City of San Diego:

Child and Teen-Friendly City

Coalition Meeting #4: Incorporating insights from Community engagement for a potential placemaking project.

Meeting Summary Report

June 25th, 2025

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Roundtable Meeting #4

Meeting Objectives and Agenda

- Learn how the City is activating downtown San Diego and help identify a location to implement the Child & Teen-Friendly City placemaking component.

Agenda	
Time	**Section**
3:00 – 3:05 PM	Welcome + Introductions
3:05 – 3:10 PM	Takeaways from Last Coalition Meeting
3:10 – 3:50 PM	Creating America's Outdoor Downtown - North Central Square
3:50 – 4:30 PM	Workshop- Placemaking ideas and location identification activity for upcoming engagement
4:30 – 5:00 PM	Tour Museum

Project Team Present at the Meeting

Facilitator: Kristin Haukom, Senior Planning Associate, Consultant Project Team: Alta Planning+ Design

- City Planning Department Project Team
  - Sameera Rao, Assistant Deputy Director
  - Breanne Busby, Senior Civil Engineer
  - Kusum Mamtani, Associate Planner
  - Christopher Carrillo, Associate Planner
  - Myles San Agustin, Management Intern
- County of San Diego Team
  - Elizabeth Cooper, Community Health Program Specialist
  - Alondra Estrada-Lam, Community Health Promotion Specialist I

-Participants

- Shana Wright, UC San Diego Center for Community Health
- Carlos Cristiani, Fleet Science Center
- Tony Becker, Fleet Science Center
- Julie Medina, Fleet Science Center
- Mariela Mendoza, Fleet Science Center
- Tara Ryan, Office and Child and Youth Success
- Brian Schoenfisch, Development Services Urban Division
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Summary

Welcome + Introductions.

All coalition members were given an opportunity to introduce themselves and staff welcomed all participants and provided an overview of the meeting agenda.

Takeaways from Last Coalition Meeting

The project team shared that a summary of the previous Coalition meeting, including key takeaways, will be posted on the Child and Teen-Friendly City website. They also provided a brief review of responses from the last meeting's activity, which focused on what does and does not work for children and teenagers across the 0–18 age group.

Creating America's Outdoor Downtown - North Central Square – North Central Square

City staff from the Development Services Department's Urban Innovation Division gave a presentation on upcoming city parks and the broader effort to activate Downtown San Diego. This initiative is part of the Downtown Public Spaces Accelerator Program, which focuses on transforming underutilized spaces located between existing downtown parks and public areas. The goal is to connect these spaces through greenways and other improvements, creating a seamless, accessible network of outdoor environments.

A key strategy to advance this vision involves updating the Downtown Zoning Code to allow Outdoor Activities By-Right. These code changes eliminate the need for discretionary permits or public hearings, streamlining the process for setting up temporary pop-up activations—while still requiring a basic application. The updates would also enable existing underutilized parks to incorporate more active and recreational amenities, helping to achieve the goals outlined in the Parks Master Plan.

Workshop – Placemaking Ideas and Location Identification Activity for Organizing Workshops with children and their caregivers.

Project staff conducted a workshop and interactive activity with Coalition members to help identify a location for the initiative's placemaking component. This component involves a mobile installation that can be placed in parks, intersections, or temporarily closed streets for community use.

Staff also discussed plans to attend an upcoming Parks After Dark event to engage with youth and teens, with the possibility of bringing the mobile installation to the event. Participants identified Jeremy Henwood Memorial Park in City Heights – one of the Parks After Dark locations as a priority location, based on the sites listed for the Parks After Dark series.

Additionally, staff explored a potential collaboration between the Fleet Science Center and the City of San Diego, in which the Fleet would provide an installation from their inventory for project staff to use during the Parks After Dark event. City staff and the Fleet Science Center will finalize the location and deployment date through ongoing coordination.

Tour Museum

Lastly, Coalition members were given a tour of the Fleet Science Center by museum staff.



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Coalition Meeting #4

June 25, 2025

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Agenda

- Welcome
- Takeaways from Last Coalition Meeting
- Creating America's Outdoor Downtown: *North Central Square*
- Activity: *Identify Outreach Locations*
- Tour Museum

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Takeaways from Last Coalition Meeting

What are 3 things that work for ages 0-18?







- Separate spaces for cars & children
- Clean restrooms
- Spaces to run, climb, jump and swing
- Colorful play spaces
- New funding formula in the Parks Master Plan to allocate funding south of the 8 freeway
- Low or free cost events (year-round and seasonal)
- Ample shade in play areas
- Spaces that promote independent play
- Flexible seating
- Water play
- Last mile connectivity with vibrant, active pause points that help introduce safety and encourage people to participate
- Door play step
- Libraries – many with kids and youth programming
- Areas for teens to build community
- Context - planning for a specific area

What are 3 things that don’t work for ages 0-18?





- Areas with cars – parking lots, busy streets
- Spaces without snacks and bathrooms
- Unable to gain a sense of independence anymore
- No dedicated spaces for kids and teens, especially teenage girls
- “Build and they will come” mentality
- Unsafe spaces (physical access, distance, etc.)
- Height of sinks, toilets, etc.

- Queues & lines for waiting
- Public transportation
- Lack of walkability to parks/public spaces
- Undermaintained spaces
- Lack of knowledge about existing spaces and amenities
- Cost prohibitive programming/programming that most reflect needs of adults
- Relationship with unhoused populations

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Development Services
Urban Innovation Division

Creating "America's Outdoor Downtown"
Play Everywhere!









East Village Green
Project Status: Under Construction



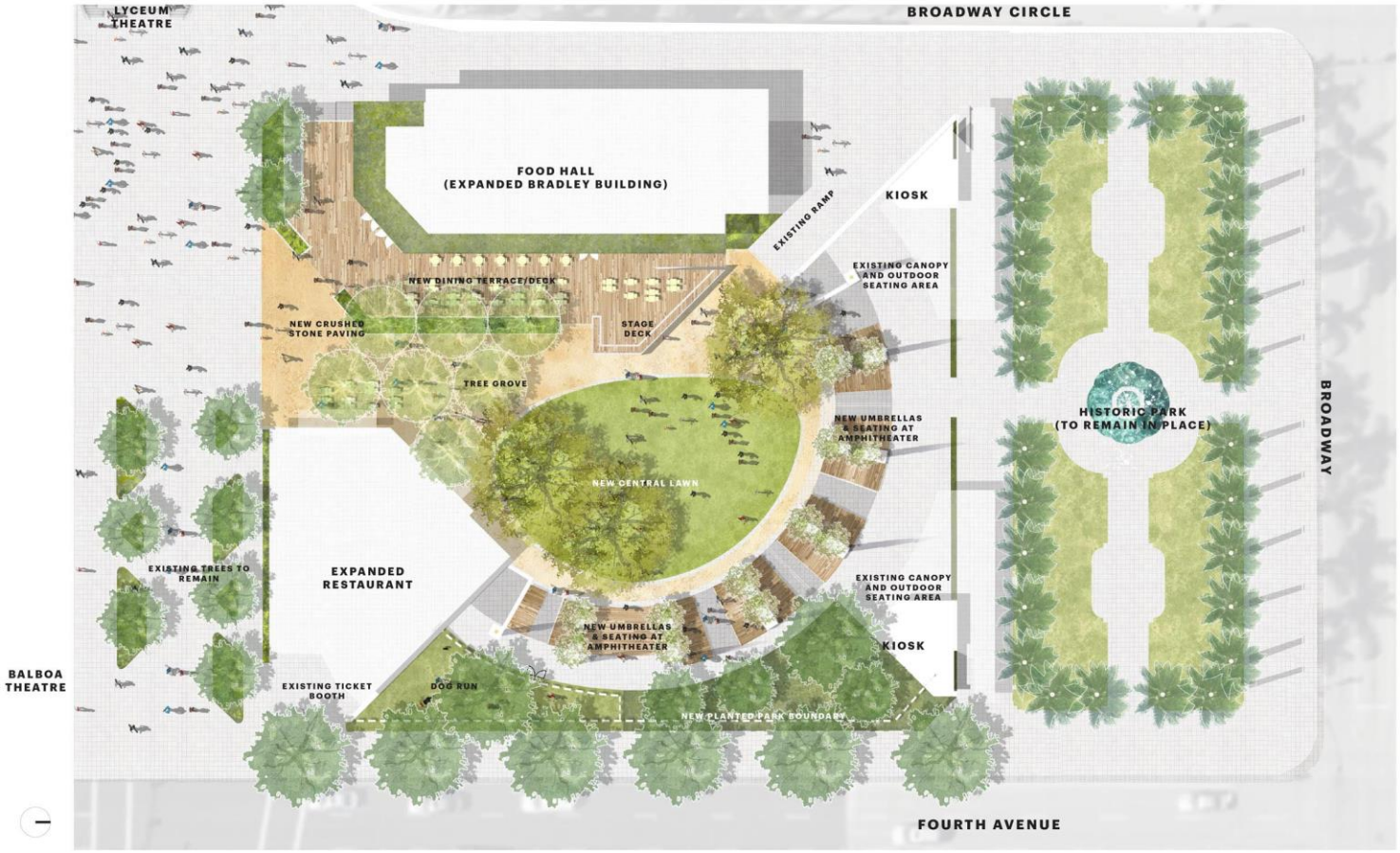
Navy Broadway Park
Project Status: Complete



14th Street Greenway Phase 2
Project Status: Under Construction



Amici Park Improvements
Project Status: Planning Phase



Horton Plaza Park
Project Status: TBD



Tailgate Park
Project Status: TBD

Gallagher Square Remodel - Complete



Children’s Park Remodel - Complete



Downtown Zoning Code Update –

Active Downtown Incentive



Downtown Zoning Code Update –

Allow Outdoor Activities By-Right



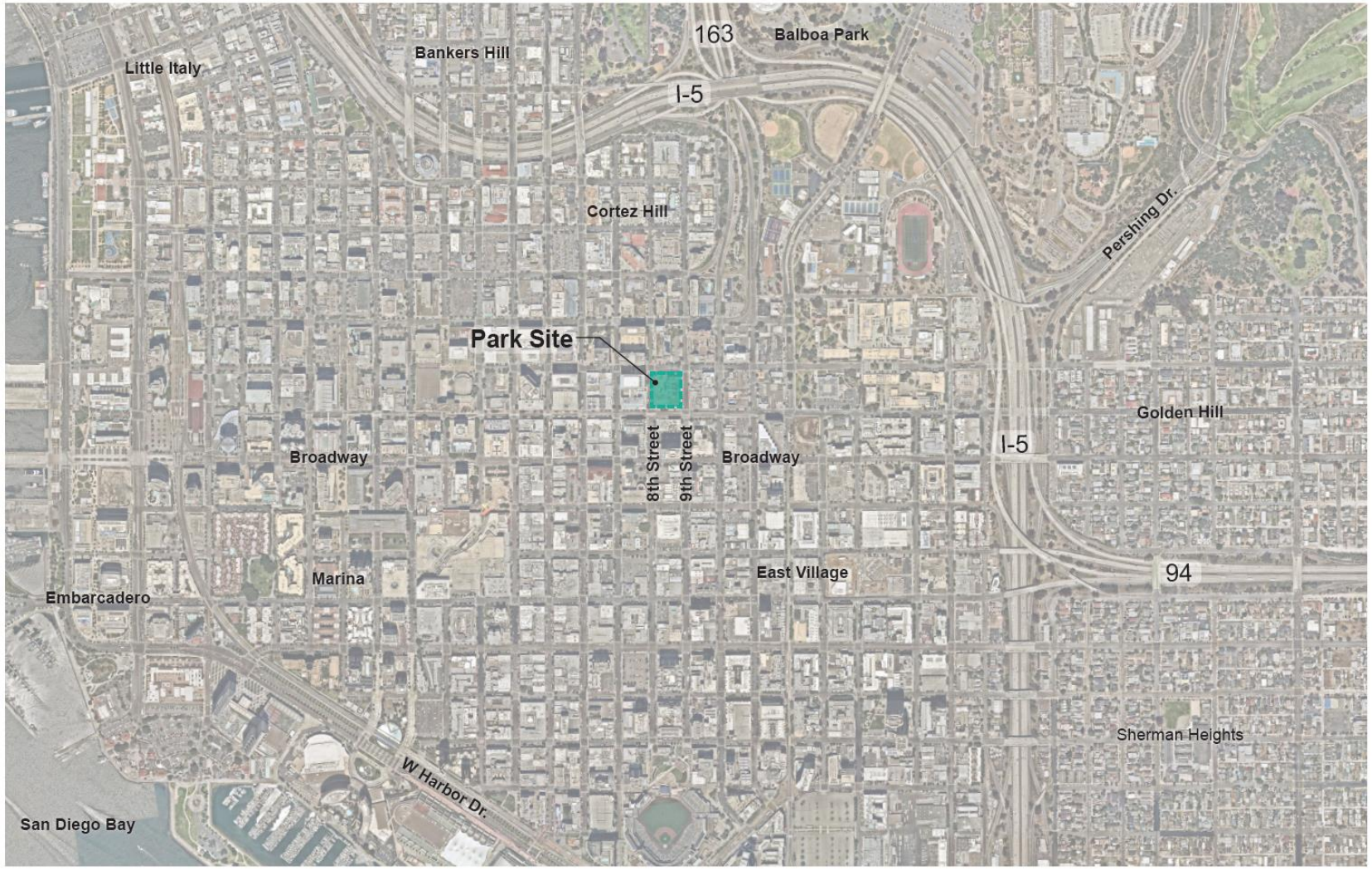


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to Participate in the Survey

COMMUNITY SURVEY

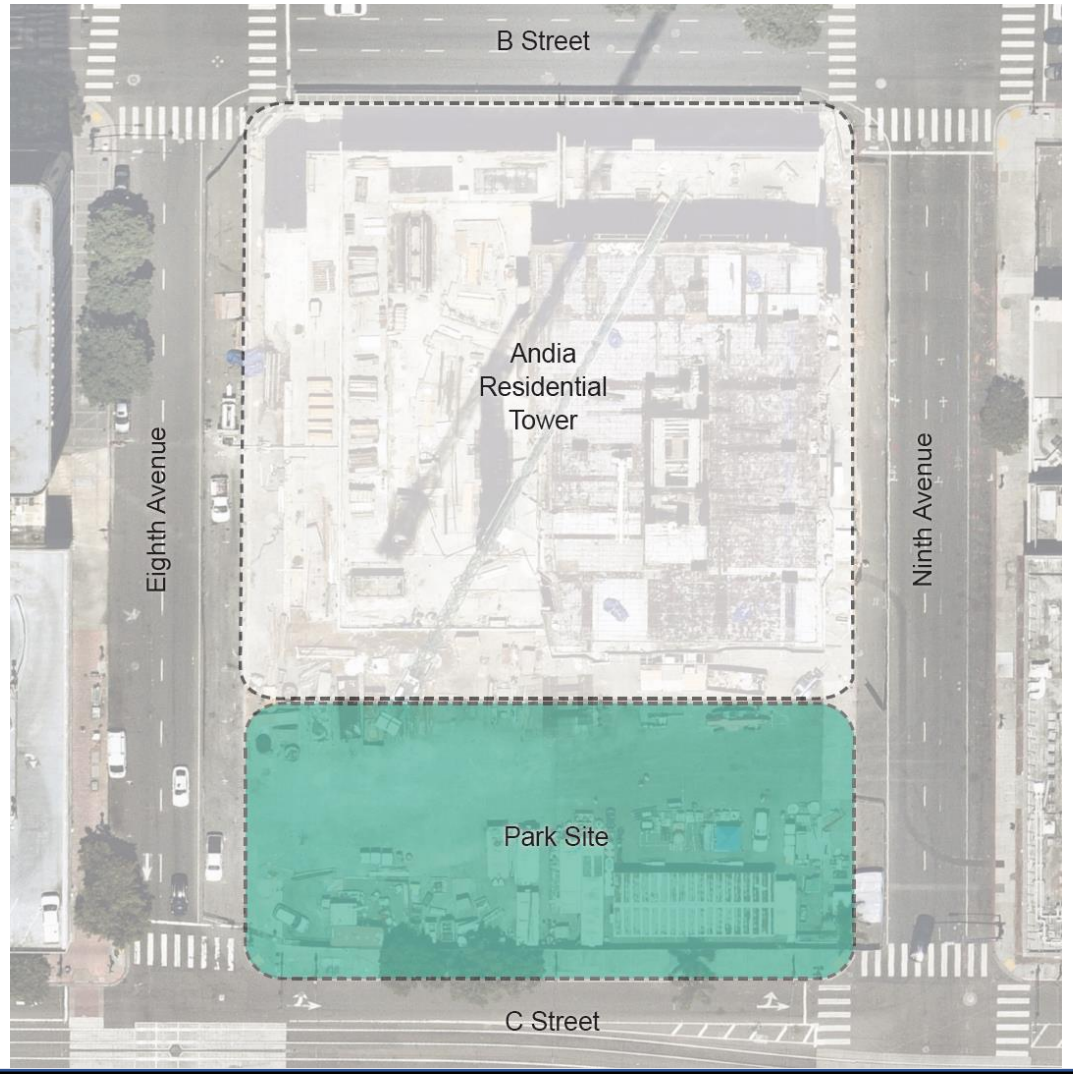
Help Design a New Park on C Street

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Location: C Street between 8th and 9th Avenues



Existing Site



Park Development Constraints

- **Budget ($9 million)**
- **Small Park Size (24k Square Feet)**
- **Maintenance – (Low Impact)**
- **Location Challenges (Active Park)**



What We've Heard So Far….

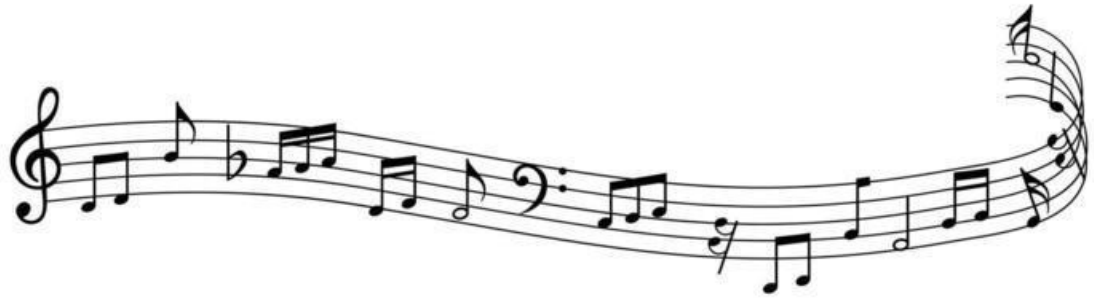


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Celebrate the Emerging Arts and Culture District



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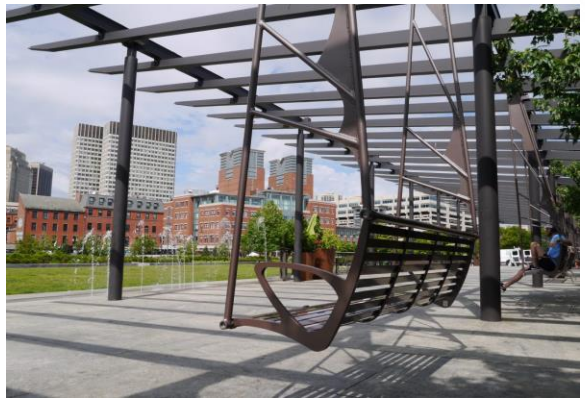
Park Theme:
Symphony?



Music-Theme Integrated Throughout Park













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Dog Park



Active Uses
(i.e. Pickleball Courts)



Running/Walking Track



Active Park Amenities

ACTIVATED PARK AMENITIES

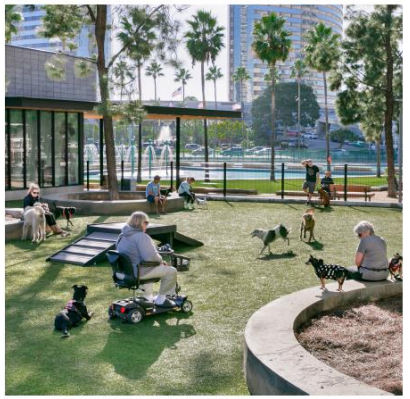
CHILDREN'S PLAY





DOG PARK





PICKLEBALL



STORM WATER RAIN GARDENS



RUNNING TRACK



KIOSK/ VENDOR BUILDING



Expedited Timeline
(Concurrent with adjacent tower)



Your Ideas, Comments, Questions?



Activity – Placemaking Ideas: Identify Locations

Grant Application

- Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A), FHWA
- Project Description –

  "The Child and Teen-Friendly Streets Pilot Program (Pilot Program) will educate people of all ages and modes of travel on roadway safety and demonstrate potential and planned safe street design treatments, while fostering opportunities for increased placemaking and play. It will do so through a widespread safety education and engagement campaign and through the design, fabrication, and deployment of a modular, easy-to-transport Kit of Parts."

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Placemaking

Placemaking inspires people to reimagine and reinvent public spaces as the heart of every community. It is the collaborative process by which we can reshape our public realm.







Developing a mobile placemaking project

Mobile installation that can be placed outside like at a park, intersection, or closed street.






Developing a mobile placemaking project







Developing a mobile placemaking project







Activity



When?

June 14 – August 9, 2025, 5PM – 8PM
(No events June 19, July 3, 4 & 5)

Where?

LOCATIONS:

- City Heights Rec Center
- Linda Vista Rec Center
- Memorial Rec Center *(plus June 13)*
- Skyline Hills Rec Center
- Silver Wing *(June 14 – July 26 only)*

Community Council

1. By December 2026, mobilize and engage at least 15 parents, teachers, and community members to contact state legislators in support of updated K-12 Physical Activity Standards.

2. By December 31, 2025, secure funding and establish partnerships to sustain the Mas Fresco Plus Program beyond June 2025.

3. By October 2025, identify at least three parks in need of improvement, conduct park audits, and gather community input to advocate for improvements to at least one of the parks.



Tour Museum