



MEMORANDUM

Public Works Department

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TO: Parks and Recreation Commission and Urban Forestry Board

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**SUBJECT: San Antonio Mini-Park Conceptual Review and Recommendation,
Project 20-48**

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

The proposed 0.45-acre park site located on Fayette Drive at San Antonio Road was dedicated to the City for park use by the developers of the 400 San Antonio Road development project (see Figure 1—Project Location). The proposed park is located across the street from the future Fayette Park and is adjacent to a lot owned by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC).

In June 2019, Council approved San Antonio Mini-Park, Project 20-48, as part of the 2019-20 Capital Improvement Program. Council approved a professional design services agreement with Callander Landscape Architects on May 5, 2020.



Figure 1: Project Location

ANALYSIS

Site Description

The project site was used as staging area by the developers of the 400 San Antonio Road development project during its construction and is now a flat space. The developer has plans to install temporary irrigation and grass on the site in January 2021 for the community to use as open space in the interim of the design for the new park. The developer will maintain the site at no cost to the City and will remove all temporary improvements prior to the start of construction.

Community Meetings

Two community meetings were held for the future park. Community Meeting No. 1 was held on August 27, 2020 to obtain community inputs on the design and amenities of the new park. Approximately 11 people attended the virtual meeting and provided input on the park design. The consultant team obtained feedback based on discussion of the existing conditions of the site and through using "Poll Everywhere" software, which allows participants to vote electronically.

Community Meeting No. 2, held on November 5, 2020, reviewed three concepts (Figures 2 to 4) for the new park, which included features and amenities voiced at the first meeting. Approximately 15 members of the community attended the virtual meeting.

All three concepts include a play area, open lawn, benches, picnic tables, and a perimeter fence. The perimeter fence is included to prevent conflicts between park users and pedestrians/bicyclists on the northerly and westerly edges of the site. The play areas will have poured-in-place rubber surfacing and will be shaded by new trees. The plaza areas on all concepts are proposed to be permeable concrete. Park amenities, including a pet station, bike racks, and a drinking fountain, will be provided.

Concept Plan A includes a fitness area with equipment and proposes a larger play area. Concept Plan B provides the largest lawn area and proposes it to be flat, whereas the other two concepts show part of or the entire lawn as mounded. Concept Plan C shows a plaza with a seat-wall planter for gathering space.



Figure 2: Concept Plan A



Figure 3: Concept Plan B



Figure 4: Recommended Concept Plan C

Recommended Concept

Attendees at the second community meeting voted on the three concepts using “Poll Everywhere” with Concept Plan C obtaining 87 percent of the votes. The most preferred concept includes:

- A gathering space with a seat-wall planter for seating;
- A plaza with picnic tables;
- A play area with contemporary play equipment for climbing; and
- A large, open lawn area.

See Figure 4 – Recommended Concept Plan C.

Concept Plan C includes a large specimen oak tree, which can be included in the other concepts as well. One accessible parking stall and a high-visibility crosswalk will be added along Fayette Drive and on the street frontage.

After voting, the meeting attendees were invited to share comments and reasons for selecting the concepts they voted on. Those who voted for Concept Plan C favored the visibility to the play area from both within the development and from Fayette Drive, the separation between the play area and the existing dog park that is open to residents of the development, and the mixed grass area that includes mounds and flat space for flexible use. Additionally, a community member expressed a preference for the contemporary playground because the style has more variety of play activities available for children of all ages and abilities.

Park Naming

Staff initiated the park naming process at the second community meeting and sent a mailer to the surrounding property owners/residents soliciting responses through January 5, 2021. Criteria were provided 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) is required to submit at least two names to the City Council for consideration and final name selection.

The following park names submitted by the public were received by the deadline for the PRC's consideration:

Suggested Park Name	Relevance
Ada Lovelace Park	Historical figure
Sherman Fairchild Park	Historical figure
Robert Noyce Park	Historical figure
Shockley Park	Historical figure
Rehoboth Park	

Streets Adjacent to Site

The park is located along Fayette Drive, near San Antonio Road. "Fayette Park" would be an appropriate name for the new park but was selected for the park in construction across the street on the SFPUC property.

An option for consideration is to name the new park as "Fayette Park" and rename the park on the SFPUC property "Fayette Greenbelt" or "Fayette Greenway." The term "greenbelt" or "greenway" is used for land that restricts building but allows public use, such as a trail. In addition, the park on the SFPUC land does not comprise the typical elements of a neighborhood park such as play areas, exercise equipment, and picnic tables. Its amenities include benches and a pathway/trail running the length of the site that makes it more of a greenbelt than a park since the SFPUC does not allow the typical park features to be constructed over their pipelines.

Another option is "San Antonio Park," which is a name of an existing park located in the City of Sunnyvale.

Historical Figure Associated with Site

The Council policy states the park can be named for a historical figure if the historical figure has been deceased for a minimum of five years.

Victor Calvo, who passed in 2010, was considered for the naming of Fayette Park currently in construction across the street but ultimately not selected. Victor Calvo was a historical figure in the Mountain View community as well as a prominent Mountain View and State civic leader. He was born and raised in Mountain View and grew up on property located across the street from the park site. Victor Calvo served as a member of the Mountain View Planning Commission in 1957 and served three terms as Mayor during eight years on the Mountain View City Council. He was later elected to the County Board of Supervisors and California State Assembly. Following Council's

guidelines for naming a park, Victor Calvo Park is a potential name for the new park in honor of the historical figure.

Due to limited resources available to staff at this time since the County of Santa Clara's Shelter-in-Place Order, staff was unable to determine if the property had any specific historical significance, and 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

San Antonio Mini-Park, Project 20-48, is funded in the amount of \$1,829,000. The estimated construction cost for all three concepts are within the construction budget of \$1.1 million.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

The next step is to submit the PRC-recommended concept and park names to Council for final approval in February 2021. Following Council approval, the design consultants will prepare detailed plans, which are scheduled to be completed by fall 2021.

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 also placed on the City's website and Nextdoor.

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

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