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COUNCILMEMBER CAMPBELL, CITY STAFF, COMMUNITY LEADERS CELEBRATE GRAND OPENING OF CAÑON STREET POCKET PARK

SAN DIEGO – After a year of construction, the Cañon Street Pocket Park officially opened to the public today. Councilmember Jennifer Campbell was joined by City staff and community members to commemorate the grand opening of the park and celebrate the completion of the project, which has been a community priority for nearly ten years.

“This park has been a highly anticipated addition to the Point Loma community for years and it is my honor to finally be able to open this park for families, children, and people of all ages to enjoy,” said Councilmember Jennifer Campbell, who represents District 2. **“The Cañon Street Pocket Park will enhance the lives of all the neighbors in the area, and it has transformed a vacant lot into a beautiful area for generations to enjoy.”**

The neighborhood park includes a children’s playground, picnic areas, walkways, safety lights, and a public art installation that highlights the history of Point Loma’s Portuguese community.

“This is a great day for Point Loma as we open the long-awaited Cañon Street Pocket Park,” said Mayor Todd Gloria. **“Parks like this connect communities, enhance our neighborhoods, and give every San Diegan access to high-quality recreation space. I’m grateful to the community and City staff for their persistence in bringing this vision to life.”**



"We are thrilled to open a new pocket park for the Peninsula community," said Andy Field, Director of the Parks and Recreation Department. **"Cañon Street Pocket Park will provide another great space for residents to enjoy the outdoors. We welcome neighbors and community members to visit the new park amenities."**

"In just over a year, our industry partners, with the guidance of our Engineering and Capital Projects Department teams, turned an unused hillside into a beautiful three-quarter-acre pocket park," said Elif Cetin, Acting Director of the Engineering and Capital Project Department. **"Cañon Street Pocket Park might be small, but we are confident that this space will be a big hit for the community of Point Loma, which has been working hard to make this project happen."**

"Horizon Dock by artist Nate Page is a beautiful response to Point Loma's rich Portuguese heritage and deep connection to the sea," said Christine E. Jones, Chief of Civic Art Strategies, Department of Cultural Affairs. **"This artwork beautifully weaves together history, culture, and community, transforming Cañon Street Pocket Park into a space of reflection and inspiration. It's a celebration of our shared stories and a testament to the power of art to connect us with our past while enriching our future."**

"We are really thrilled that the community was able to come together to bring a little dirt lot into something that can bring so much history and peace when looking south at the San Diego Bay," said Jonathan Linney, former chair of the Peninsula Community Planning Board.

"A piece of play equipment, in the form of a ship, is in the park, the children can play and pretend." said Don Sevrens, member of the Peninsula Community Planning Board. **"Parents can sit nearby and chat and bring the neighborhood together in this public gathering place, this special place we call a park."**

Construction on the park began in August of 2023 after years of community advocacy and planning to transform this unused hillside into a place where families and neighbors can enjoy the playground and open space.

Councilmember Jennifer Campbell represents District 2 communities, which include Clairemont, Mission Beach, Mission Bay Park, Old Town, Midway, Ocean Beach, and Point Loma.

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