

# **DRAFT PARKS MASTER PLAN July 2021**

## **Summary of Changes Based on Public Feedback (as of July 6, 2021)**

### **Introduction**

Added – Transforming the City’s parks and recreation resources into a sustainable, flexible, and innovative system requires financial investment and commitment from San Diegans and City leaders now and in the years ahead. (pg. v)

### **Where are we going?**

Added – Communities vary in the quality and availability of park spaces due to patterns and availability of park spaces due to patterns of historical growth and funding levels. (Pg. vii)

Added – Funding and staffing levels have steadily declined over the past two decades resulting in disinvestment across all park topologies. These constraints make it difficult to provide consistent levels of maintenance, operations, and programming across the City.

### **A New Park Standard**

Added – The Value Standard allows local residents to determine the appropriate mix of park upgrades which increase recreational value and the acquisition of new parkland. The adaptability of the Value Standard makes it possible for residents to have both upgrades to existing park and the construction of new parks. (pg. viii)

### **PARK ACQUISITION: A 10 Year Goal**

Added – This goal applies to community population-based park typologies and is in addition to any joint-use park agreements. See Appendix C for list of the population-based park typologies. (pg. ix)

### **Implementation Framework**

Added - Achieving the vision of Parks for All will take time, committed resources, a significant increase in Park and Recreation Department funding and staffing levels. (pg. ix)

### **PARK TYPOLOGIES I Urban Watershed Park**

- Added – references to Rose Creek and Famosa Slough (pg. 31)

## **2.4 HOW Did we Get Here?**

### **Changing in Our Communities**

Added – The City has established joint-use agreements at over 80 elementary and middle schools allowing for the shared use of multi-purpose courts, sports fields and play areas during non-school hours. It is one of the largest joint use programs in the Country and continues to grow with the ongoing implementation of the Play All Day Program which plans to open 45 new joint-use park sites in the next 5 to 10 years. The program fills an essential gap in addressing the City’s need for more recreation opportunities in older communities where available land is scarce. (pg. 37)

## **Changes in Financing, Operations, and Maintenance**

- Added – While responsibilities for delivering parks and recreation have become more complex, funding sources and staffing levels have been reduced. (pg. 39)
- Added – Park operations and maintenance are funded through General Fund revenues, from 2005 to 2019 the General Fund budget for parks declined nearly 33%. Maintaining and operating safe parks at this funding level has been challenging. (pg. 39)
- Added – Operation and maintenance funding and investment needs to increase as the park system expands and ages. (pg. 39)

## **PARK ACQUISITION: A 10 YEAR GOAL**

- Added – To help us reach the goal for all communities to have access to quality recreation, in addition to investing in existing public spaces, the City has the goal of acquiring 100 acres of new parkland in 10 year, in addition to open space acquisition and joint use agreements open space and joint use agreements. (pg. 52)
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## **REGIONAL VALUE - BASED STANDARD**

- Added - At least 20 percent (or 20 points per 1,000 residents) of a community's park standard should be satisfied through increased land acquisition. (pg. 60)

## **4.2 Continual Park Acquisition Goal**

- Added – This goal is in addition to open space acquisition and joint-use agreements. (pg. 75)
- Added – A priority for the City to establish adequate resource levels, including funding and staffing, to deliver safe, clean and well-maintained parks for all communities across the City is essential to creating and equitable park system. (pg. 75)

## **10-20-40 MINUTE ACCESS**

- Added – This access should be safe and enjoyable to provide true meaningful connections (pg. 76)

## **4.4 10-20-30 Access Goals**

### **Map – Walk Access to Parks**

- Added – Existing Figure 7: (pg. 77)

### **Map – Bike Access to Parks**

- Added - Existing Figure 8: (pg. 78),

### **Maps – Transit Access to Parks**

- Added - Existing Figure 9: (pg. 79)

- Added – In addition to walking and rolling, biking and transit can increase the range and transit can increase the range and types of recreation opportunities that each resident can access. The intent of the safe and enjoyable 20-minute bike and 30-minute transit ride goals is to provide a greater number of people access to the to the City’s incredible regional parks, beaches, shorelines, and other unique recreation experiences. (pg. 81)

#### **4.8 Future Implementation Actions**

- Added – **Update to Council Policy 600-33** – Update Council Policy 600-33 with input from community-based organizations and other stakeholders to ensure greater public involvement and to streamline the park development process. (pg. 89)
- Added – **Park Project Priority Implementation List** – Develop a list of specific park projects to be prioritized based on recently updated community plans and equitable stakeholder engagement. (pg. 89)
- Added – Additionally, as a community plans are updated, additional parks and recreational opportunities should be included with equitable stakeholder engagement. (pg. 89)

#### **PARKS + PROGRAMMING - POLICIES:**

- Added – **PP7:** Develop a Parks Master Plan monitoring program and provide a report to the appropriate City Council Committee every two years to ensure successful implementation. Make monitoring results available to the public on the City website. (pg. 90)

#### **EQUITY - POLICIES:**

- Added – **E-5:** Prioritize at least 30% of the total in Park Deficient Communities as determined using the factors in section 4.3.
- Added – **E-5:** Continue to prioritize this funding within these communities for a period of five (5) years, an re-evaluate such prioritization in five-year intervals, or as otherwise determined by City Council to ensure sufficient prioritized funding for the areas with greatest needs. (pg. 96)
- Added – **E-11:** The safe and enjoyable use of parks is key to park equity in the City’s park system. Parks with amenities that are determined to be in poor condition through a Park Condition Index (see section 4.8) shall not count toward a community’s park inventory until the condition of the amenities improves. (pg. 96)

#### **ACCESS- POLICIES:**

- Added – **A1:** Investments should not only focus on providing new access, but to improvements that increase the overall safety of an area so that the access has true purpose – prioritize the investments in Communities of Concern. (pg. 98)

#### **ACTIVATION – POLICIES:**

- Added – **AV3:** removed commercial uses and added concessions (pg. 98)
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- Added – **AV4:** removed commercial uses and added concessions (pg. 98)
- Removed – **AV4:** Fixed commercial uses less than 500 square feet shall not be subject to this approval. (pg. 98)

- Removed – **AV8**: All commercial activity within parks must comply with the City’s Sidewalk Vending Ordinance. (pg.98)

#### **CO-BENEFITS – POLICIES**

- Removed – **CO5**: Where commercial activity would increase a park’s experience or encourage more people to use a park, design space to allow for temporary or permanent park serving commercial uses. See Policy AV3. (pg. 100)
- Added – **CO6**: Plant drought tolerant not on the California Invasive Plant Council (CAL—IPC) list of invasive for Southern California resilient trees and native trees in parks
- Removed – **CO7**: Coordinate with the City’s outreach teams other City departments to connect individuals experiencing homelessness with services they need to obtain shelter, housing, and other resources. (pg. 100)
- Added **CO7**: a. Provide public restrooms, trash containers, and hand washing facilities;

#### **CONSERVATION, SUSTAINABILITY, & RESILIENCE – POLICIES**

- Added – **CSR3**: Expand and maintain a healthy drought tolerant tree canopy of species not on the CAL-IPC list for Southern California and include other features in all parks. (pg. 110)

#### **OPERATIONS + MAINTENANCE**

- Added - Maintaining and operating safe, quality parks and recreation facilities for everyone requires ongoing investment over time. Operation and maintenance funding and staffing investment is essential to creating an equitable park system for everyone as the park system expands and ages. (pg. 117)
- Added – **OM5**: Partner with outside organizations to increase equitable park programming opportunities and result in safe and enjoyable park spaces for residents. (pg. 118)
- Added – **OM9**: Ensure adequate funding resources for the Park Ranger Program to all parks to protect resources, foster awareness and stewardship, and provide public safety.

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#### **FUNDING – POLICIES:**

- Added – **F14**: Encourage private and semi-private recreation facilities developed on City-owned land to offer public-use with equitable availability to the public. (pg. 124)
- Added – **F15**: Annually monitor the implementation of this funding strategy and include the use of funds in the City’s annual Development Impact fee report pursuant to the Mitigation Fee Act. (pg. 124)
- Added – **F16**: Develop and regularly update a monitoring program to track the total financial investment each park receives on an annual basis. Use this information to inform future funding prioritization. (pg. 125)

## **Appendix D. Recreation Value Park Scoring Matrix**

### **LOCAL RECREATIONAL VALUE SCORING METHODOGY**

#### **Local Recreational Value in Parks**

- Added – The minimum score for any park shall be no less than 7. (pg. 19)

#### **Cumulative Recreation Value for a Community Planning Area**

- Added – No less than 20% of a Community's local recreational value points must be scored in the Park Size category. (pg. 19)

#### **Site Amenities Category**

All-weather shade cover/pavilion with tables/seating

- Added – footnote #10 Shade covers shall not replace appropriate tree plantings which shall be in accordance with the policies in this plan.

### **AMENITIES/RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES**

Notes:

- Added – Points may be reduced based on park condition and quality. (pg. 21)
- Added – **Note: 3** – Community or Native Demonstration Gardens features includes inclusion of water meter and ample water for plots. (pg. 23)
- Added – **Note 13** – add at minimum one (1) 24" box tree installed for each 1,250 square feet or may have fixed architectural shade element(s) for up to 50% for shading requirement. (pg. 24)

## **Add new Appendix G. Potential Park Investment Opportunities in Communities of Concern**

Identifies list of potential opportunities for park improvements in Communities of Concern