



REPORT

THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

DATE ISSUED: March 10, 2026

REPORT NO.: 101

ATTENTION: Parks and Recreation Board
Agenda of March 19th, 2026

SUBJECT: Encanto Community Park GDP Amendment - Skate Plaza Proposal

SUMMARY

Issue – Should the Parks and Recreation Board recommend approval of proposed General Development Plan (GDP) Amendment for Encanto Community Park to replace existing shuffleboard courts with a skate plaza?

Department Recommendation – Recommend approval of proposed GDP Amendment for Encanto Community Park to replace existing shuffleboard courts with a skate plaza.

Other Recommendations – The following groups have reviewed and considered the proposed project. Actions taken and recommendations made by these groups are listed under Discussion below.

Encanto Community Recreation Group

Fiscal Impact – Design, and Construction of the proposed Skate Plaza will be funded by San Diego Parks Foundation. Maintenance of the facility will be the responsibility of Parks and Recreation Department. Minimal impact to the maintenance budget is expected.

Water and Energy Conservation Status – The proposed Skate Plaza comply with all water and energy conservation guidelines contained in Council Policy 200-14.

Climate Action Plan (CAP) Impact – No impact to the Climate Action Plan is anticipated.

Strategic/Tactical Equity Plan Impact – Encanto Community Park is identified as having a Moderate Climate Equity Index. In accordance with the Parks Master Plan and the City's Climate Equity Index, this project promotes equity centered programming.

Environmental – The City of San Diego as lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) will provide environmental review of the proposed Project prior to issuance of a Right-of-Entry Permit.

BACKGROUND

Encanto Community Park is an existing 8.87 Acre site located in the Encanto Community in Council District 4. Originally constructed in 1963, additional improvements were added to the park in 1964, 1966, 1969, and 1986. The shuffleboard courts and adjacent clubhouse were built in 1966, and the clubhouse was later converted to a teen center. Other park improvements include the teen center, recreation center, tennis courts, a basketball court, two little league fields, a multi-purpose field, a playground, walkways, and picnicking area.

The existing shuffleboard courts have sat unused for many years. The City, in conjunction with the San Diego Parks Foundation, propose replacing the unused shuffleboard courts with a skate plaza. This partnership allows activation of this area of the park, and increases recreational value.

DISCUSSION

The City of San Diego and the San Diego Parks Foundation have identified donors to implement the proposed improvements in the immediate future. A General Development Plan amendment is required for the change in use.

The proposed skate plaza will replace the existing unused and derelict shuffleboard courts. The total area is approximately 4,000 square feet. As noted, the shuffleboard courts have not been used since at least 2010. The adjacent clubhouse has been converted to a teen center. The addition of a skate plaza adjacent to the teen center provides synergy for these park uses.

The creation of the proposed Skate Plaza will provide an additional 7 Recreation Value Points at Encanto Community Park per City's Parks Master Plan.

On February 25, 2026, the Encanto Community Recreation Group voted (14-1-0) to recommend approval of the proposed GDP amendment for the proposed Skate Plaza.

The proposed amendment to the Encanto Community Park GDP would allow the City and San Diego Parks Foundation to construct the proposed skate plaza. The proposed Skate Plaza will have minimal impact to existing park uses. Therefore, the Department recommends approval of the proposed GDP amendment.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Recommend approval of the proposed Encanto Community Park GDP amendment with conditions.
2. Do not recommend approval of the proposed Encanto Community Park GDP amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Abella-Shon
Assistant Deputy Director, Parks and Recreation

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Landscape Architect, Parks and Recreation

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Attachment(s): General Development Plan Amendment
PowerPoint Presentation
Encanto Community Recreation Group Meeting Minutes February 25, 2025

cc: Council District 4 Office

Parks and Recreation Department

Encanto Community Park General Development Plan Amendment

Parks and Recreation Board

March 19, 2026

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Requested Action

Should the Parks and Recreation Board recommend approval of the proposed General Development Plan Amendment to convert the existing shuffleboard courts to a skate plaza?

Encanto Community Park Background

- Located in Council District 4 in the Encanto community
- 8.87 total acres
- Improvements include:
 - Teen center
 - Recreation center
 - Tennis courts
 - Basketball court
 - Little League fields
 - Multi-purpose field
 - Shuffleboard court
 - Playground
 - Walkways
 - Picnic area



Teen Center/Shuffleboard Background

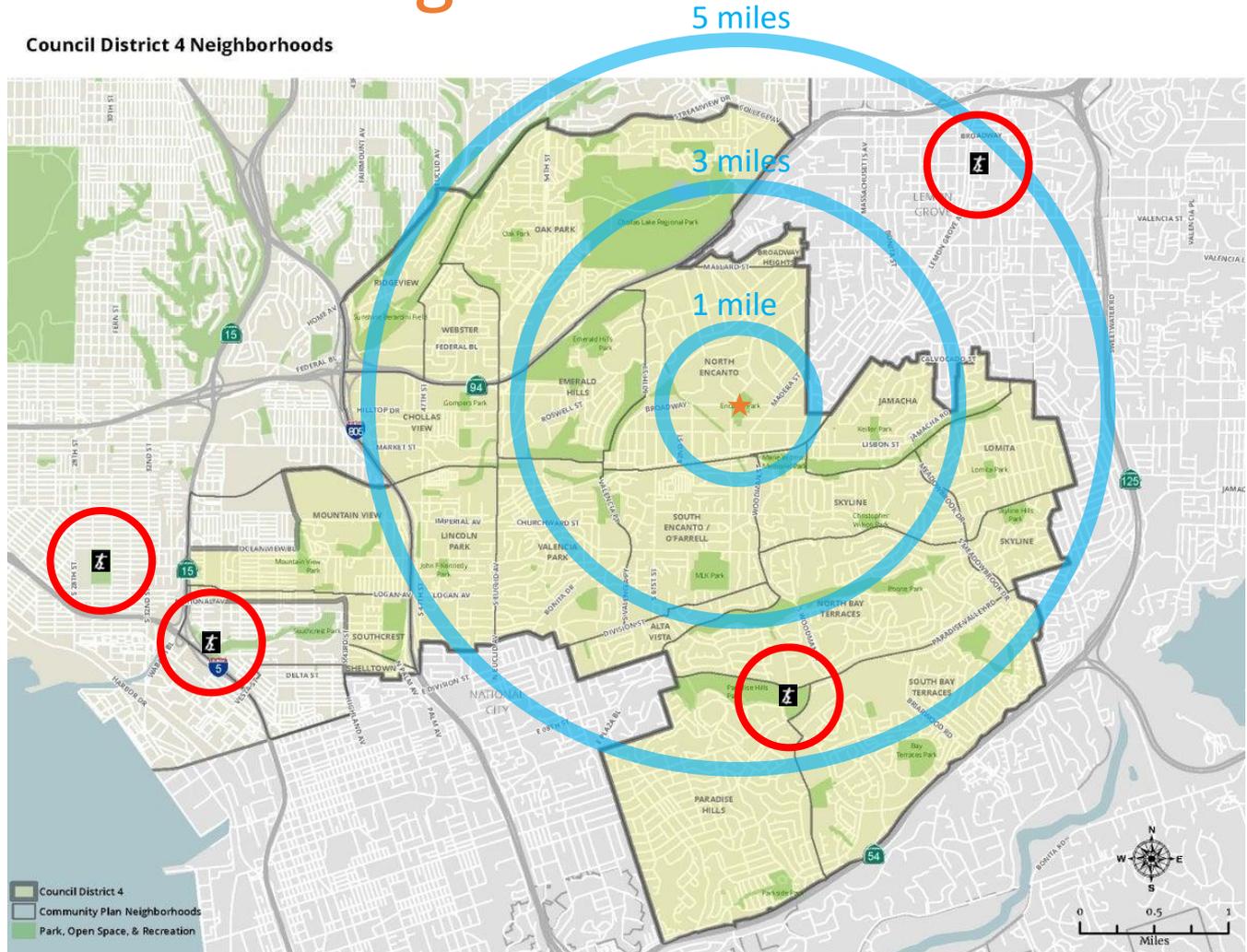
- The shuffleboard courts and clubhouse were originally constructed In 1966
- The clubhouse was converted to a teen center in 2010
- Shuffleboard courts have not been used for their original purpose since before 2010
- Shuffleboard courts used by teen center for general purposes

Skating Locations Background

Existing skate park locations

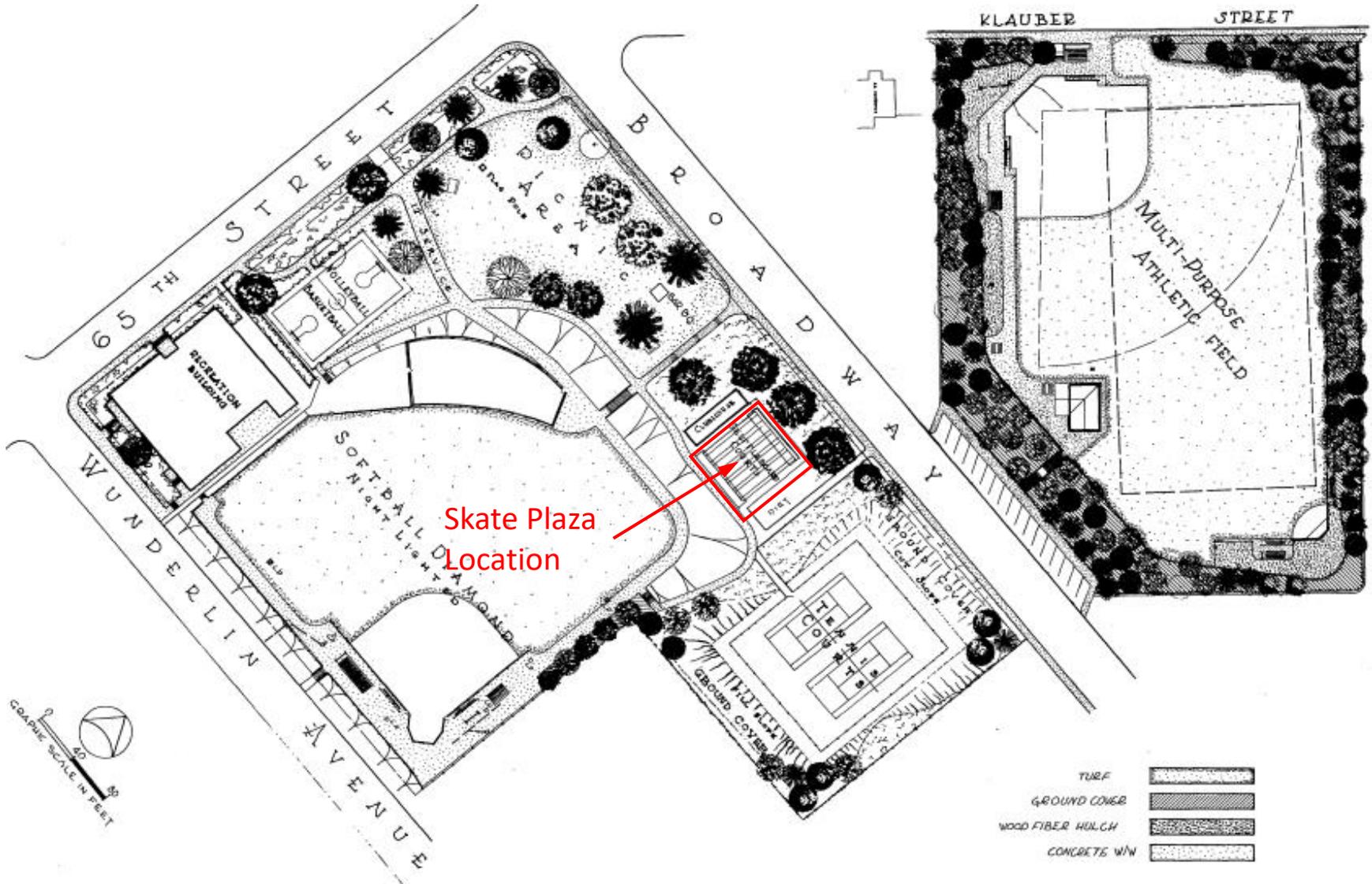


- Charles L. Lewis III Memorial (in Paradise Hills)
- Lemon Grove
- Southcrest Trails
- Memorial

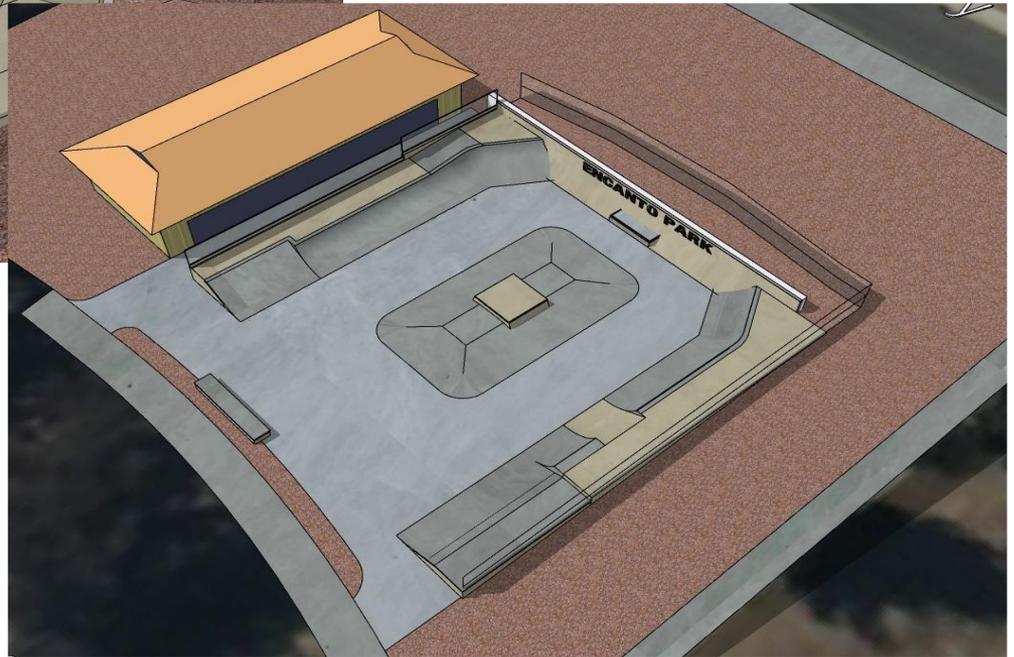


Photographs





1st Draft Proposed Rendering – Subject to Change



Benefits

- Provides a skate park for the Encanto community
- Activates currently underutilized space in the park
- Adds a recreational amenity to the park
- Serves a need in the community for youth not involved in conventional sports
- Does not displace current activities

Project Funding & Partnerships

Project Funding

- San Diego Parks Foundation
- San Diego Foundation



Partnerships

- Council District 4
- Pillars of the Community
- The Skatepark Project



THE SKATEPARK PROJECT™

Other Recommendations

On February 25, 2026, the Encanto Community Recreation Group voted 14-1-0 to recommend approval of an amendment to the General Development Plan to convert the existing shuffleboard courts to a skate plaza.

Department Recommendation

Recommend approval of the proposed GDP Amendment.



Questions

City of San Diego Parks and Recreation Department
ENCANTO COMMUNITY RECREATION GROUP
MINUTES
February 25, 2026

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING:

The meeting of the Encanto Community Recreation Group was held on January 07, 2026, at 6:00 pm, in person at Encanto Recreation Center 6508 Wunderlin Ave, San Diego, CA 92114 due to our regular meeting landing on Christmas eve.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Evelyn Smith, Chairperson
Angelica Palados, Aztec Dancers
Alejandro Menaz, Aztec Dancers
Judy Flores, Encanto Little League
Francine Maxwell, Member at large
Sally Smull, Member at Large
Amelia Enrique, Member at large
Michael Ivory, Encanto Little League
Laverne Ivory, Encanto Little League
Daniel Wallace, Member at large
Mannela Ippolito, Member at large
Abel Macias, Member at large
Ben Jerman, Member at large
Saige Walding, Member at large
Zulema Diaz, Member at large

GUEST:

Micheal Anderson, SD Parks Foundation
Hayley Krotie, SD Parks Foundation
Stanley Brown, Lemon Grove Business
Group President
Gerordo Vasquez, Community Member
Erik Becerra, Community Member
Lucy Price, Community Member
Jamie Street, Community Member
Scott McNeil, Community Member
Me Mee Cuba, Community Member

Mary Young, Community Member
Mike Espinoza, Community Member
Jocelyn H, Community Member
Connie Reyes, Community Member
Edward Malloy, Community Member
Selena Vizarro, Community member
Alberto Reyes, Community Member
Gordan McCall. Community Member
Vanessa Hernandez, Community Member
Kenjah Becerra, Community Member

CITY STAFF:

Lexus Jackson, Center Director II
Reyna Brown, Assistant Center Director
Angel Contreras, Area Manager II
Carlos Rios, District Manager
Andy Field, Parks and Rec Director
Korral Taylor, Mayors Office Representative
Jacqueline Kennedy, CD4
Tiffany Harrison, Council District 4 Representative
Frank Hunt, City of San Diego
Daniel Horton, City of San Diego
Chris Jones, CRO
Rania Amen, City of San Diego

Jordan Amey, CD4

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Vacant, Co-Chairperson
Martha Abraham, Member at large
Robert Campbell, Member at Large

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM by E. Smith.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: It was Moved/Seconded (F. Maxwell/J. Flores) to approve all minutes as submitted. (3,0,1)

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:

F. Maxwell – Would like to bypass the presentation of the skate park and free up time

REQUEST FOR ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA: None.

CHAIRPERSON REPORT: None.

BOARDMEMBER COMMENT:

S. Smull – No details on Art Contest yet for Marie Wideman
F. Maxwell – Squad car stopping at Encanto Tennis courts to help deter unwanted activity.

CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 4:

Entering budget season meeting will be March 10th @ 6pm

SDPCRO: None.

PARKS AND RECREATION STAFF REPORTS:

Carlos Rios, District Manager- Tennis courts at Emerald Hills are done. Combo locked.
Lexus Jackson, Center Director III- None.
Reyna Brown, Assistant Center Director – None.

INFORMATION ITEMS: None.

ACTION ITEMS:

- a. New Members for CRG
MOTION: It was Moved/Second (F. Maxwell/A. Meraz) to approve new members: Manuela Ippolito, Abel Macias, Daniel Wallace, Zulema Diaz, Laverne Ivory, Michael Ivory, Benjamin Jerman, and Saige Walding; to join the Encanto CRG.
- b. D4 Encanto Skate Park Proposal
MOTION: It was Moved/Second (D. Wallace/Z. Diaz) to amend the GDP to convert the existing shuffleboard courts to a skate plaza. (14,1,0)

WORKSHOP:

- a. Update CRG Bylaws
MOTION: It was Moved/Second (F. Maxwell/A. Meraz) to create a committee involving S. Walding, A. Enrique, L. Ivory, A. to update bylaws (10,0,5)

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.
The next Encanto Community Recreation Group will be held on Wednesday, April 22, 2026,
at 6:00 PM, in person at Encanto Recreation Center, 6508 Wunderlin Ave., San Diego, CA
92114

Lexus Jackson

3/11/2026

Respectfully submitted

Date