



**MEMORANDUM**

Public Works Department

**DATE:** October 10, 2018

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

**FROM:** Marichrisse Gabon, Assistant Civil Engineer  
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**SUBJECT:** **Evandale Avenue Mini-Park Conceptual Review and Recommendation,  
Project 17-45**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

1. Review and comment on the recommended Evandale Avenue Mini-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 AND ANALYSIS**

The proposed 0.27-acre park site located on Evandale Avenue at Piazza Drive was dedicated to the City for park use by the developers of the 133 and 149 Fairchild Drive rowhouse project (see Figure 1 – Project Location).

In June 2016, Council approved Evandale Avenue Mini-Park, Project 17-45, 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 was used as staging area by the developers of the 133 and 149 Fairchild Drive rowhouse project during its construction. The site is now a flat and open space with no trees. The developer installed a new perimeter metal fence on three sides and a redwood good-neighbor fence on the property line shared with the single-family residential home on the east side. One Schwedler Norway maple tree that was protected during construction for the development exists on the frontage of the park on Evandale Avenue, along with Freeman maple trees and shrubs planted by the developer.

## **Community Meetings**

The purpose of Community Meeting No. 1, held on May 10, 2018, 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 June 14, 2018, reviewed three concepts for the new park, which included features and amenities voiced at the first meeting. At the end of the meeting, the group narrowed recommendations to a concept that incorporated portions of the three concepts.

## **Recommended Concept**

Eleven (11) attendees at the meeting voted on the three concepts using “Poll Everywhere” with Concept B obtaining 67 percent of the votes. Following the poll, the community provided additional input on revising certain features of the proposed Concept B. The consultant incorporated these changes which include the amenities summarized below (See Figure 2 – Revised Concept B):

- A central plaza and gathering space with shade trees and seating.
- A central walk, with access points that connect to sidewalk and townhomes.
- A large play area for a climbing structure with ropes, spinning elements, and swings.
- Large mounded lawn area surrounded by colorful canopy trees.
- A modern theme for site furnishings and play equipment.



**Figure 2 – Revised Concept Plan B**

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

A short perimeter fence exists at the site, and permeable concrete pathways will be installed to accommodate City vehicles for maintenance. Benches for seating along with picnic and game tables are located in the plaza area of the park.

### **Park Naming**

Staff initiated the park naming process at the Community Meeting on June 14, 2018, and solicited responses through September 12, 2018, and provided the criteria for naming a new park based on City Council Policy K-17 (Attachment A). 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. Eleven (11) responses were received by the deadline of September 12, 2018. The following park names are options for the Commission's consideration:

### Proposed Names

<b>SUGGESTED PARK NAME</b>	<b>RELEVANCE</b>
Evandale Park	Street name
Piazza Park	Street name
Piazza Point Park	Street name variation
Eva N' Dale Park	Street name variation
Viewpoint Park	Name of adjacent rowhouse development
Wagon Wheel Park	Name of nearby neighborhood community
Nuestro Park	Translation from Spanish to English to "Our" Park
Moffett Park	
Silicon Valley Park	
Bryant Park	
Google Bus Park	Does not meet naming criteria

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 late 1940s and 1950s, the site does not appear to have an agricultural past but, instead, had some minor outbuildings and miscellaneous buildings around the area. Fairchild, Evandale, Murlagan, and Sherland Avenues were undeveloped roads until the 1950s. 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

Evandale Avenue Mini Park, Project 17-45, is funded in the amount of \$1,711,290. The estimated construction cost for Revised Concept Plan B 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 November. Following Council approval, the design consultants will prepare detailed plans and are scheduled to be completed by spring 2019.

## **PUBLIC NOTICING**

In addition to the standard agenda posting, property owners and residents within 500' 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.

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Attachment: 1. Naming of City Parks and Other City Facilities

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