



Mountain View Coalition for Sustainable Planning
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City of Mountain View Parks and Recreation Commission
City Hall, 500 Castro Street
PO Box 7540
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Re: 5.2 San Antonio Mini-Park Conceptual Review and Recommendation

Dear Chairperson Herbach and commission members:

The Mountain View Coalition for Sustainable Planning (MVCSP) appreciates the opportunity to respond to the San Antonio Mini-Park Conceptual Review and Recommendation agenda item you will be discussing at your January 13th meeting.

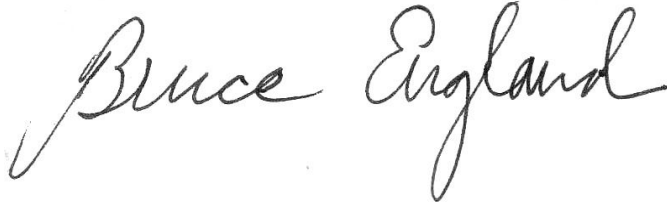
We have reviewed the agenda item materials, and we have the following comments we would like to share with you.

- Regarding this in the Staff memorandum: "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." We urge you to include both the specimen oak tree and high-visibility crosswalk, regardless of which Concept is recommended for City Council approval.
- Please do what you can to ensure that pollinator-friendly landscaping is emphasized, that migration paths are protected, and that cone-dropping or low-hanging trees adjacent to bikeways are not allowed (if applicable). Likewise, please ensure no trees attractive to aphids, such as tulip trees, which can result in sticky droppings on sidewalks, are included in plans you recommend.
- Also regarding landscaping, planting trees that will thrive in the climate we expect to have in the next 20 years will be prudent.
- Regarding tree removal, please discuss why any must be removed and what the replacement strategy will look like. We would like to point out that any new trees take a number of years to reach maturity and fully contribute to the overall city canopy.
- In addition to waste bins, please ensure that there will be bins for recycling and compost materials as well.

- To encourage use of the park, please ensure one or more bike racks will be available in the vicinity.
- During the construction phase, please require that sidewalks and walkways are not blocked more than they need be and for the shortest possible periods of time. And please be sure to protect any trees and other landscaping onsite during these times.

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.

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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!

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