are as follows:



Veeh Ranch Park
VEEH RANCH PARK PROJECT
 Participate in the Community Engagement Process!

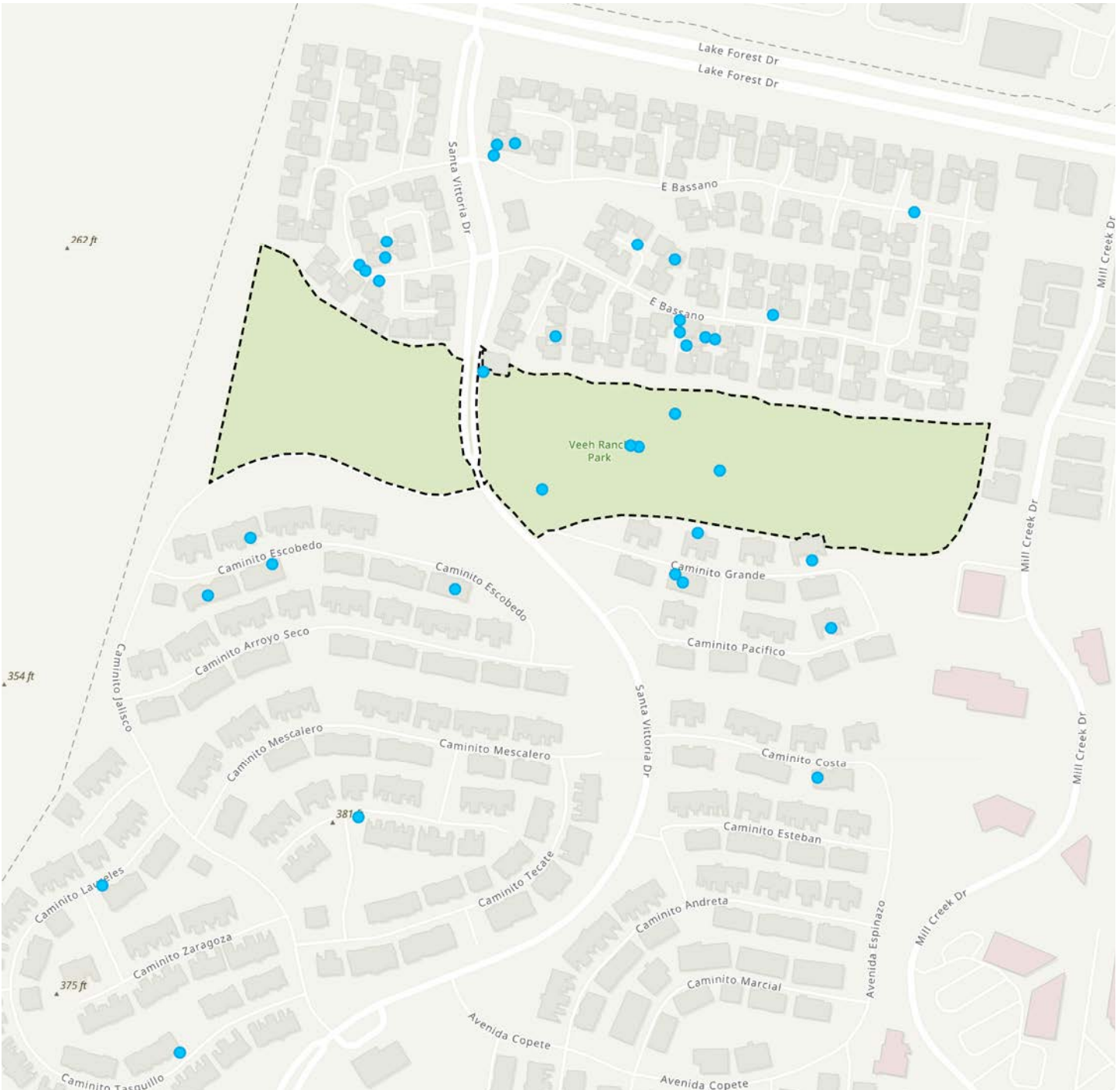
- Check out the Project Website (Scan QR Code or visit VeehRanchParkProject.com).
- Stay up to date, provide feedback, and take surveys.
- Attend in-person community workshops at the park.

OPEN HOUSE WORKSHOP 1:
 Saturday, July 20 at 9AM - 11AM
 OPEN HOUSE WORKSHOP 2:
 Wednesday, July 24 at 4PM - 6PM

VeehRanchParkProject.com

1. Where do you live?

Each survey participant indicated their location as part of the survey. As illustrated by the map exhibit to the right, 100% of survey participants were surrounding neighbors of the park.



2. How often do you or members of your household visit Veeh Ranch Park?

The majority of participants (83%) visit Veeh Ranch Park more than once a week.

All 24 responses were summarized into categories. The top categories are listed for each survey question.

3. What do you like most about Veeh Ranch Park and why?

- **Walking Paths (9 mentions)** - Many responses mentioned enjoyment of the walking paths around the park.
- **Open Space (8 mentions)** - Open spaces were frequently highlighted as a positive feature.
- **Nature & Wildlife (6 mentions)** - Proximity to nature, including trees, creeks, and wildlife, was a recurring theme.
- **Family & Pet-Friendly Spaces (5 mentions)** - Several responses appreciated the park's suitability for families and pets.
- **Safety & Cleanliness (3 mentions)** - The park's cleanliness and safety were commonly mentioned as important factors.

4. What do you dislike most about Veeh Ranch Park and why?

- **Amenities (7 mentions)** - Issues related to water fountains, lack of covered spots for picnics or seating, restrooms, and more shade.
- **Playground Conditions (4 mentions)** - Concerns about the playground's lack of shade, outdated equipment, excess sand, and poor drainage.
- **Drainage Issues (4 mentions)** - Problems related to poor drainage leading to flooding and swampy conditions.
- **Safety and Shade (3 mentions)** - Concerns over darkness at night, tree safety, and the need for more shade.
- **Parking (3 mentions)** - Concerns over park attendees parking in resident spots and lack of safe parking.
- **Facility Maintenance (2 mentions)** - Concerns over the condition of basketball courts and other play equipment.
- **Positive Feedback (2 mentions)** - Feedback expressing satisfaction with the park.

5. What new park amenities would you most like to see in Veeh Ranch Park?

- **Seating (9 mentions)** - Includes requests for more benches, tables, and shaded seating areas.
- **Shade (7 mentions)** - Includes requests for more trees, shade structures, and shaded picnic areas.
- **Play (5 mentions)** - Includes requests for play areas for kids, playgrounds, and related structures.
- **Recreation (4 mentions)** - Includes requests for sports courts, exercise stations, and climbing features.
- **Amenities (4 mentions)** - Includes requests for doggy bag stations, water stations, and sun/weather protection.
- **Water Play (3 mentions)** - Includes requests for splash pads and water features.
- **Picnic Areas (3 mentions)** - Includes requests for picnic benches, covered picnic facilities, and trash cans.
- **Parking (2 mentions)** - Includes requests for safer parking areas.
- **Restrooms (2 mentions)** - Requests for a restroom facility.
- **Landscaping & Maintenance (2 mentions)** - Includes requests for more trees, cleanup of shrubbery, and general park maintenance.

6. What existing park amenities would you like to see improved or renovated at Veeh Ranch Park?

- **Playground improvement (18 mentions)** - The majority of respondents focused on the need to upgrade or modernize the playground facilities. Suggestions included full replacement or expansion, adding shade, climbing structures, swings, and slides, and ensuring that no sound or music features disturb nearby homes. Some noted that the playground is outdated and requires a complete overhaul.
- **Sports court improvement (5 mentions)** - Respondents in this category highlighted the need to update the basketball courts, including installing better backboards, rims, and resurfacing the court. Additional lighting and drainage improvements were also suggested.
- **No improvement needed (2 mentions)** - A small group of respondents mentioned that the park is well-maintained and requires no additional improvements.
- **General park improvement (2 mentions)** - This category included broader suggestions for the entire park, including better lighting, improved drainage, and enhancing basic amenities such as sidewalks, benches, trash cans, and water fountains.

7. Do you have any additional comments?

- **Positive Feedback (8 mentions)** - This category received the highest number of responses, with many participants expressing their appreciation for the current maintenance and upcoming improvements to the park. Several respondents mentioned their excitement about the renovations and thanked the team for their efforts.
- **Infrastructure Concerns (2 mentions)** - Concerns about potential negative impacts on the community, particularly related to parking, were raised by multiple respondents. There is a clear desire to ensure that any changes to the park do not create additional problems, such as overcrowding or parking issues.
- **Safety Concerns (2 mentions)** - Respondents expressed worries about the increasing presence of homeless individuals in the park, particularly in creek areas and under bridges. Some mentioned encounters with homeless people, which could create safety risks for residents. Additionally, there was concern that installing restrooms might exacerbate these issues by attracting more homeless individuals and potentially making the facilities unsafe.
- **Infrastructure Issues (2 mentions)** - This category highlighted problems with the park's infrastructure, specifically related to flooding and drainage. Respondents noted that certain areas of the park, including the open grass area, sidewalks, and play areas, become swampy and unusable after rain or heavy irrigation. These issues are seen as significant barriers to the enjoyment and usability of the park.
- **New Feature Requests (2 mentions)** - Several suggestions were made for new additions to the park that would enhance its recreational and aesthetic value. These include the addition of a pickleball court, bird and hummingbird feeders, a butterfly garden, a fountain, and a historic display possibly curated by the Moulton Museum. There was also a request for a water play splash pad, reflecting a desire for more interactive and family-friendly features in the park.

As part of the open house workshop a thematic playground board was presented with eight different themed equipment. Participants were encouraged to place a dot on their favorite playground theme from the board. The result from the in person activity are as follows. Natural playground elements were the preferred theme for participants at Veeh Ranch Park.



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CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS VEEH RANCH PARK REVITALIZATION



FEEDBACK COMMENTS SUMMARY 15 COMMENTS COLLECTED (09/03/2024)

The fifteen (15) responses provided diverse insights and suggestions on improvements in Veeh Ranch Park. Below is a summary of the most common themes and specific requests from the feedback survey comments:

- **Playground & Amenities (3 responses):** Requests for updating playground equipment, adding more picnic areas, and providing better shading. Includes specific excitement about playground improvements and suggestions for additional amenities.
- **Irrigation & Maintenance (3 responses):** Concerns about improving irrigation, drainage, and other maintenance tasks like clearing brush and replacing rusted light posts.
- **Shade & Vegetation (2 responses):** Requests for more shade, trees, and maintaining the natural look of the park.
- **Parking & Access (2 responses):** Concerns related to parking issues and ensuring easy access for community members without compromising residential parking.
- **Opposition to Additions (2 responses):** Opposition to adding certain amenities like restrooms, bright lights, and off-leash areas for dogs.
- **Information Request (1 response):** A request for clarification on the nature of the project.
- **Dog Park Request (1 response):** A specific request for a dedicated dog off-leash area.
- **Pickleball Courts Request (1 response):** A request to add pickleball courts.
- **Picnic Table Addition (1 response):** A request for more picnic tables, particularly for Redcross workers.
- **Project Content Issue (1 response):** A note regarding the discrepancy in content related to the project.

1. provide nature of project. Residential, recreation only, public facilities, private uses etc.?
2. I think it's important to update the playground and redo the basketball court. The path around the park is used all the time so it's important to keep it. Parking is an issue so that needs to be taken into consideration. Our community has issues enough finding parking and we live here. We can't have people who want to use the park, take our parking places. Families, runners, walkers, and people with dogs are there all the time. It's imperative to keep that in mind as that is who uses the park.
3. "clear grassy brush from creek and ""access road"" next to creek between Mill Creek rd and Santa Vittoria. The brush could represent fire hazard and the ""access road"" has become blocked by plants near the east end of the park.
monitor watering so there are less soggy areas.
add bathrooms if practical.
keep it mostly green and natural looking like now. "
4. "The playground equipment is a little outdated and could use some upgrades. Many of the pieces of the equipment are falling apart. If there was some shading installed around the park that would make it better to have picnics at. If more picnic areas could be added maybe at different areas of the park that would be an improvement. The watering system at the park is really bad and the flat area past the playground regularly floods.
This makes it really hard to bring our kids to play there. After some rainfall the sidewalks are flooded for multiple days. Installing a bottle filling station where the water fountain is. "
5. A bathroom would be nice or some shade trees. Exercise equipments would be a plus.
6. Please no restrooms. No bright lights. No dogs off leash. Realize that houses face the park so provide for their quality of life, too.
7. Don't add any more amenities. It's a very small part and it's nice the way it is. What do you can do is replace the irrigation system , improve drainage, and replace all the light posts in the park Because they are rusting.
8. I am super excited about park modifications. Please also do the top cover for kids playground!
9. I would like a dedicated area to allow dogs to be off leash.
10. "1. Please prioritize fixing irrigation and drainage to eliminate standing water and swampiness.
2. Please add some additional play equipment to make playground bigger and more interesting.
3. Leave lots of open space. Don't overbuild w sports fields, etc
4. A few additional picnic tables would be nice.
5. This is a great quiet, simple park. Don't overdo it. Thanks for the opportunity to comment. "
11. Keep the open space! Shade for playground. More trees, more tables.
12. Lake forest resident. More pickleball courts.
13. I want a better park. More excitement. Better equipment.
14. We need more picnic tables on the south and east sides (so the Redcross workers can spend their lunch there).
15. Why the Veeh Ranch Park Project page has content about Cabot Park?!

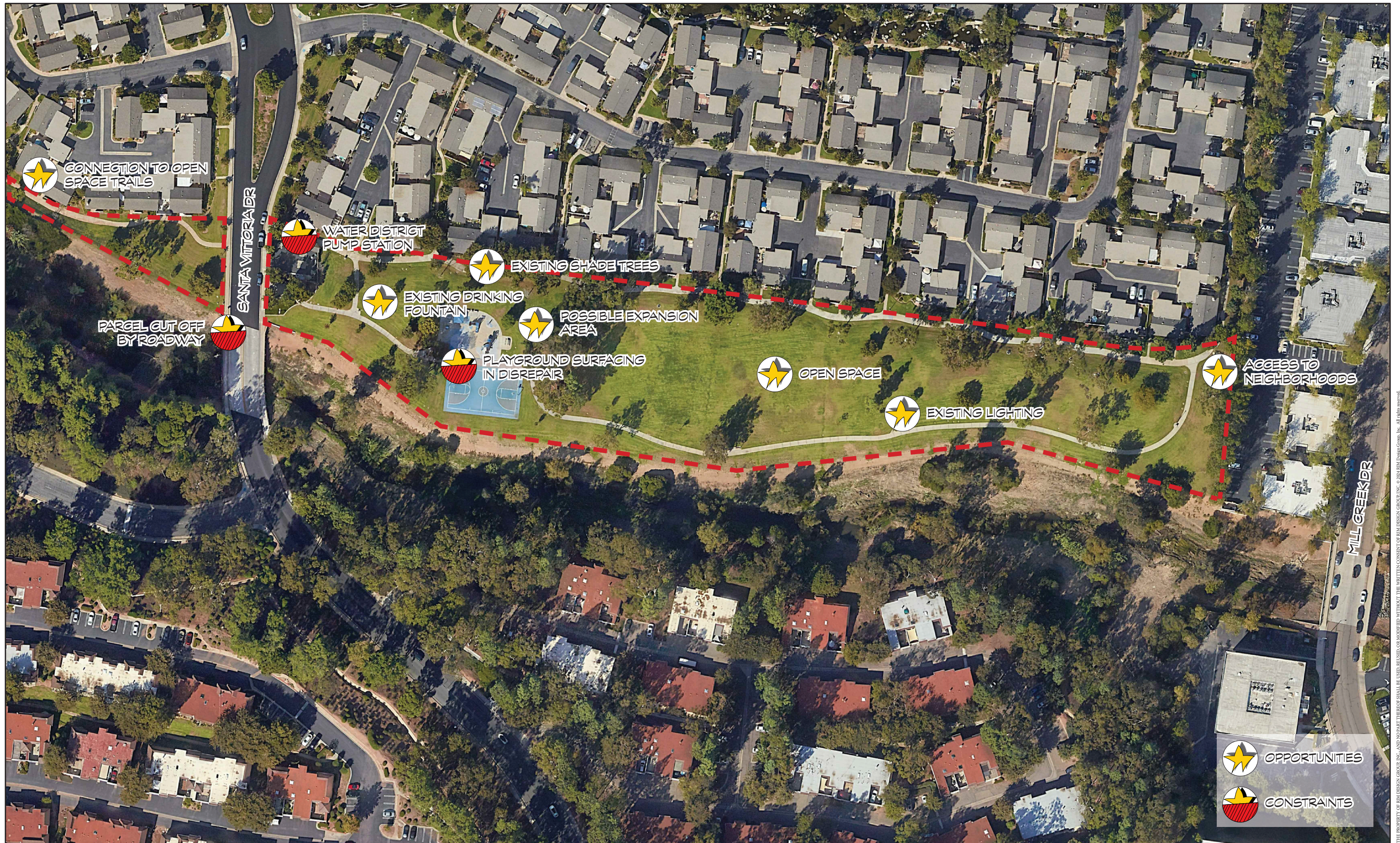


1	Park Monument Sign	FAIR	1	City Seal has faded
	Park Bench with Back	GOOD	2	Slat colors have faded.
	Trash Receptacle	GOOD	1	
	Light Pole	GOOD	1	
	Dog Bag Dispenser	EXCELLENT	1	
2	Drinking Fountain	EXCELLENT	1	May have accessibility issue due to slope of concrete
3	Trash Receptacle	GOOD	1	Receptacle styles are inconsistent
	Recycling Receptacle	GOOD	1	
	Light Pole	POOR	1	Pole base is rusting and degraded
4	Picnic Table	POOR	1	Cracking and spalling of concrete top and seats
	Park Bench with Back	POOR	2	Cracked slats on bench back
	Trash Receptacle	GOOD	1	
5	Play Equipment	POOR	1	Equipment is dated, and showing signs of breakdown
	Play Area Surfacing	POOR	1	Sand is filling pore space of rubber, rubber breaking down
6	Basketball Goals, Hoops, Posts	GOOD	2	
	Court Surfacing	GOOD	1	
7	Picnic Table	POOR	1	Cracking and spalling of concrete top and seats

8	Picnic Table	POOR	1	Concrete top edge cracked, exposing rebar
	Trash Receptacle	GOOD	1	
	Light Pole	POOR	1	Pole base is rusting and degraded
9	Park Bench, no back	GOOD	2	
	Light Pole	POOR	1	Pole base is rusting and degraded
10	Light Pole	POOR	1	Pole base is rusting and degraded
11	Light Pole	POOR	1	Pole base is rusting and degraded
12	Light Pole	POOR	1	Length of pole is showing signs of rust and degradation
	Trash Receptacle	FAIR	1	Top of receptacle developing a type of scale.

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Attachment 3

San Remo Park Community Outreach Summary





COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE WORKSHOPS SUMMARY

DATE: August 26, 2024
TO: CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS
FROM: RJM Design Group, Inc.
SUBJECT: San Remo Park Revitalization

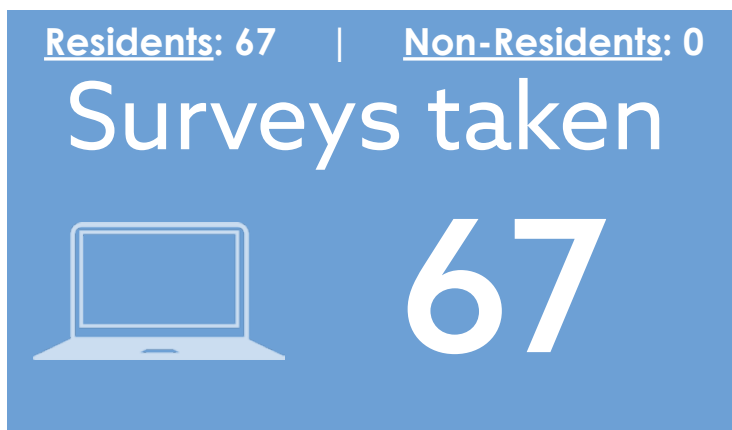


Residents of the City of Laguna Hills were invited to the community open house workshops to share their feedback on what they would like to see for the future of San Remo Park. The first open house was on Saturday, July 27, 2024, at 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM with approximately 60 attendees, the second was held on Tuesday, July 30, 2024 at 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM with approximately 50 attendees. Both community open house workshops were held at San Remo Park.

The online community survey was open for two weeks after the second workshop, until August 13, 2024. The survey was available online and paper copies were available at City Hall. The community online survey was advertised on the City's social media and posters were displayed at the park. A total of sixty-seven (67) surveys were completed by community residents.

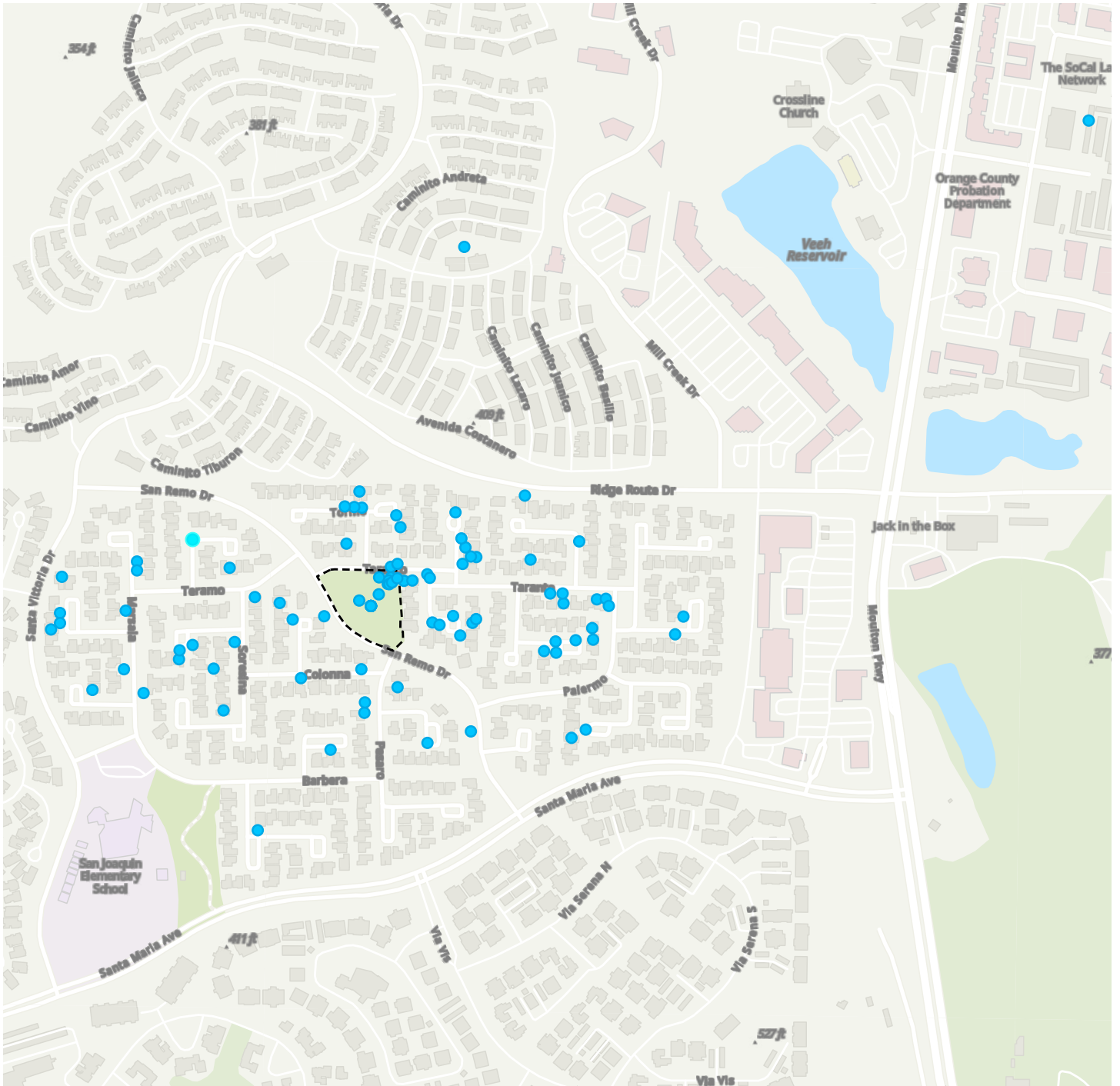


The survey summary results are as follows:



1. Where do you live?

Each survey participant indicated their location as part of the survey.



2. How often do you or members of your household visit San Remo Park?

The majority of participants (66%) visit San Remo Park more than once a week.

All 67 responses were summarized into categories. The top categories are listed for each survey question.

3. What do you like most about San Remo Park and why?

- **Trees and Shade (25 mentions):** This category was frequently mentioned, with many respondents appreciating the mature trees and the shade they provide.
- **Proximity to Home (17 mentions):** A significant number of responses emphasized the importance of the park being close to their homes, making it convenient to visit.
- **Open Space and Grass Areas (15 mentions):** Many respondents valued the open space and grassy areas for various activities like walking, playing, and relaxation.
- **Tennis Courts (15 mentions):** The availability of tennis courts were appreciated by many users.
- **Playground (10 mentions):** The playground and its features, such as swings, slides, and sandbox, were important to several respondents, especially those with children.
- **Community and Recreation (5 mentions):** Some respondents highlighted the park's role as a place to play, congregating, and engage with the community.
- **Quiet and Peaceful Environment (5 mentions):** Several responses noted the quiet and peaceful atmosphere of the park, which they found enjoyable.

4. What do you dislike most about San Remo Park and why?

- **Playground Equipment (15 mentions):** Issues related to outdated equipment, insufficient play structures, and the need for upgrades.
- **Amenities (12 mentions):** Concerns about the lack of basic amenities such as trash cans, seating, bathrooms, and shade structures.
- **Facility Usage (9 mentions):** Comments about underused spaces (e.g., volleyball court) and the monopolization of facilities by non-community members.
- **Safety (9 mentions):** Safety concerns ranging from playground hazards to traffic and noise issues.
- **Maintenance (6 mentions):** Maintenance issues including the need for repair and better upkeep.
- **Dog Management (3 mentions):** Issues related to dog waste management and the need for designated dog play areas.

5. What new park amenities would you most like to see in San Remo Park?

- **Basketball Court (15 mentions):** Frequent suggestions for adding a basketball court or half court, some mentions suggested repurposing the volleyball court.
- **Park Amenities (20 mentions):** Repeated requests for picnic tables, benches, shade, drinking fountains, and lighting improvements.
- **Playground Structure (18 mentions):** Numerous requests for new playground equipment, upgrades, and removal or replacement of existing structures.
- **Pickleball Court (7 mentions):** Suggestions to add pickleball courts.
- **Fitness (7 mentions):** Several suggestions for workout areas, outdoor gym equipment, and calisthenic parks.
- **Water Features (7 mentions):** Suggestions for splash pads or water features.
- **Natural Features (5 mentions):** Proposals for natural play equipment, greenery improvements, and butterfly gardens.
- **Dog Amenities (5 mentions):** Requests for dog runs, gated dog play areas, and waste disposal stations.

6. What existing park amenities would you like to see improved or renovated at San Remo Park?

- **Playground Improvements (31 mentions):** This includes various suggestions to update, renovate, or replace the playground equipment.
- **Volleyball Court Alternatives (13 mentions):** Many responses suggest either improving the volleyball court or repurposing it for other uses, such as a dog park, basketball court, or pickleball court.
- **Tennis Court Updates (10 mentions):** This category involves suggestions to improve, maintain, or repurpose the tennis court, including adding pickleball lines.
- **Swings (7 mentions):** Several responses specifically mention adding more swings or improving existing swings.
- **General Park Updates (6 mentions):** A number of responses call for broad updates to various park features, including seating, landscaping, and lighting.
- **Shade (3 mentions):** There are multiple suggestions to add more shade, either in general or over specific areas like benches.

7. Do you have any additional comments?

- **Acknowledgment (11 mentions):** Several respondents expressed gratitude or appreciation for the efforts being made in the park, thanking the city and team for their work and involvement.
- **Amenity Improvement (10 mentions):** Respondents frequently suggested adding or improving amenities, including requests for bathrooms, picnic tables, shade areas, water fill-up stations, drinking fountains, and workout equipment.
- **Safety (5 mentions):** Safety was a recurring theme, with concerns raised about the need for safety patrols, safe play areas (e.g., free of glass in sand or harmful chemicals in turf), and barriers to protect children from traffic.
- **Court Opposition (3 mentions):** Some respondents opposed specific facilities, such as pickleball or basketball courts, due to concerns about noise and maintaining the park's quiet and natural atmosphere.
- **Usage Concern (2 mentions):** Some respondents were concerned about the usage of park amenities, which were often occupied by non-locals, particularly the tennis courts and the noise from potential pickleball courts.
- **Play Area Improvement (2 mentions):** Respondents suggested enhancing the play areas, with specific requests for new playground equipment to attract more children and ensure a safer, more enjoyable environment for kids.
- **Timeliness Concern (2 mentions):** A couple of respondents expressed concerns about the speed of the project, urging quicker action or emphasizing the importance of timely completion.

As part of the open house workshop a thematic playground board was presented with eight different themed equipment options. Participants were encouraged to place a dot on their favorite playground theme from the board. The result from the in person activity are as follows. Rock climbing elements were the preferred theme for participants at San Remo Park.



NATURAL

17



AGRICULTURE

2



SPORTS

4



ROCK CLIMBING

33



PATRIOTIC

5



SENSORY

5



FUTURISTIC

26



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7/27/2024

THEMATIC PLAYGROUND ELEMENTS
 SAN REMO PARK PROJECT
 CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS, CALIFORNIA

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CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS SAN REMO PARK REVITALIZATION



FEEDBACK COMMENTS SUMMARY 24 COMMENTS COLLECTED (09/03/2024)

The twenty-four (24) responses provided diverse insights and suggestions on improvements in San Remo Park. Below is a summary of the most common themes and specific requests from the feedback survey comments:

- **Playground Improvements (11 mentions):** Many respondents suggest upgrading or expanding the playground with more equipment, better safety features, and ADA compliance.
- **Preserving Trees and Adding Shade (8 mentions):** Several respondents emphasize the importance of maintaining existing trees for shade and adding more shaded areas around the park.
- **Park Amenities (6 mentions):** Respondents request more drinking fountains, benches, and the addition of bathrooms, especially near the playground.
- **Cleanliness and Maintenance (5 mentions):** Many respondents are concerned with maintaining cleanliness and prefer minimal or no changes aside from maintenance.
- **Park Safety Improvements (5 mentions):** There are multiple requests for improvements to park safety, including crosswalks, better lighting, and making the park more accessible for individuals with physical limitations.
- **Addition of Pickleball Courts (4 mentions):** There are multiple requests for adding dedicated pickleball courts or marking the tennis courts for pickleball use.
- **Opposition to Grills (3 mentions):** Several respondents oppose the addition of BBQ grills due to concerns about trash, rodents, and fire risks.

1. Where will the open house workshops for San Remo park be held. In the timeline it says the Cabot park project. Will they be held at San Remo park?
2. Leave the park the same.
3. We would like to see improvements and expansion to the playground, cross walks for safety, and drinking fountain. Bathrooms may be too far of a stretch. More shade for the playground would be nice.
4. In general the park is a solid park. It does a great job at attracting persons to use everything. Wife says best part is the parent area (the benches next to the tennis court) which is always shaded from the sun and has a great vantage for observing your kid. Daughter and I really like running up/down the grassy hill and all of the trees and birds. Tennis court is also rad and gets a good amount of use. The things that could be improved are 1) on the play structure replacing the fireman's pole with another feature as the fire pole doesn't get much use as it's too difficult for most kids, 2) ensure the playground construction materials aren't cracking/rusting, 3) the blue floor padding is even, and 4) do something with the volleyball area. Please keep the grass, please keep the trees, and please keep the hill.
5. Pickleball court please!
6. I would like to have the play area include baby swings. Also for the play set to be larger. with more things to do. ie a bridge, tire swing, tunnel slide, monkey bars, zip line, balance beam, rings, etc.
7. How about a drinking fountain in San Remo Park, more picnic tables and benches, and pickle ball lines on the tennis court? We also need a crosswalk on the corner of Taranto and San Remo.
8. San Remo Park Improvements- Upgrade the playground for updated safety/ada measures; update the tennis courts (if needed); clean and refresh plantings within and surrounding the park and develop/install pickleball court(s).
9. I would like to see updated picnic tables with shade, additional tennis courts and improved play equipment with water station.
10. I have lived in Laguna Terrace since 2001 and San Remo Park definitely needs a renovation! I think we need more and better children's play equipment as our children are our future and what we have there now is in need of a change! For the adults, more benches and picnic tables and a water fountain.
11. Our park is a bit dirty and run down. I would prefer if it would look cleaner with newer playground equipment and amenities for the families in our area. It would be nice if there was an area for dogs to play as well.
12. New play structure for children. No one uses the volleyball court.
13. Thank you for planning upgrades. I've lived across from San Remo park for 43 years. Several of us in the area agree that improvements will be welcomed, but ask that they NOT include food grills of any kind. People often leave trash and the resulting refuse will attract flies, rodents and coyotes. We currently have an active rodent problem and are battling it daily. We'd love to see more seating in shady areas. The tennis court is used almost daily but the volleyball rarely. Also, no mini-dog park please (trash, smells, noise). Thank you again for thinking of the community.

14. Regarding San Remo Park development. How is noise going to be considered for neighbors around park? Will this park remain a neighborhood park and if not how are you going to provide safe parking? Do not want any cooking grills fire safety issue. Also no picnic tables, benches, pickle ball courts or man running his tennis business on the tennis courts everyday. The community already has a safety issue on San Remo drive with

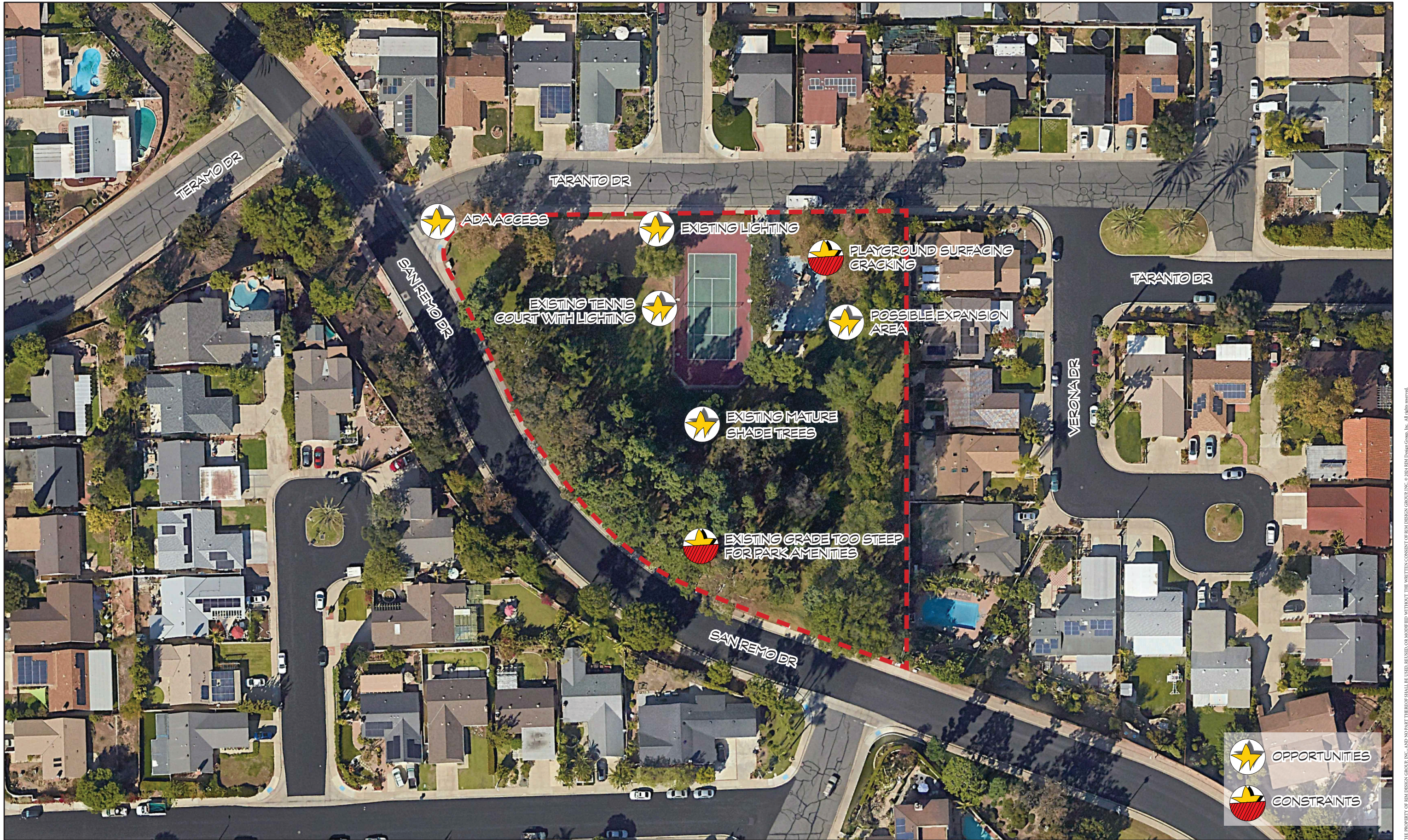
park cars from condos, tesla speeding through neighborhood thanks to your charging stations. The playground is in need of repair but doesn't need to be replaced with a new design. As always I am sure the city will not address concerns.

15. More shade and baby swings or the baby swings with the connected adult swing would be great.
16. I have only one request, that as many of the existing tree's in this park as possible, be left. I would hate to see any of them go unless they pose a hazard or danger.
-Thank you.
17. Provide upgrade kids play area, improve volleyball area, or replace w/ basketball, sufficient lights for safety, picnic area shelter
18. Im resident at Verona for 29 years our park is good as is. Please keep as is only maintenance of trees and grass. We are NOT for any expensive changes and any rise of taxes
19. Keep the trees for the shade, have bathrooms installed in the park, install splash pad area for kids
20. Keep the trees for shade, water area for kids/ outdoor splash pad, add bathrooms
21. The volley ball court should be farther away from the street.
The sand should be shifted yearly to prevent glass splinters.
22. more fountains - more plants. concerned about neighboring rear property upkeep-trees and plants
23. would not recommend BBQs at park due to danger of fire, hot coals, large mature trees
24. Path or other better access into edges of the park near the playground, etc, are accessible/ useful especially for those of us w/ any physical limitations. I walk through Santa Vittoria Park, I can only walk around this one.



1	Park Monument Sign	FAIR	1	Base of wood posts show termite damage and weathering
	Dog Bag Dispenser	GOOD	1	Hidden, mounted to rear of monument sign
2	Sand Volleyball Court	FAIR	1	Two locations of concrete are damaged and lifting
3	Tennis Court	GOOD	1	
	Shoebox Court Lights	GOOD	6	
	Chain-Link Fencing	FAIR	1	Chain-link fabric is bent and bowing in some locations
4	Stairs, Handrail, & Cheekwalls	GOOD	1	Cheekwalls and railing showing signs of skateboard damage
	Trash Receptacle	GOOD	1	
5	Park Bench with Back	GOOD	3	
	Trash Receptacle	GOOD	1	
	Recycling Receptacle	GOOD	1	
6	Play Equipment	POOR	1	Equipment is dated, and showing signs of breakdown
	Play Area Surfacing	POOR	1	Sand is filling pore space of rubber, rubber breaking down
7	Picnic Table	POOR	1	Cracking and spalling of concrete top and seats
	Trash Receptacle	FAIR	1	Top of receptacle developing a type of scale.

EXCELLENT: Amenity is new or in like new condition.
 GOOD: Amenity is showing wear but not in need of repair or replacement.
 FAIR: Amenity is showing signs of breakdown & should be repaired.
 POOR: Amenity should be replaced.



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