

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION QUESTIONS
April 14, 2021 MEETING

Item 5.1 – Rengstorff Park Maintenance and Tennis Buildings Replacement, Project 21-48, Update

1. At the meeting, would it be possible (perhaps with an enlarged/blown up map) to show the location of the SFPUC property/pipelines, as well as the planned area for the drop-off route?

Yes, staff will include a slide in their presentation.

2. I could be mistaken, but it appears there may be 3 mayten trees bordering the current maintenance building. If so, are only 2 of them being considered for removal?

Correct. Three Mayten trees border the building. Only two may be impacted from a design perspective, but the arborist may recommend three for removal.

3. Can you clarify whether both liquidambar trees are being recommended for removal, or whether it's just the single tree closest to the tennis facility?

Both are recommended for removal due to the pods that drop and the adjacency to the All-Inclusive Magical Bridge Playground. Only one is impacted by the new restroom/tennis facility.

4. If the trees behind the tennis building are take out (do they really need to be taken out?) that will affect the apartments behind the building. Have they been notified? Has staff though how to mitigate the negative effect if the trees really cannot be saved?

The silk oak trees behind the tennis building exhibit growth resulting from lopping at the tops, perhaps because of a previous overhead electrical power cable along the property line. The residents have not been notified since recommendation for removal is a preliminary consideration at this time and more time is needed to develop a mitigation plan.

5. Are the tennis building restrooms intended for the Magical Bridge Playground also and, if so, are the tennis folk aware of that? Will there be an ADA-accessible stall?

Yes, the restroom will serve the playground and tennis users and two of the three stalls will be ADA accessible. The tennis club is aware of the All-Inclusive Magical Bridge Playground project and that the restrooms will be available to all park users.

6. Regarding the new maintenance building, it will now be very close to Crisanto, where many people line in cars and RVs. Has staff considered whether more restrooms should be added to the building?

Staff believes two restrooms are adequate combined with all restroom facilities at the park including the Community Center, the new Aquatics Center, and the All-Inclusive Magical Bridge Playground/tennis area.

Item 5.2 – Advisory Body Input on the Mountain View Strategic Roadmap – Potential Projects for Fiscal Years 2021/22 and 2022/23

1. Could staff explain in more detail what “Develop Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan” entails and how that differs from updating the Open Space and Recreation Plans?

The Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan will serve as an update to both the Parks and Open Space Plan and the Recreation Plan. Staff recommends having one single guiding document for our Parks and Recreation Divisions due to how the services, priorities, and goals intertwine and overlap. The Strategic Plan will include analyses such as a review of existing parks and recreation facilities and service levels, implement a Community Needs Assessment, and create a maintenance management plan.

Other Questions

1. In the report from Friends of Deer Hollow Farm, I saw thank yous to donors and neighboring cities, and some mention that the board helps offset costs to our City. What is the current role of the City of Mountain View at Deer Hollow Farm? I hope staff can address that during the meeting, no need to write it up.

The City of Mountain View coordinates and manages the environmental programs at Deer Hollow Farm including, overseeing the livestock, school year classes and summer camps. Two full-time staff members work directly at the Farm. The Senior Recreation Coordinator directly supervises the environmental programs and works directly with local school districts to book the school year tours and directly supervises the summer camp programs. School year classes are available to elementary students K-5th grades and summer camps are available to children 6-14. The Recreation Coordinator lives on site and directly manages all the livestock on the farm and supervises the volunteer program that assists with Livestock and the School Year program.

2. In the department report, I noticed that fewer people were enrolled in 2021 compared to 2018, but the money coming in from enrollment was practically the same. Have fees increased that much?

Fees for Recreation programs have not increased, but some of the Class Contractors that the City works with to provide special interest and sports programs have slightly increased their fees. We have also seen less financial assistance use on the first day of registration than in previous years. In response to this and to provide further assistance to participate in recreation programs, the Recreation Division recently applied any unused funds from the 2019-20 FAP allocation period to this year’s allocation period for those who have re-

qualified with the Community Services Agency. With Shelter in Place orders in 2020 and limited programming availability, there was approximately \$158,000 in unused financial assistance in last year's allocation period. Staff completed applying the unused balances to current accounts last week and have been notifying families this week of the additional amounts available on their account to use towards spring and summer programs.

3. How many open slots remain in the preschool programs? How does enrollment track with previous years?

For the 2020-21 school year, the Division is planning for 3 classes, two playschool and one tot time. Due to social distancing guidelines, each class is currently limited to 24 students, but has the capacity for 30 students if/when guidelines are removed. Below is the current enrollment and number of spaces available per class:

<i>Class</i>	<i>Total Enrolled</i>	<i>Spots Available</i>
<i>Tot Time</i>	8	16
<i>Playschool AM</i>	10	14
<i>Playschool PM</i>	5	19

Enrollment at this time of year is a little lower than usually by a few spots. With so much uncertainty until the school year begins in September, we believe that some parents will wait to enroll closer to August when there is a better understanding of any impacts to programs related to COVID-19 guidelines. The Recreation Division will continue to promote registration for Preschool leading up to the fall.