

Parks and Recreation Department

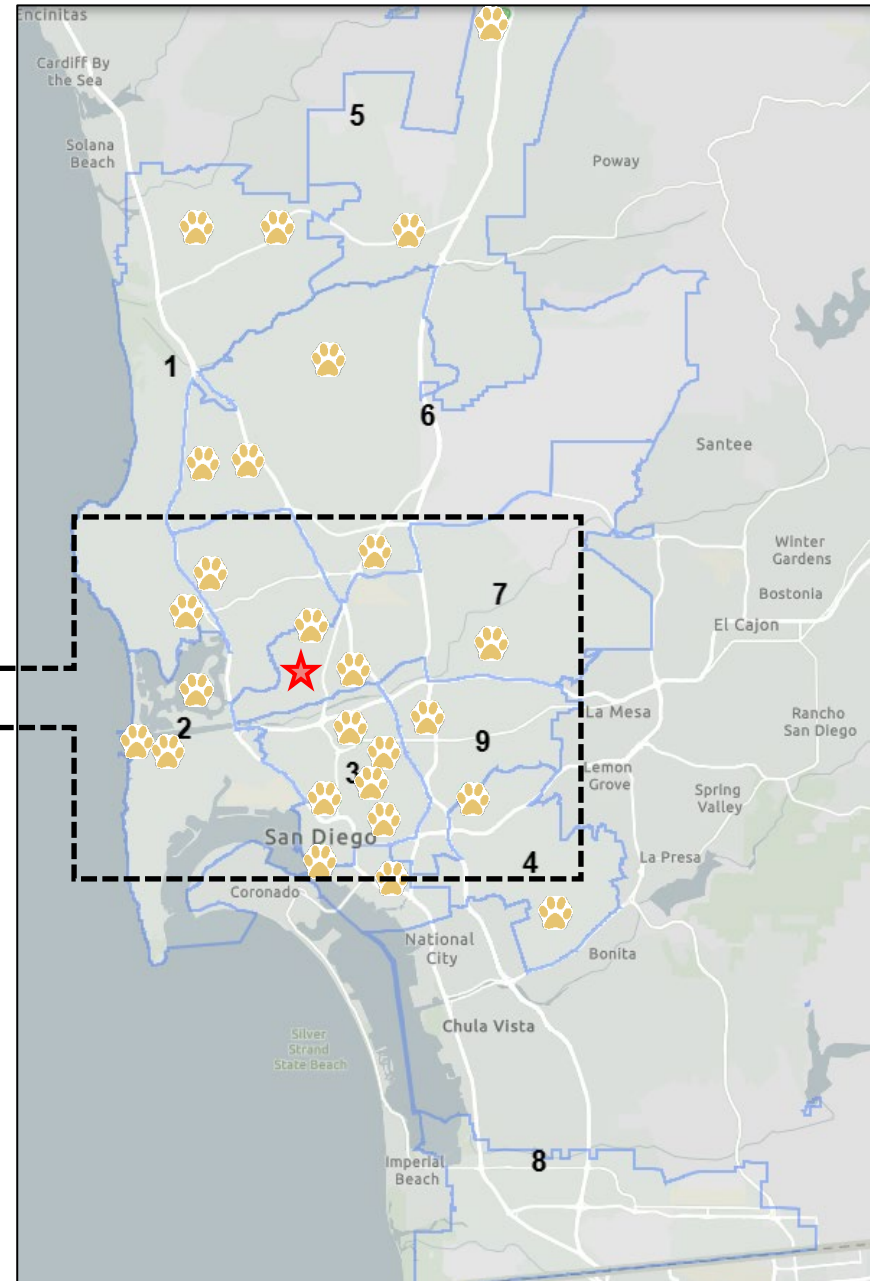
# Mission Heights Neighborhood Park Proposed Dog Off-Leash Area (DOLA)

**Linda Vista Community Recreation Group  
Regular Meeting – Workshop Item  
March 11, 2025**

## Existing Dog Parks *City of San Diego*



PROJECT LOCATION



# Objectives

- **Parks Master Plan**
  - Parks Master Plan (2021) highlights off-leash dog parks as a key recreational feature.
  - Off-leash dog parks are a priority, based on strong community demand.
- **Reducing Vehicle Miles Travelled**
  - Providing recreation amenities close to home decreases the need for car trips in alignment with the City's Climate Action initiatives.
- **Alternative to dogs off-leash in non-DOLA designated areas**

**Community input revealed common priorities for residents with an emphasis on investing in:**



Acquisition of land for new parks;



Improvements and maintenance of existing parks and facilities;



Neighborhood parks;



Open space and trails;



Off-leash dog parks;



Aquatic facilities;



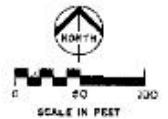
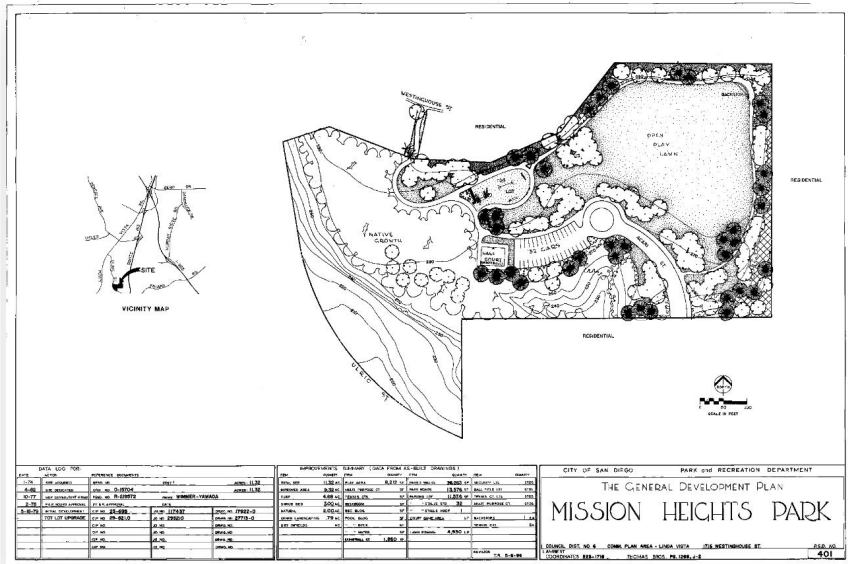
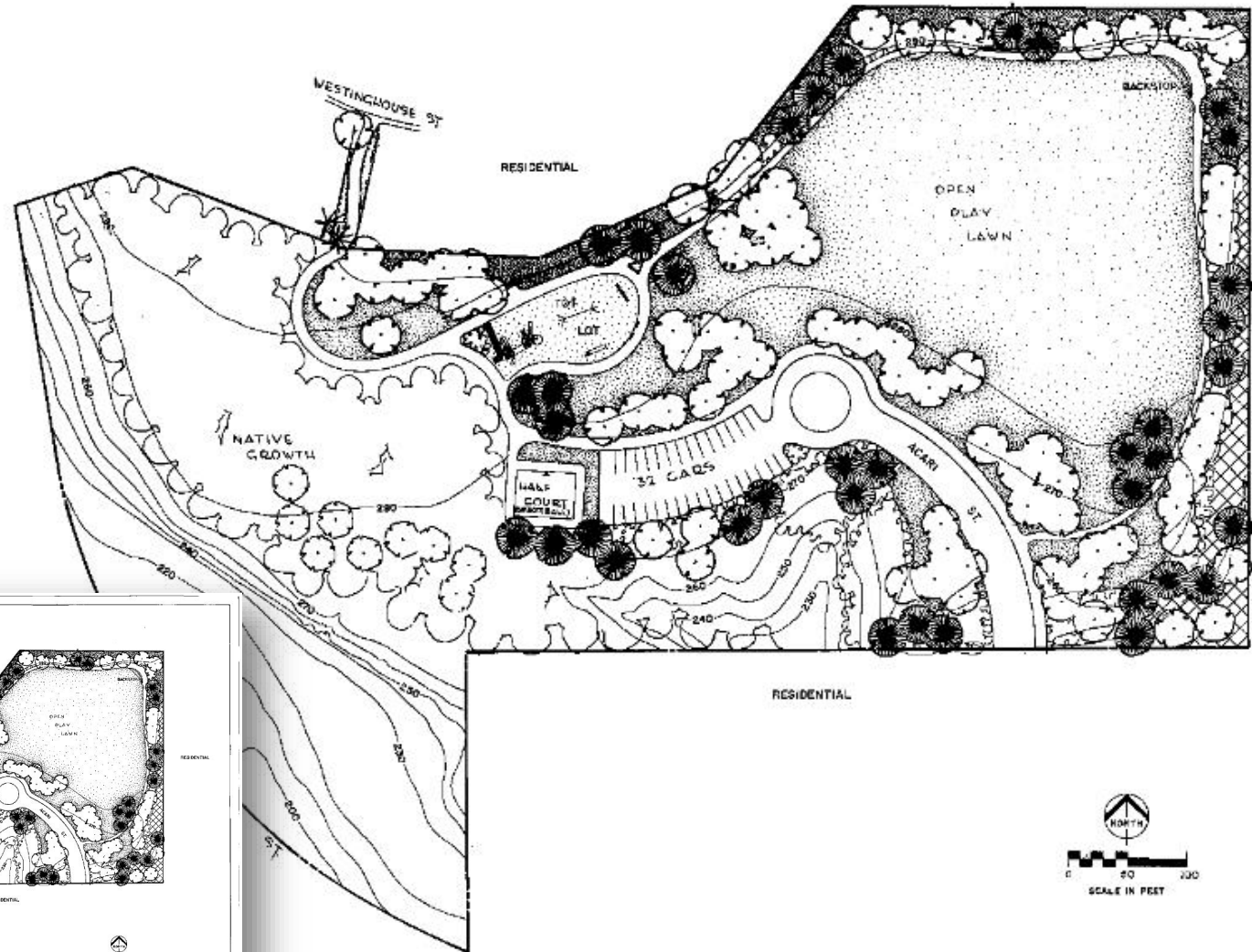
Fitness and wellness programs;



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## Current GDP

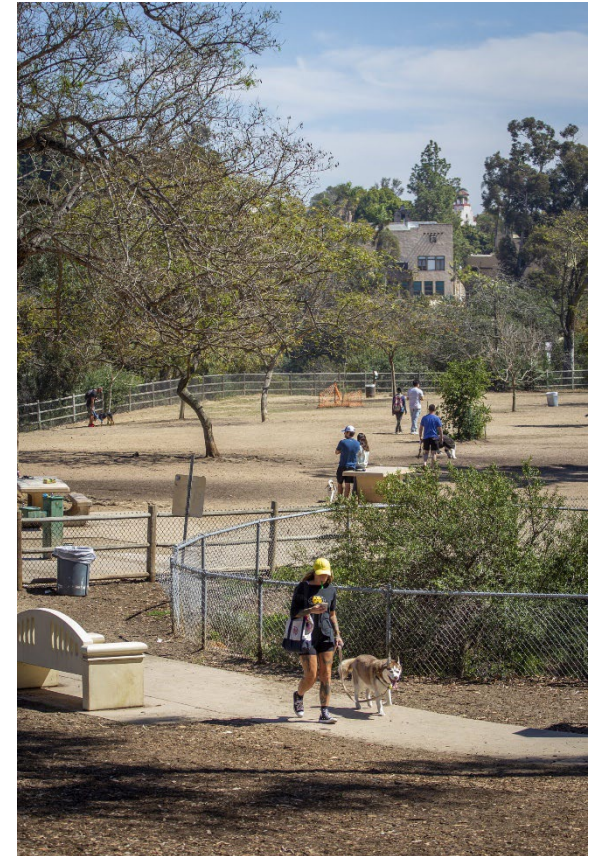
*Adding a Dog Off-Leash Area requires an amendment to the existing General Development Plan (GDP).*





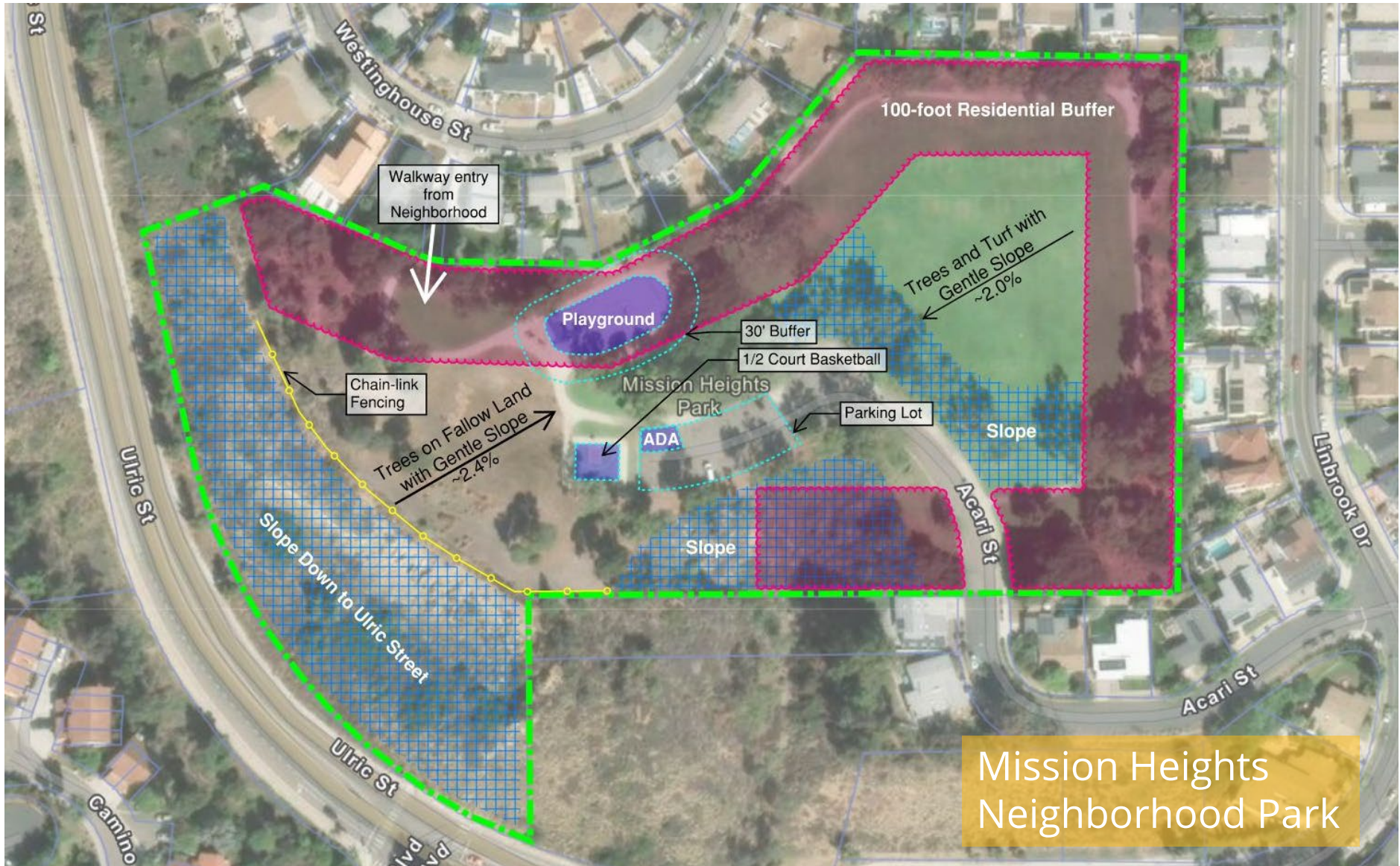
# DOLA Site Considerations

- Proximity to residential areas
- Proximity to playgrounds
- Compatibility with adjacent park uses
- Accessibility/ compliance with ADA
- Current uses by the community
- Topography
- Existing vegetation type (turf, shrubs, fallow)
- Adequate space available
- Ease and potential cost of DOLA addition



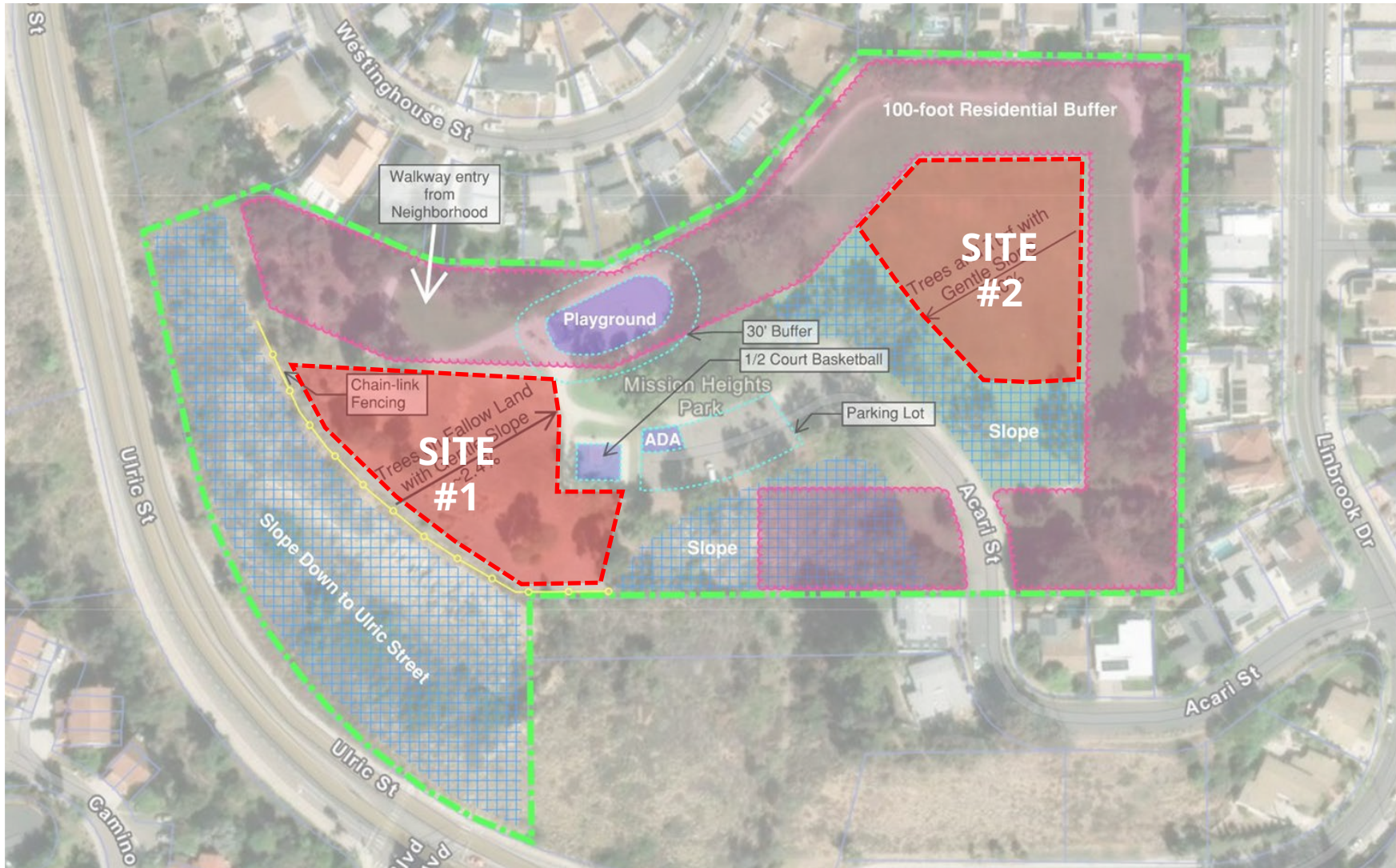


# Existing Conditions





# Potential Sites







# Existing Conditions: Site #1





# Considerations: Site #1



- GOOD** • Proximity to residential areas  
- *Over 100' with sidewalk separation*
- FAIR** • Proximity to playgrounds  
- *Over 30'; Entrance location can mitigate*
- FAIR** • Compatibility with adjacent park uses  
- *Proximity to Playground & Basketball; can be mitigated with approach to entrance*
- GOOD** • Accessibility/compliance with ADA  
- *Proximate to parking*
- GOOD** • Current uses by the community  
- *Area is underutilized*
- GOOD** • Topography  
- *Gentle cross slope to site. Ideal*
- GOOD** • Existing vegetation type (turf, shrubs, fallow)  
- *Fallow*
- GOOD** • Adequate space available  
- *Approximately 46,000 SF*
- GOOD** • Ease and potential cost of DOLA addition  
- *Existing fencing at perimeter can be used, close for connection to parking*





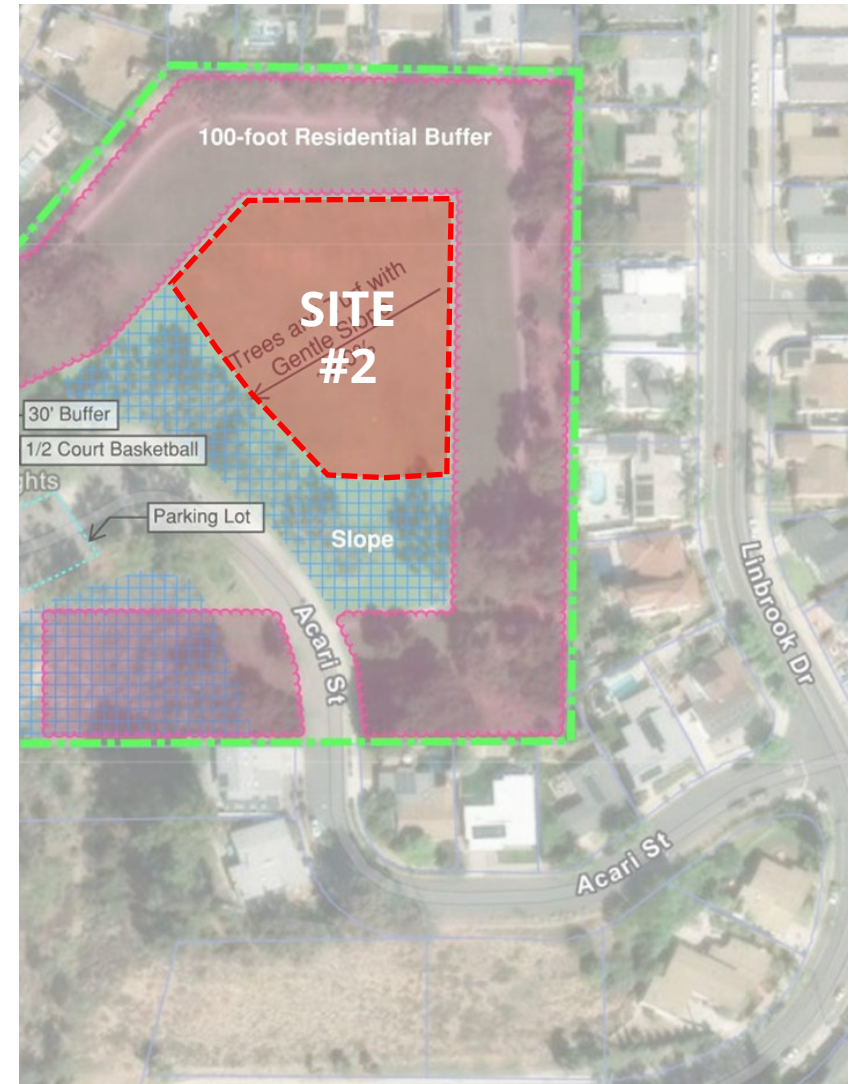
# Existing Conditions: Site #2



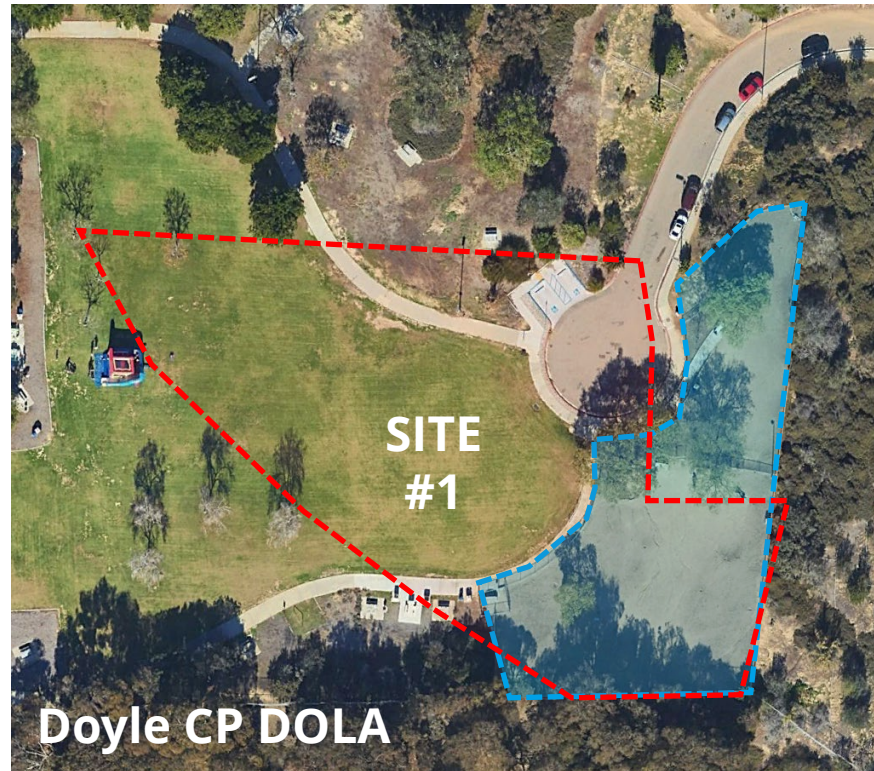


# Considerations: Site #2

- FAIR** • Proximity to residential areas
  - *Adequate buffer but adjacent on three sides*
- GOOD** • Proximity to playgrounds
  - *Over 200' from playground*
- FAIR** • Compatibility with adjacent park uses
  - *Takes up nearly all multi-use turf*
- POOR** • Accessibility/compliance with ADA
  - *Not proximate to parking, including ADA*
- POOR** • Current uses by the community
  - *Conflicts with uses for turf area; backstop*
- FAIR** • Topography
  - *Inefficient use of area to avoid sloping sides*
- POOR** • Existing vegetation type (turf, shrubs, fallow)
  - *Taking away recreational turf*
- GOOD** • Adequate space available
  - *Approximately 40,000 SF*
- POOR** • Ease and potential cost of DOLA addition
  - *No existing fencing; far to connect to ADA*
  - *Parking; conflicts with irrigation.*



How would  
the size of  
Mission  
Heights NP  
DOLA Site #1  
compare to  
other DOLAs  
in San  
Diego?



**Charles Lewis III Memorial DOLA = 9,000 SF**

**Doyle CP DOLA = 22,765 SF**

**Allied Gardens CP DOLA = 27,850 SF**

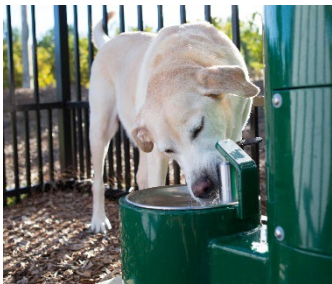
**Mission Heights NP DOLA = +/- 46,000 SF**

**Nate's Point DOLA (Balboa Park) = 117,230 SF**



# Potential Elements & Amenities

- ADA path of travel from parking to shared entry vestibule
- Double-gated, Secure Vestibule
- Separate Areas for Large & Small Dogs
- Drinking Fountain w/Dog Bowl
- Agility Opportunities for Dogs
- Seating for People
- Dog Waste Bag Dispenser





## Process: Approval of GDP Amendment

- CRG Workshop #1: **Today!**
- Survey Period: March 11 – April 1
- CRG Workshop #2: Review DOLA Design Alternatives
- CRG Action Item: Recommendation of approval
- CEQA determination by Planning Department & Public Noticing
- P&R Board Action Item: Recommendation of approval
- Parks & Recreation's Director Approval of GDP Amendment per Council Policy 600-33





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# Questions & Feedback

