



**MEMORANDUM**

Public Works Department

**DATE:** May 8, 2019

**TO:** Parks and Recreation Commission and Urban Forestry Board

**FROM:** Marichrisse Gabon, Assistant Civil Engineer  
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**SUBJECT:** Mora-Ortega Park Conceptual Review and Recommendation, Project 17-46

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**RECOMMENDATION**

1. Review and comment on the recommended Mora-Ortega Park Conceptual Plan and recommend approval of the Plan to the City Council.
2. Select at least two names for City Council consideration for the new park.

**BACKGROUND**

The proposed 0.45-acre park site located on Ortega Avenue at Mora Drive was dedicated to the City for park use by the developers of the 2296 Mora Drive residential project (see Figure 1 – Project Location).

In June 2016, Council approved the Mora-Ortega Park, Project 17-46, as part of the 2016-17 Capital Improvement Program. Council approved a design services agreement with SSA Landscape Architects on January 23, 2018.



**Figure 1 – Project Location**

## **ANALYSIS**

### **Site Description**

The project site is currently being used as a staging area by the developers of the 2296 Mora Drive residential project during its construction. The developer has installed landscaping along the frontage of the park site on Ortega Avenue and Mora Drive per the approved development plans. The developer will vacate the site before the City starts construction for the new park in spring 2020.

### **Community Meetings**

The purpose of Community Meeting No. 1, held on January 30, 2019, was to obtain input from the community on the design and amenities of the new park. Approximately 10 people attended the meeting and provided input on the park design.

The consultant team obtained input based on discussion of the existing conditions of the site and through using “Poll Everywhere” software that allows participants to vote with their smartphones (input provided on paper copies for those who preferred).

Community Meeting No. 2, held on April 4, 2019, reviewed three concepts for the new park, which included features and amenities voiced at the first meeting.

### **Recommended Concept**

Thirteen (13) attendees at the meeting voted on the three concepts using “Poll Everywhere” with Concept B obtaining 62 percent of the votes. Following the poll, the community provided additional input on revising certain features of the proposed Concept B. At the end of the meeting, the group narrowed recommendations to a concept that incorporated portions of the three concepts. The consultant incorporated these changes, which include the amenities summarized below (See Figure 2– Conceptual Plan D):

- A lawn and play area;
- A loop trail with pathways leading through orchard groves;
- An area with fitness equipment;
- Picnic tables and benches; and
- An agricultural theme.



**Figure 2 – Conceptual Plan D**

Figure 2 was derived from concepts shown in Figures 3, 4, and 5.

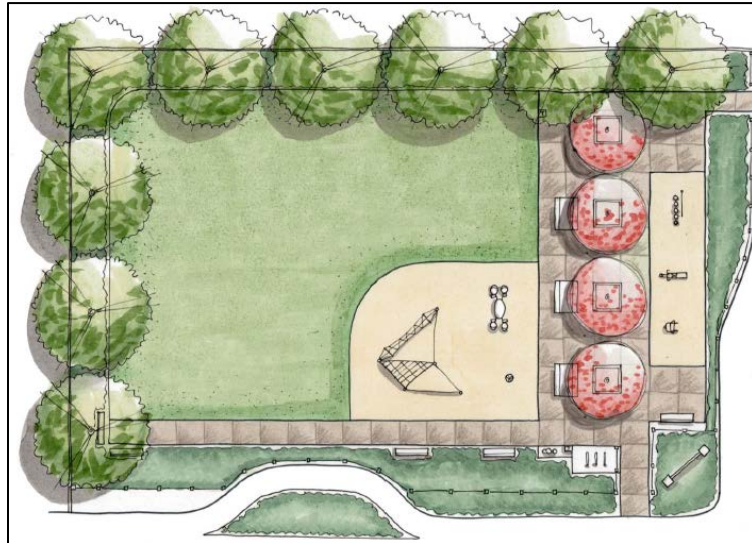


**Figure 3 – Conceptual Plan A**





**Figure 4 – Conceptual Plan B**



**Figure 5 – Conceptual Plan C**

Similar to other parks, no overhead lighting is included because the park closes at sunset. One accessible parking stall will be added along the street frontage on Ortega Avenue.

A short perimeter fence and permeable concrete pathways will be installed to accommodate City vehicles for maintenance.

## **Park Naming**

Staff initiated the park naming process at the Community Meeting on April 4, 2019, and solicited responses through May 7, 2019. Staff provided the criteria for naming a new park based on City Council Policy K-17 (Attachment 1). The Policy states that a park may be named for a school on which it is located or street it is adjacent to or for a local landmark or historical figure. Other park names will be considered only if one of the above criteria does not provide a name suitable for the park. The Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) must submit at least two names to the City Council for consideration and final name selection.

Staff sent an e-mail to attendees of the two community meetings held on the project and mailed a notice to the surrounding property owners setting a deadline of May 7 to submit suggestions. Two (2) responses were received before finalizing this report. Staff will bring any new suggestions submitted after this report to the PRC meeting on May 8, 2019. The following park names are options for the Commission's consideration:

### **Proposed Names**

<b>SUGGESTED PARK NAMES</b>
Blossom Park
Crossroads Park
Harmony Gardens Park
Mora Park
Mora-Ortega Park
Orchard Lane Park
Ortega Park
Ortega-Mora Park
Shockley Park
Sunny Side Park

Staff conducted research at the Mountain View Public Library History Center to determine if the property had any specific historical significance. In reviewing aerial images from the 1950s, the land appears to have been used for agriculture. No other significant information is known about the site.

Staff will forward the PRC's recommendation of at least two names to the City Council for approval of a park name.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

Mora-Ortega Park, Project 17-46, is funded in the amount of \$1,628,000. The estimated construction cost for Conceptual Plan D is within the construction budget of \$1 million.

## **PROJECT SCHEDULE**

The next step is to submit the PRC recommended concept to Council for final approval in September. Following Council approval, the design consultants will prepare detailed plans that are scheduled to be completed by spring 2020.

## **PUBLIC NOTICING**

In addition to the standard agenda posting, property owners and residents within 750' of the park received notices of the PRC meeting. A notice was placed on the City's website and Nextdoor, and e-mails were sent to attendees of the past community meetings.

Attachment: 1. Council Policy K-17: Naming of City Parks and Other City Facilities

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