

College Area Community Planning Board (CACPB)

Community Plan Update Committee

Wednesday, August 25, 2021

Key Takeaways – Park & Public Spaces Opportunities

- Lack of emphasis on new acquisition of park land is upsetting – this community needs to acquire new park land. Community Plan Update (CPU) should specifically state that this is a priority.
 - The community wants to understand how much acreage should come along with future population increases.
- Keep visuals more in line with what the community could offer.
- Community likes the concepts at the former library and pocket parks. Note that parking could be an issue.
 - There are homes near existing parks / public spaces that could be purchased to build bigger parks.
- The vision is in line with the 7-visions that community put together in College Area Community Council Report.
- 63rd St and Catocin are great to connect Montezuma, College and El Cajon. Need to also reduce speed. Montezuma road could have a roundabout to help.
- Alleys to Trails should be considered.
 - Public art, lighting, etc.
- Adam's trail is listed as CIP, including enhancements eastbound toward College Avenue.
- ROW at 54 – Jose has worked with Parks and Rec on this.
- Heart Park is not well maintained and not the preferred typology for future parks – it's built into the existing required setbacks. If it were concentrated in one plac, it could be a much better type of park. It is important to have design regulations that encourage parks with future development.
- Tubman Joint Use Park has many problems, like overirrigation. Parks & Rec has noted that park maintenance is an issue.
- Community likes concepts of pathways at Language Academy.
- City Easement on Catocin North of Montezuma would be great for future dog park.
 - Montezuma Road should have bike lanes and one-lane of traffic in each direction. Community wants more than simply planting trees. Community would also like to see art work, pathways, lighting, etc.
- The area behind ped walkway on Montezuma Park appeared to be an attractive site dog park.
- Hardy Joint Use Park – one must go through the hardscape with playground equipment in order to get to the playing field. That area is available to the community, for all intents and purposes.
- Trailhead on Adams: Business District did an analysis of an overlook on the same trail between El Cajon Boulevard and Montezuma Road. The amenities to build into the trailhead could be duplicated at College Avenue for another trail head.
 - There is an existing vineyard from eastern end of Baja (behind houses at cul de sac).
- College Ave Baptist Church has been approached about a possible community center – the response was that, given permitting requirements, they have exactly enough parking for their

facility. They pointed out that they have a gym that is underused that they may be willing to have a joint use agreement to be used as a community rec center.

- Land next to the library would be great for a new park.
- Rolando has an informal parkway that connects to the school that is misused by elements of the community. Designing for safety / visibility is important.
- Mid-City has a lot of park land. CPU needs to shoot for the moon.
- The CPU should coincide with CIP priorities.
- Community expects quantification of how much park land City will support / provide / acquire in order to recognize the addition new residents over the next 30 years.
- Homes on College across from Baptist Church could be systematically acquired for a park.