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City of San Diego Opens New Sports Courts in Mountain View

DILAPIDATED COURTS TRANSFORMED INTO SPORTS FACILITY FOR FUTSAL AND BASKETBALL AT NEAL PETTIES MOUNTAIN VIEW COMMUNITY PARK

SAN DIEGO – Mayor Todd Gloria, Councilmember Henry L. Foster III and community leaders celebrated the opening of an upgraded complex of sports courts today at Neal Petties Mountain View Community Park with a ceremonial futsal kickoff. They were joined by students from nearby Baker Elementary School who had the opportunity to be some of the first to try out the refreshed courts.

"These upgraded courts create opportunities for Mountain View's residents to play, compete, and build community," said Mayor Todd Gloria. "Every San Diegan deserves access to safe, high-quality recreational spaces—and we are delivering that with this long-overdue investment in Mountain View."

The project converted two tennis courts, located at the northwest corner of the park, into futsal courts with new surfacing and equipment. Construction crews also upgraded the nearby basketball courts and installed new lighting and fencing components.

"District 4 families deserve accessible, high-quality recreational spaces that support active lifestyles and community engagement," said Councilmember Henry L. Foster III, who represents Mountain View. "We are proud to announce the successful completion of this significant project, which enhances our district's athletic facilities and provides modern, inclusive amenities for families to enjoy. Thank you to everyone who helped get this project done, especially the Neal Petties Mountain View Community Recreation Group. This project marks an essential investment in our community."

Futsal has become a popular activity at local parks and recreation facilities in recent years, and the upgrades provide a dedicated space for community members to enjoy the sport. Futsal is a fast-paced, five-on-five game typically played on a hard court, similar in size to a basketball court. It is known for its smaller, heavier, and less bouncy ball, which encourages players to develop close control, dribbling, and quick passing skills in a confined space.



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"This project has been a long time coming, and I'm so glad that we were able to transform these courts and enhance their usage," said Andy Field, director of the City's Parks and Recreation Department. "We hope the community enjoys this upgraded amenity."

The project, which was managed by the Engineering and Capital Projects Department, cost \$2.6 million. All funding for the project was allocated in previous fiscal year budgets.

The City's Parks and Recreation Department manages over 40,000 acres of park assets, including more than 400 parks, 26 miles of shoreline, 60 recreation centers, 15 pools, 13 skate parks and plazas and three golf courses. For additional information about the City's park system, visit the <u>Parks and Recreation webpage</u>.



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