

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION QUESTIONS
SEPTEMBER 20, 2023 MEETING**

5.1 Donation of a Monument and Park Benches in Honor of the 1975 Mountain View High School Football Team Championship

1. Does Attachment 4 represent precisely what will be included on the informative sign panel?

Yes, Attachment 4 is the final proposed design to include on the informative sign panel.

2. If approved, what might the installation timing look like? Would it be quick, or might it be timed to coincide with the 50th anniversary of the CCS championship (in 2025)?

Staff anticipate that the sign can be manufactured and delivered within 8-10 weeks. Once materials are on site, it may take Parks staff 1-2 weeks to install depending on project workload.

3. Please provide some details on the proposed benches. Are they to be consistent with other park benches? Does the donor provide the benches or funds to procure the benches?

The benches match what we currently have in Eagle Park. The Parks Department asks that the donor provide a \$1,000 deposit for each bench donated. Parks staff then orders the bench from the manufacturer. While waiting for the benches to be delivered, staff begins working with the donor to create the inscription for the plaque that will be attached to the bench. Once everything has been installed, the remaining cost is compiled and sent to the donor to be paid. Typical cost for this process ranges from \$3,000-\$5,000.

4. Is there an existing plaque in Eagle Park that commemorates the historic site of the Mountain View High School? If so, are there other instances of multiple installations in a City park that commemorate a historical site or event?

As shown in Figure 1 below, there is an existing plaque at the base of the flag pole at Eagle Park that reads "This flagpole was located at the Castro Street entrance to the old Mountain View High School. The pole and the school were erected in 1924 and the school was closed in 1981. The park is on the site of the Wendall Grubb athletic field. Eagle Park is named for the mascot of the school."



Figure 1. Existing Plaque at Eagle Park

5. Is the proposed bronze eagle statue a commissioned piece of original art or a sculpture from a catalog?

The donor group purchased the bronze eagle from a catalog.

6. Has the specific eagle sculpture already been purchased?

Yes, the donor group has already secured the eagle sculpture.

7. Where will the proposed benches be located, and what do they look like?

The benches will be located on either side of the sign looking into the park. The benches will match what we currently have throughout Eagle Park.

8. Will the area surrounding the benches and sign board remain as lawn?

This will be determined in the field once Parks staff lay everything out. Based on irrigation heads and spacing, staff's intent is to have decomposed granite underneath the benches.

5.2 Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan Update and Commission Input

9. The background section of the report mentions five stakeholder meetings and two multilingual meetings in addition to the four kickoff meetings. When and where were those additional meetings held?

The stakeholder meetings took place on Tuesday, August 22. Four of the meetings were held at the Community Center and one was held at City Hall. The two multilingual meetings were held by Zoom on Tuesday, August 29.

10. Please provide the best available information on park department budgets and per capita parks and recreation spending by comparable communities such as Palo Alto, Sunnyvale, Santa Clara, Redwood City, etc.

The consultant's scope of work includes a comparative analysis of other agencies which should be completed by Spring 2024 and can include these benchmarking variables.

5.3 Rengstorff Park Pickleball Pilot Program Update and Recommendation

11. During tennis times on courts 3 and 4, are there any safety issues for tennis players related to the on-court storage of the three rollaway pickleball nets?

The rollaway pickleball nets are designed to stack neatly along the interior fence line of the tennis courts, allowing tennis players ample playing space. Throughout the pilot program, three rollaway nets were positioned along the sideline of court 4. The addition of three more nets would not pose any safety concerns or hinder the court usability as the additional nets will be placed along the sideline of court 3.