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November 17, 2015

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
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RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file the Houghton Park Conceptual Plan and consider Categorical Exemption CE-15-155. (District 9)

DISCUSSION

As part of the Fiscal Year 2014 budget, the City Council appropriated \$3 million as the first phase of funding for a new community center at Houghton Park. The Houghton Park Community Center is an integral part of the community and a regional center providing a wide array of recreational services to area youth, teens, and seniors. In September 2014, the City of Long Beach (City) contracted with Studio Pali Fekete Architects (SPF), of Culver City, CA, for architectural and engineering services for the Houghton Park Community Center project. During the outreach process for the new community center, feedback included comments directed at aspects of the park other than the community center, illuminating the community's desire to plan for the park as a whole.

As a result of this feedback, in June 2015, the City kicked off a conceptual planning process for Houghton Park, an approximately 31-acre site located between Atlantic Avenue, East Harding Street, Myrtle Avenue, and Jordan High School. The purpose of this process was to create a comprehensive conceptual plan, inclusive of the entire Houghton Park site. This is seen as an important step in the visioning and design of a new community center in the park.

RJM Design Group (RJM) was retained to conduct two community workshops and develop a conceptual plan for Houghton Park. RJM, SPF, and staff from the Departments of Public Works, Development Services, and Parks, Recreation and Marine were involved throughout this effort to ensure consistency in the planning process.

Following an evaluation of existing site conditions at Houghton Park, the first of two community workshops was conducted to receive community input on the conceptual plan.

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Over 30 participants attended the first community workshop, held on June 27, 2015, at the Houghton Park Community Center. The four-hour interactive workshop included the following:

- Presentation of background and site information;
- A site awareness walking tour that included an opportunity for participants to record their site observations at each tour stop in workbook format;
- Individual and group discussions of tour findings, such as issues and opportunities, safety, security, parking, and activation; and
- A group design charrette to graphically express ideas on site maps.

Individual participant feedback was then presented to the larger group and a group design charrette commenced to graphically express consensus for elements of the proposed conceptual plan.

The information received at the first workshop was then evaluated and summarized in written and graphic format. The resulting draft conceptual plan was presented at the second community workshop, held on August 29, 2015, at the Houghton Park Community Center. Many of the attendees from the first workshop participated in the second workshop.

Following this summary, the participants were led through a consensus planning process that included a composite bubble diagram and a graphic conceptual plan. Participants were able to confirm that the project team had accurately reflected the information provided at the first workshop. The general consensus from the participants was that the draft conceptual plan reflected the desires of the community expressed throughout the process. The entire process is summarized in the Community Workshop Presentation (Attachment A).

Extensive community outreach was performed for both community workshops, including mailing flyers to over 1,800 households surrounding Houghton Park, providing flyers at City facilities, disseminating information via social media and online, announcing the events at the Parks and Recreation Commission meetings, and through neighborhood groups sharing information about the workshops.

Following the two community workshops, the draft conceptual plan was presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission (Commission) at a study session on September 17, 2015. The study session information is summarized in the Conceptual Plan Presentation (Attachment B). On October 15, 2015, the Commission voted unanimously to forward the conceptual plan to the City Council.

The conceptual plan is the first step of a larger planning and implementation process at Houghton Park. Future rehabilitation projects will be implemented as funding is identified. When a project or projects from the conceptual plan are funded, any necessary environmental review will occur at that time.

This matter was reviewed by Assistant City Attorney Mike Mais on November 3, 2015, and by Assistant Finance Director Lea Eriksen on October 29, 2015.

SUSTAINABILITY

While approval of the Houghton Park Conceptual Plan has no immediate sustainability impact, employing the conceptual plan to guide future development at the park will promote synergies between individual projects that comprise the phased implementation of the conceptual plan and ensure sustainable elements are incorporated into each element wherever possible.

Individual projects developed in the implementation of the conceptual plan will support the City's existing efforts to provide healthy recreation opportunities at the park, connect to local and regional bike paths, and conserve water by reducing turf and replacing with native and drought-tolerant landscape. In addition, the future development of the Houghton Park Community Center is planned to be Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold, exceeding the City's Green Building Policy.

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this project has been determined to be categorically exempt (Attachment C).

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on November 17, 2015, in order to allow immediate continuation of the Houghton Park Community Center design process.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact would result from approval of the Houghton Park Conceptual Plan. Of the \$3 million appropriated, costs for the conceptual plan, architectural design, and engineering are estimated at \$1.5 million. The balance is available for construction of the community center or other projects on site, as identified in the conceptual plan. Full funding for park amenities outlined in the conceptual plan and construction of the community center has yet to be identified, and it is anticipated that projects will be phased and implemented as funding becomes available. There is no impact to jobs associated with the recommended action. However, future projects will result in an unknown number of design, construction, and landscaping jobs.

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SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



STEPHEN SCOTT
INTERIM DIRECTOR OF PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE


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Attachment A: Community Workshop Presentation
Attachment B: Conceptual Plan Presentation
Attachment C: Notice of Categorical Exemption CE-15-155

APPROVED:



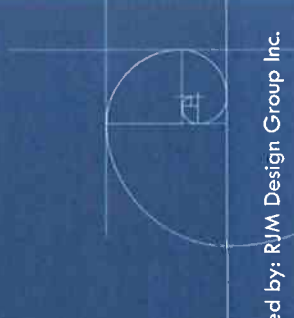
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CITY MANAGER



Houghton Park Workshop #1

Long Beach
June 27, 2015

Presented by: RJM Design Group Inc.



Presentation Overview

1. History of the Site
2. Site Awareness Tour
3. Project Discussion
4. Planning/Design Charrette
5. Next Steps

History Background Tour Discussion Charrette Next Steps

Site History

- Three acres of land for Houghton Park donated on July 30, 1924 by Stanley, Dove and Elizabeth Houghton in memory of their father Col. Sherman Otis Houghton and wife Eliza Donner Houghton.
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History Background Tour Discussion Charrette Next Steps

Previous Planning Efforts

- Park Facilities Assessment 2004
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Current Projects

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Current Projects

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Current Projects

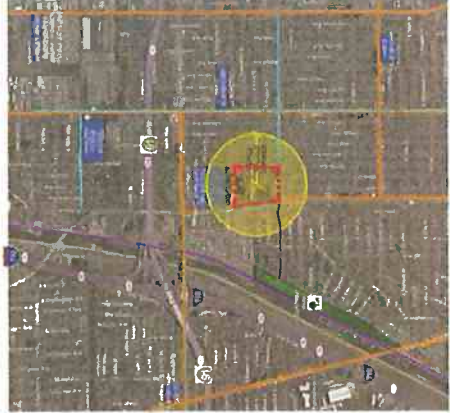
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Vicinity Map

- ½ Mile Radius
- Nearby Parks
—DeForest
- Bike Routes
- 710 / 91 FRWs
- Schools (x6)
—David Star Jordan
- Transit 61 / 71 / 72



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Site Analysis

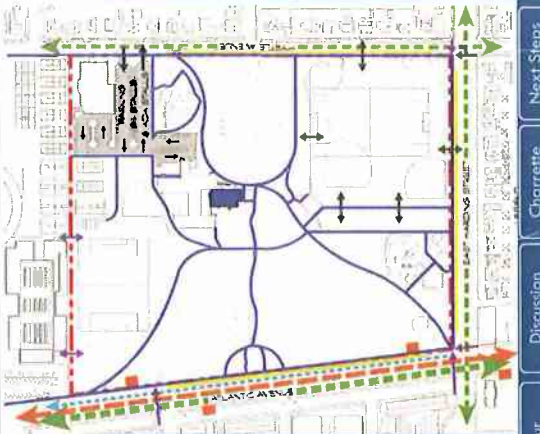
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- 3 Baseball
- Horseshoe pits
- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Tennis
- Skate Park
- Memorial
- Passive / Picnic / Group
- Community Center



History Background Tour Discussion Charrette Next Steps

Site Access


- VE-CAR CIRCULATION
- LONG BEACH "DASH" BUS ROUTE
- BICYCLE ROUTES
- SUBWAY STATION
- SUB STOP SHALTER
- PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION
- VE-CAR ENTRY POINTS
- PEDESTRIAN ACCESS POINTS
- SPORTS FIELD
- MAINTENANCE ACCESS
- OUTPOST (DASH)
- PARKING (DASH)



History Background Tour Discussion Charrette Next Steps

Preliminary Utilities

- LEGEND
- ELECTRICAL LINE
- WATER LINE
- SEWER LINE
- GAS LINE



History Background Tour Discussion Charrette Next Steps

ATTACHMENT A

Opps / Cons

History Background Tour Discussion Charrette Next Steps

Site Awareness Tour

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Project Discussion

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Individual Activity

- Topic 1 a: Likes

Individual: What do you like best about the site?

¿Qué te gusta de el parque

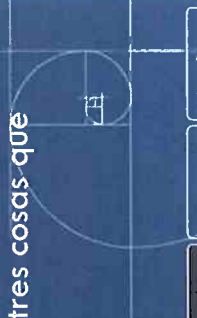
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Group Activity

- Topic 1 a: Likes

Group: Identify as a group the **top three** things you like about the site.

Identificar como grupo las tres cosas que te gustan de el parque



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Individual Activity

- Topic 1 b: Dislikes

Individual: What do you **dislike** most about the site?

¿Qué es lo que más te disgusta del parque ?



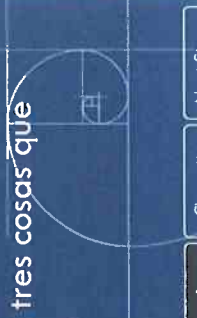
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Group Activity

- Topic 1 b: Dislikes

Group: Identify as a group the **top three** things you dislike about the site.

Identificar como grupo las tres cosas que no te gustan sobre el sitio.



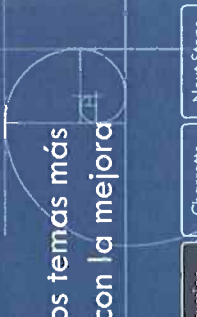
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Individual Activity

- Topic 2: Issues

Individual: What do you believe are the most important **issues** related to the improvement of the site?

¿Qué cree usted que son los temas más importantes relacionados con la mejora del parque?



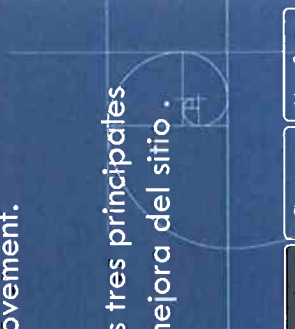
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Group Activity

- Topic 2: Issues

Group: Identify as a group the top three issues regarding site improvement.

Identificar como grupo las tres principales cuestiones relativas a la mejora del sitio.




History Background Tour Discussion Charrette Next Steps

Individual Activity

- Topic 3: Park Amenities

Individual: What park amenities / improvements would you like to see at Houghton Park?

¿Qué parque comodidades / mejoras le gustaría ver en Houghton Park?




History Background Tour Discussion Charrette Next Steps

Group Activity

- Topic 3: Park Amenities

Group: Identify as a group the top five safety park amenities you would like to see at Houghton Park.

Identificar como grupo los cinco principales instalaciones del parque de seguridad que le gustaría ver en Houghton Park



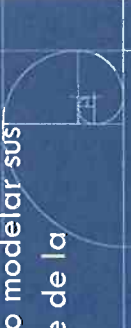
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Group Activity

- Topic 4: Design Ideas

Group: As a group, draw and/or model your ideas for the community park site.

Como grupo, dibujar y / o modelar sus ideas para el sitio parque de la comunidad



History Background Tour Discussion Charrette Next Steps




Next Steps

1. Summarize Responses
2. Develop Preliminary Conceptual Plan
3. Feedback Workshop
4. Commission / Council Meeting


History Background Tour Discussion Charrette Next Steps



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Houghton Park Workshop #2

Long Beach
August 29, 2015

Presented by: RJM Design Group Inc.

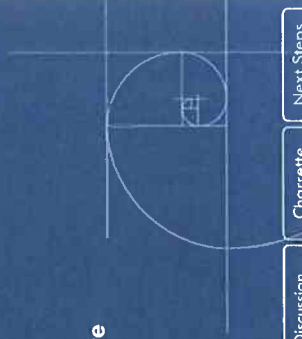


Workshop #1 Summary



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5. **Next Steps**



History Background Tour Discussion Charrette Next Steps

Site History

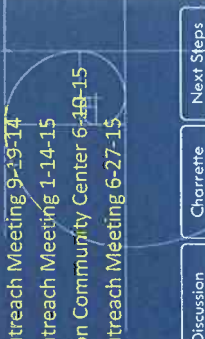
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History Background Tour Discussion Charrette Next Steps

Current Projects – Community Center




History Background Tour Discussion Charrette Next Steps

Current Projects — Fitness Station




History Background Tour Discussion Charrette Next Steps

Current Projects — Hydration Station



History Background Tour Discussion Charrette Next Steps


Vicinity Map



- 1/2 Mile Radius
- Nearby Parks
 - DeForest
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- Schools (x6)
 - David Starr Jordan
- Transit 61 / 71 / 72

History Background Tour Discussion Charrette Next Steps

Site Analysis



- 2 Soccer
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- Community Center

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ATTACHMENT A

Site Access

VEHICLE CIRCULATION

- ONE-WAY ROAD TRAFFIC
- BUS ROUTE
- CARPOL LANE (PREFERRED)
- TRANSIT
- BUS STOP

PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION

- PEDESTRIAN PATHS
- BICYCLE PATHS
- WHEELCHAIR ACCESS
- MAINTENANCE ACCESS
- DISABLED PARKING
- SEARCH FOR STALLS

History Background Tour Discussion Charrette Next Steps

Preliminary Utilities

LEGEND

- ELECTRICAL LINE
- WATER LINE
- SEWER LINE
- GAS LINE

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Site Awareness Tour



HOUSTON PARK
CITY OF HOUSTON

TAKING PART
SITE AWARENESS TOUR
June 27, 2015
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Site Awareness Tour

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Workbook Summaries

S1-2

Location	Topic	Consensus/Comments
Picnic Area/ Drop Off Area	Describe the condition of the picnic area.	Attendees suggest uneven/difficult. More shade needed over tables.
	Suggested improvements of the picnic area.	Repair surface, add fresh vegetation, reconfigure table layout, replace older picnic tables, and add shade to area.
Potential New Comm. Center	Is there an opportunity to locate the new community center in this area?	Yes, close to parking and the school.
Bldg. Area	Thoughts on limited removal of damaged and unsafe trees.	Trees should be assessed and removed if damaged or decayed unless

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Workbook Summaries

S3-5

Location	Topic	Consensus/Comments
Bicycle Repair Facility	Is there an opportunity to reuse this building? If so, for what?	Sports field equipment storage, concession stand, bicycle repair/rental.
	Should the basketball hoop stay in this location, be relocated, or removed entirely?	Basketball hoop should be removed from this location and relocated to make a new court.
Sports Fields	What type of improvements should be made in this area?	New turf or synthetic turf, repair bleachers, provide shade, scoreboard.
Skate Park & Restroom	Describe the conditions of the restrooms?	Not properly maintained, more stalls needed.
	Improvements for the building pad/unofficial skate spot?	Remove old building pad, maintain area with fresh removal.
	Incorporate art from local artists in this area of the park?	Appropriate or approved art only. Concession for vendors of art.

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Workbook Summaries

S6-7

Location	Topic	Consensus/Comments
Vietnam Veterans Memorial	How could the Memorial area be better utilized/accessed?	Allow access to Memorial during peak hours.
	What are some opportunities to promote park activities in this area?	Park signage to indicate activities available, date, time, etc.
Corner of Atlantic & E. Harding	Opportunity for signage or information reader board?	Yes.




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Workbook Summaries S8-10

Location	Topic	Consensus/Comments
Site Entrance	Would this be a good location for a park monument sign?	Yes, emphasize with great elements (architectural, historic, etc.)
	Thoughts on the security lighting in the park?	Additional lighting will add to security.
Spray Play	Thoughts on amenities that have become unused or in disrepair?	Remove and replace with updated play/water play equipment.
North Soccer Field	Improvements for the soccer field?	Convert field to synthetic turf, improve lighting and seating for spectators.
	Thoughts on how to improve the connection between the park and the high school?	Allow joint usage of facilities at both park and high school, but maintain ability of school district to control movement to protect students.

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Project Discussion

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Workbook Summaries S11-12

Location	Topic	Consensus/Comments
Tot Lot Area/ Hard Courts	Improvements for the hard courts?	Repair flooring, benches, towel racks, and adjoining basketball court.
	Is proximity of the tot lot to the community center important?	Yes.
Parking Lot	Any opportunities where the ex. Comm. Center will be removed?	Outdoor performance area.
	Is there sufficient parking to support park activities?	With increases/ improved amenities a need for additional parking likely.
	What opportunities exist to utilize the old Community Center site?	Potential for either parking or classrooms.

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Group Activity

- Topic 1 a: Likes
Group: Identify as a group the **top three** things you like about the site.
- Topic 1 b: Dislikes
Group: Identify as a group the **top three** things you dislike about the site.

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Group Activity

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- Issues:**
 1. Lack of maintenance
 2. Lack of security
 3. Lack of lighting
- Dislikes:**
 1. Excessive noise from events
 2. Security "Biter"
 3. Image of old & "Subpar"
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Group Activity

Likes

GROUP 1	GROUP 2	GROUP 3	GROUP 4
Trees / Open Space	The Variety of Recreation	Historical	Green Existing Area
Memorial - Veterans	The Trees	Potential	Tree Lot
Mixed Use Opportunities		Shade, Trees / Open Space	More Trees

Trees / Open Space
Historical / Veterans Memorial
Variety of Recreation / Mixed Use

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Group Activity

Dislikes

GROUP 1	GROUP 2	GROUP 3	GROUP 4
Trash	General Disrepair	Park in Disrepair	Excessive Noise from Events
Disrepair in General	Trees not Maintained	Lack of Children Outdoors	Security "Biter"
Poor Ground Space, Grass Pavement	Trash	Lack of Maintenance / Modernize	Image of Old & "Subpar"

Disrepair / Old & "Subpar"
Lack of Maintenance
Trash

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Group Activity

- Topic 2: **Issues**
Group: Identify as a group the **top three** issues regarding site improvement.

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Group Activity

Issues


GROUP 1	GROUP 2	GROUP 3	GROUP 4
<p>Safety/Lighting</p> <p>Cleanliness</p> <p>Environmental Site and Native Plants and Materials</p>	<p>Building Quality Development and Creating Respect</p> <p>Community Involvement</p> <p>Maintaining Maintenance</p>	<p>Funding Allocation & Sustainability</p> <p>Will Concerns be Incorporated?</p> <p>Design Fluidity Historical / Modernization</p>	<p>Better Maintenance & Security</p> <p>Create Better Image (Drive by Image)</p> <p>Preserve Character of the Park</p>
<p>Maintenance / Cleanliness / Sustainability</p> <p>Quality Development / Preserve Character / Better Image</p> <p>Safety / Lighting / Security</p>			

History Background Tour Discussion Charrette Next Steps

Group Activity

- Topic 3: Park Amenities

Group: Identify as a group the top three park amenities you would like to see at Houghton Park.



History Background Tour Discussion Charrette Next Steps

Group Activity

Amenities


GROUP 1	GROUP 2	GROUP 3	GROUP 4
<p>Clear Bike Paths</p> <p>User Focused - Bike Rack</p> <p>Community Garden / Sport Space</p> <p>Classes / All Learning Opportunities</p>	<p>Enhance the Green Space</p> <p>Amplifier</p> <p>New Trees</p> <p>Children Playground</p> <p>Safety</p>	<p>Original clubhouse to be expanded / refitted to modern hi-tech and performance center</p> <p>Bike Paths in Park</p> <p>Pitney Upgrade and Pool</p> <p>Build clubhouse / activity center concessions stand at bike repair / grandstands</p> <p>Benches and Bill structure</p>	<p>Nonrecreative Areas for Services (Computer Labs, ETC.)</p> <p>Picnic Facilities with BBQ, ETC.</p> <p>Recreational Space for Pools and Family Gathering</p> <p>Green Space for Basketball</p> <p>Restore Pond and Amenities</p>
<p>Community Garden / Green Space / Trees</p> <p>Club House Programming / Activities</p> <p>User Focused / Clear Bike Paths</p>			

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Group Activity

- Topic 4: Design Ideas

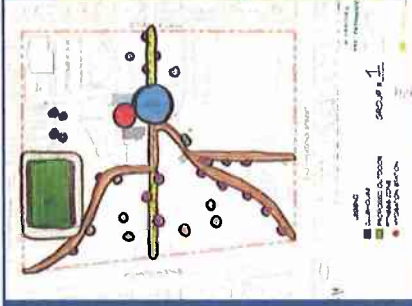

Group: Draw and/or model your ideas for the community park site.



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Group Concepts – Group #1



- Amenities:**
 - Community Center
 - Restroom Building
 - Soccer Field (w/ Bleachers)
 - Tot Lot
 - Exercise Stations
 - Bikeway/Walkway
 - Historic Tree
 - Pathway
 - Benches

History Background Tour Discussion Charrette Next Steps

Group Concepts – Group #2



- Amenities:**
 - Community Center
 - Tennis Court
 - Additional Trees

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Group Concepts – Group #3



- Amenities:**
 - Community Center
 - Restroom Building
 - Soccer Field (State of the Art)
 - Tennis Courts
 - Picnic Shelters
 - Amphitheatre
 - Additional Parking
 - Baseball Field
 - Artificial Turf Fields
 - Concession Stand
 - Bike/Skate Repair Shop
 - Monument Signs

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Group Concepts – Group #4

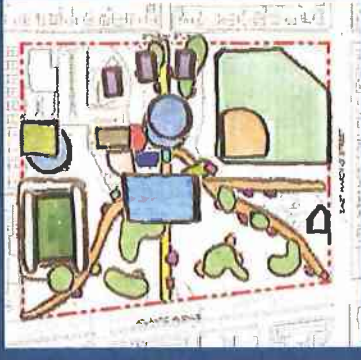

- Amenities:**
 - Community Center
 - Open Space
 - Picnic Space

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Group Concepts – Overlay

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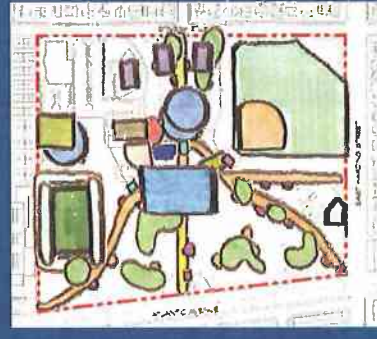
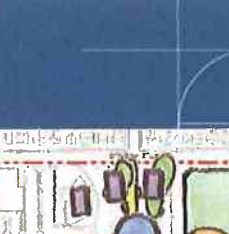
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Group Plan Summary

Amenity	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Total
Community Center	X	X	X	X	4
Tot Lot	X	X	X	X	4
Esports Field	X	X	X	X	4
Exercise Station	X	X	X	X	4
Boardway / Walkway	X	X	X	X	4
Event Space	X	X	X	X	4
Healthcare and Support Facility	X	X	X	X	4
Market	X	X	X	X	4
Historic Tree Pathway	X	X	X	X	4
Tennis	X	X	X	X	4
Picnic Shelters	X	X	X	X	4
Amphitheater	X	X	X	X	4
Fountain	X	X	X	X	4
Symbolic Tot Field	X	X	X	X	4
Skateball Field	X	X	X	X	4
Concrete Street	X	X	X	X	4
13' Stone Support Shop	X	X	X	X	4
Monument Sign	X	X	X	X	4


Group Concepts – Overlay

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Preliminary Conceptual Plan



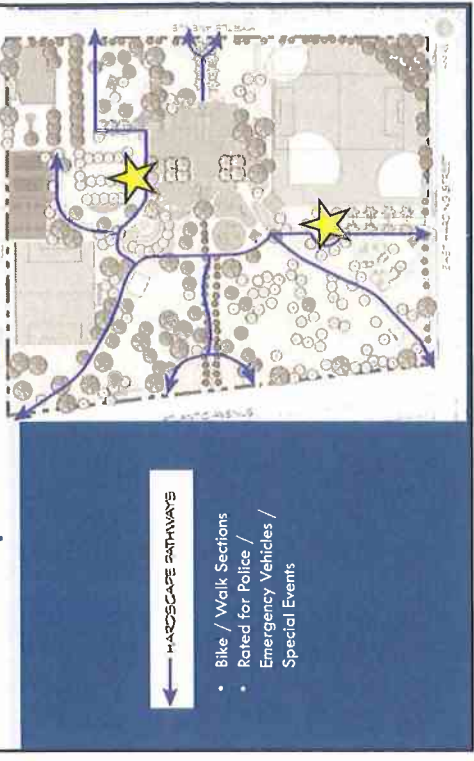
Amenities:

- Community Center
- New Parking Area(s)
- Entry Monument Signs
- Electronic Reader Board
- Fitness Stations
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- Security Lighting
- User Focused / Bike Paths

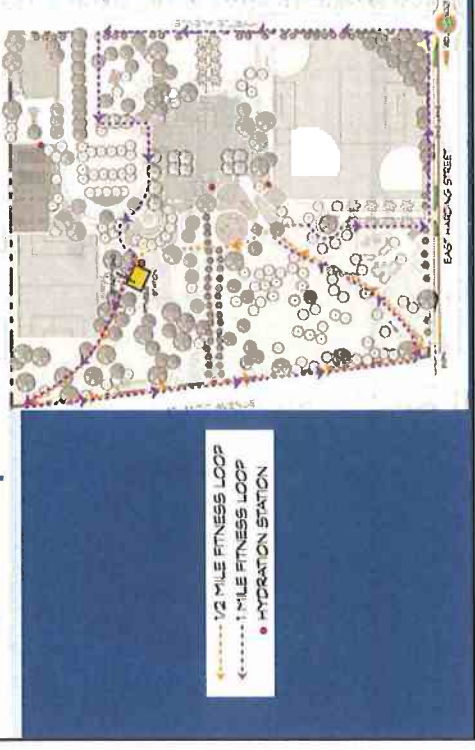
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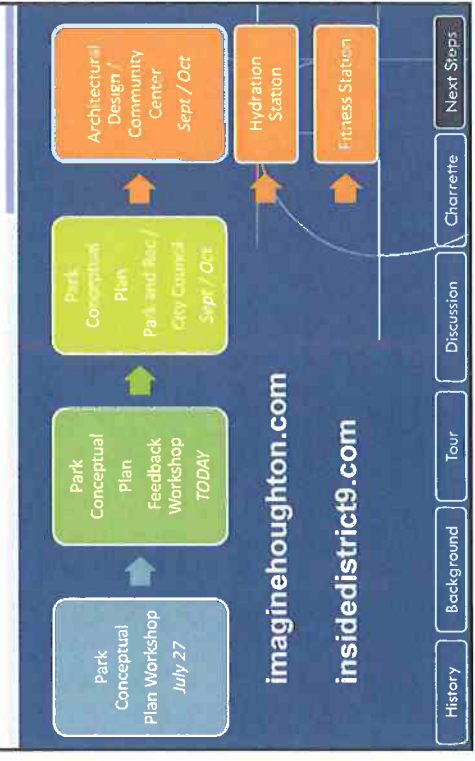
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Fitness Loop Exhibit



Next Steps




ATTACHMENT A

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Houghton Park Community Conceptual Plan

Long Beach Parks and Recreation Commission
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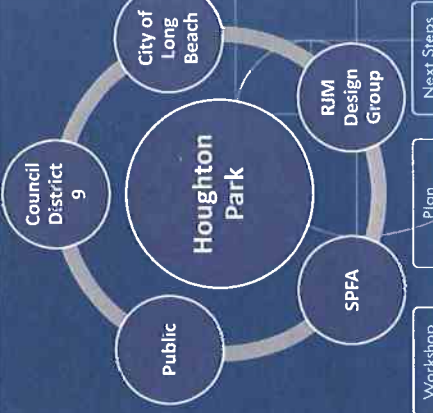

Presentation Overview

1. Project Background
2. Community Workshop Process
3. Conceptual Plan
4. Next Steps



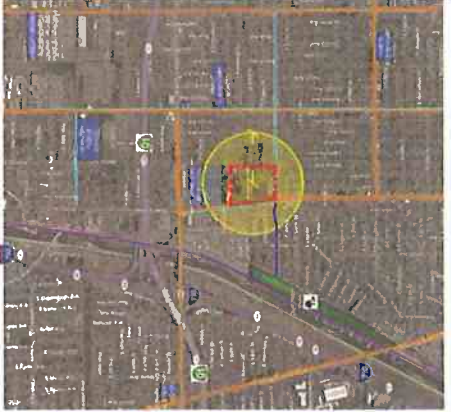

Houghton Park Conceptual Plan

- 19.74 acres
- Community Designed Park Master Plan
- Current Projects
- Future New Community Center

Vicinity Map

- ½ Mile Radius
- Nearby Parks
–DeForest
- Bike Routes
- 710 / 91 FRWs
- Schools (x6)
–David Starr Jordan
- Transit 61 / 71 / 72

Previous Planning Efforts

- Park Facilities Assessment 2004
- Community Needs Assessment for North Long Beach Redevelopment Area 2006
- General Facility Assessment 2007
- Materials Survey 2010
- Architectural Program and Costs Estimates for Replacement Building 2010
- Houghton Park Community Center Outreach Meeting 9-19-14
- Houghton Park Community Center Outreach Meeting 1-14-15
- Online Questionnaire for the Houghton Community Center 6-18-15
- Houghton Park Community Center Outreach Meeting 6-27-15

History Background Workshop Plan Next Steps

Site Analysis

SITE ACCESS OPPS/CONS UTILITIES

History Background Workshop Plan Next Steps

Community Design Workshop

- City Public Notice/Outreach
- 27 Participants
- 4 Group Planning Teams
 - Likes / Dislikes
 - Issues
 - Park Amenities
 - Designs

History Background Workshop Plan Next Steps

Workshop Summary

Site Awareness Tour

History Background Workshop Plan Next Steps

Group Activities

- Likes
- Dislikes
- Issues
- Park Amenities

History Background Workshop Plan Next Steps

Group Activities

History Background Workshop Plan Next Steps

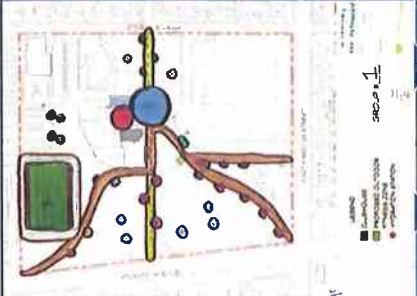

Design Charrette

- Design Ideas
AS a group, draw and/or model your *ideas* for the community park site.

History Background Workshop Plan Next Steps

Design Charrette Group 1

- Community Center
- Restroom Building
- Soccer Field (w/ Bleachers)
- Tot Lot
- Exercise Stations
- Bikeway/Walkway
- Historic Tree Pathway
- Benches





History Background Workshop Plan Next Steps

Design Charrette Group Plan Summary

Amenity	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Total
Community Center	X	X	X	X	4
Tot Lot	X				1
Soccer Field	X				1
Exercise Station	X				1
Bikeway/Walkway	X				1
Restroom	X				1
Historic Tree Pathway	X				1
Benches	X				1
Historic Tree Pathway	X				1
Front Seaters			X		1
Amphitheater			X		1
Fountain			X		1
Synthetic Turf Field			X		1
Softball Field			X		1
Concession Stand			X		1
Bus Take Request Stop			X		1
Amusement Sign			X		1

Group Concepts – Overlay



Group 1
Group 2
Group 3
Group 4

History Background Workshop Master Plan Next Steps

Master Plan Development

Group Plans

Conceptual Plan

Overlay Analysis
Workbook
Group Discussions
Community Feedback

History Background Workshop Plan Next Steps

ATTACHMENT B

Preliminary Conceptual Plan



- Community Center
- New Parking Area(s)
- Entry Monument Signs
- Electronic Reader Board
- Fitness Stations
- Hydration Stations
- Seating Area
- "Heal Zone" Garden (Located at Community Center)
- New Outdoor Basketball Court
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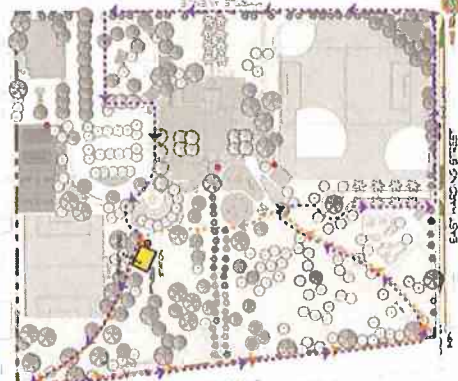
- CLEAR VISIBILITY
- TOTAL LOT PROXIMITY TO COMMUNITY CENTER
- POLICE CRUISER ROUTES
- SECURITY LIGHTING
- CONGREGATION AREAS

Hardscape Exhibit



- BIKE / WALK SECTIONS
- RATED FOR POLICE / EMERGENCY VEHICLES / SPECIAL EVENTS

Fitness Loop Exhibit



- 1/2 MILE FITNESS LOOP
- 1 MILE FITNESS LOOP
- HYDRATION STATION

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NOTICE of EXEMPTION from CEQA

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Environmental Filings
12400 E. Imperial Hwy., Room 1201
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Project Title: CE-15-155

Project Location/Address: 6301 Myrtle Avenue

Project Activity/Description: Houghton Park Conceptual Plan

Public Agency Approving Project: **City of Long Beach, Los Angeles County, California**

Applicant Name: Meredith Reynolds, Park Development Officer, Department of Parks, Recreation & Marine

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Phone Number: 562.570.3165

Applicant Signature: Meredith Reynolds

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Application Number: _____ Planner's Initials: _____

Required Permits: _____

THE ABOVE PROJECT HAS BEEN FOUND TO BE EXEMPT FROM CEQA IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE GUIDELINES SECTION 15306, Class 6, and 15308, Class 8

Statement of support for this finding: Information collection for resource evaluation activities with no disturbance to an environmental resource and action by City to protect public park resources.

Contact Person: Craig Chalfant Contact Phone: 562-570-6368
Signature: _____ Date: 11/2/15