

February 17th Weekly Report Excerpt

- County-wide Parks Needs Assessment Community Engagement Workshop

The County of Los Angeles, as part of its ongoing Countywide Needs Assessment requested that all Cities in the County conduct a community workshop. 95% of cities participated, including Rancho Palos Verdes on January 27th at Hesse Park. Approximately 25 people attended this lively workshop which included a power point presentation detailing the County's Needs Assessment process and the City's Parks Master Plan effort. As part of each County workshop, attendees identified projects within the scope of their city or study area. These results have been forwarded to the County to provide a general sense of the type, number, and scope of possible projects contained in the County's 189 study areas. Participation in this County-run process does not obligate the City to build any of the projects listed below. This information, along with information from the entire County-wide needs assessment, will help the County decide if they are going to seek voter approval for a future Parks & Recreation bond measure to replace Proposition A which has been funding park projects since the mid-1990s.

RPV's workshop followed guidelines established by the County. At the end of the workshop, attendees placed dots on potential projects to indicate their level of support. All of the items on the list below are included in the Parks Master Plan with the exception of fencing improvements and bike paths at park sites. Fencing, while not specifically mentioned in the Master Plan, is included in the general category of improving park amenities as well as the Recreation priority to "Identify and apply methods to better protect and maintain existing parks and open space resources." (Master Plan, p. 33). Bike paths for youth were extensively discussed during the Master Plan process but were not included in the adopted version.

After reviewing the workshop results with County personnel to make sure they match the Need's Assessment's criteria, Staff sent ten projects to the County (in bold below). The Hesse Park Fencing Project was merged with the overall fencing project. Providing this list to the County does not create an obligation to proceed with any of these projects.

Results of Tape Dot Exercise

Project Name	Project Description	Votes
Pool	Build a public swimming pool at Point Vicente Park/Civic Center	45
Solar Power	Install solar power system on roof of Point Vicente Interpretive Center	30
Bike Paths	Youth/Kids Bike Paths at Park Sites	27
Trash/Recycling	Improve/upgrade trash/recycling containers at all parks as needed	23

Fencing	Address (repair or replace) bluff-top fencing City-wide	21
Community Center	Build new community center at Ladera Linda/demolish existing facility	17
Benches & Tables	Improve/Upgrade benches and tables at all park sites as needed	16
Hesse Park Fence	Replace fencing on Northern border of Upper and Lower Hesse Park (combined with overall fencing project)	15
Museum Exhibits	Install Phase II (additional/upgraded) interior museum exhibits at PVIC	15
Fitness Stations (2 projects)	Install fitness stations at Hesse Park and Point Vicente Park/Civic Center (2 projects)	8
Stair Replacement	Replace existing "railroad tie" stairs at Hesse Park and Ladera Linda	7
Abalone Cove Access Road	Improve access road leading to Abalone Cove Beach	4
Walking Paths	Improve the width and quality of walking paths at Eastview Park	4
Community Bldg.	Demolish existing facility and replace with new, upgraded community center	3
Dog Park	Build dog park at Eastview Park	2
Paddle Tennis fencing	Design and install interior fencing at two existing paddle tennis courts at Ladera Linda	0
Skate Park/Plaza	Build stake park/plaza at Point Vicente Park/Civic Center (City Hall)	0
Artificial Turf	Install artificial turf, replacing grass on upper field at Hesse Park	0

The County Board of Supervisors is tentatively scheduled to review the Parks Assessment Report in May or June 2016. The submitted project sheets are attached. Additional information about the Needs Assessment project is available at <http://www.rpvca.gov/778/Park-Projects>