



Mountain View Coalition for Sustainable Planning
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City of Mountain View Parks and Recreation Commission
City Hall, 500 Castro Street
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Mountain View, CA 94039-7540

Re: San Antonio Mini-Park Conceptual Review and Recommendation

Dear Chairperson Mitchner and PRC commissioners:

The Mountain View Coalition for Sustainable Planning (MVCSP) along with GreenSpacesMV appreciates the opportunity to respond to San Antonio Mini-Park Conceptual review and recommendation, which you will discuss at your meeting tonight.

We have reviewed the agenda item materials, and we have the following comments we would like to share with you.

As this is an update to your previous meeting on January 13th, we'll limit our comments to what is new since then.

We suggest that work on the Community Tree Master Plan update, even if not complete by the time this project is finalized, should be an essential basis for what is put in place in the project plans. In particular, an emphasis on native, drought-tolerant, and pollinator-friendly landscaping, with attention to biodiversity, pollinator-corridor accommodation, and wildlife needs. As always, what we build in Mountain View does not exist in a vacuum, and nature does not honor artificial boundaries (or real boundaries for that matter), so the park needs to be considered from all angles: As itself, as serving the neighborhood, and as existing in our environment as a whole. The best design will serve both human and non-human needs.

We support the inclusion of a native garden in the plans as well as the strongest protection measure for the oak tree. We also support the inclusion of a bosque as long as it does not interfere with other goals we've stated here.

As we are concerned about lighting levels throughout Mountain View, we support lighting plans as laid out in the Staff memorandum. This assumes that lights will be on timers and/or motion sensor systems.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bruce England". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bruce England
for the Mountain View Coalition for Sustainable Planning

cc:

Marichrisse Hoang, Associate Civil Engineer
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About Mountain View Coalition for Sustainable Planning

The Mountain View Coalition for Sustainable Planning is a local volunteer-based organization dedicated to making Mountain View as beautiful, economically healthy, transit, bicycle, and pedestrian accessible, and affordable as possible. MVCSP member interest and expertise covers areas such as housing, transportation, the environment, the economy, and beyond!

For more information, see <http://www.mvcsp.org>.

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