



REPORT

THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO TO THE PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

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SUBJECT: GOLDEN HILL, NORTH PARK AND UPTOWN COMMUNITY PLAN
UPDATES – RECREATION ELEMENTS

SUMMARY

THIS IS AN INFORMATION ITEM TO UPDATE THE PARK AND RECREATION BOARD ON THE GOLDEN HILL, NORTH PARK AND UPTOWN COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATES. NO ACTION IS REQUIRED ON THE PART OF THE PARK AND RECREATION BOARD AT THIS TIME.

BACKGROUND

As part of the City's work program to update community plans, the City embarked on updates to the Golden Hill, North Park and Uptown community plans. The updates started in 2009 with an intensive public outreach effort centered on individual community meetings that included stakeholder committees, neighborhood associations, workshops on key topics, multi-day charrettes, and meetings with the planning group. In addition to soliciting public input through various stakeholder meetings, in August of 2011 the City commissioned a Park and Recreation Needs Assessment for the Golden Hill, North Park and Uptown Communities (Needs Assessment, see Executive Summary, Attachment 1). The assessment was conducted by an independent research consultant to determine how and where the communities currently recreate, their priorities and preferences for future recreational uses and facilities within their communities, as well as consideration of Balboa Park as a recreational resource. The assessment consisted of an objective, statistically-valid, random telephone survey. The survey results, which were representative of the broad and demographically-diverse communities' recreational use patterns and opinions, and were contained in a report presented to each community, were used to help guide the plan updates.

Needs Assessment Priorities for Park and Recreational Facilities:

- Balboa Park should not only be a regional attraction, but also provide local residents

park and recreation amenities.

- Improvement and expansion of local trails, walkways and trail connections to existing parks and Balboa Park.
- Improvement, renovation and enhancement of existing parks and recreation facilities.
- Joint use of school grounds for recreational purposes.

While the City's primary goal is to obtain land for population-based parks, in some communities where vacant land is not available or is cost-prohibitive, the General Plan allows for the use of park equivalencies to be determined by the community and City staff through a set of guidelines. Golden Hill, North Park and Uptown are urban communities where park equivalencies would be appropriate for satisfying some population-based park needs. The recreation elements for these communities include park equivalency categories: joint use facilities; trails located in open space; portions of resource-based parks; and non-traditional park sites.

The first potential park equivalency site that staff studied was Balboa Park and its relationship to the three community plan areas. For Uptown, the western edge of Balboa Park serves the community with the existing 6th Avenue Children's Park and Nate's Point Dog Off-leash Area. Through the update process several other areas along 6th Avenue are identified to provide future neighborhood park amenities as well as provide areas for needed recreation centers. For the North Park and Golden Hill communities, Balboa Park provides several population-based park areas along their boundaries. Additional neighborhood park space is recommended in the Balboa Park East Mesa Precise Plan (BPEMPP), adopted in 1993, and these areas have been incorporated into the draft recreation elements. Key recommendations from the BPEMPP include:

- Redevelopment of Morley Field with typical community park facilities including renovation and expansion of the Bud Kearns Aquatic Complex, a new recreation center, expansion of sports fields and parking areas, and provision of children's play areas, group picnic facilities, and community gathering spaces.
- Redevelopment of the Golden Hill Park area, including its historic landscapes and park features, renovation and expansion of the Golden Hill Recreation Center, and provision of bicycle and waking trails,
- Redevelopment of the Central Operations Station as the Pershing Recreation Complex, which would provide active recreation facilities including sports fields, access to Inspiration Point and parking.

Also studied in the update process is the park equivalency category for trails within city-owned open space. This type of equivalency provides the community with hiking/running trails, interpretive panels, trail kiosks and scenic overlooks. Within the Uptown community there are eight open space canyons that can provide trail recreation amenities and in some cases these trails will link to existing or future parks. North Park and Golden Hill each have two distinct open space canyons that can provide trails and trail amenities. The trails identified in each community will meet the Needs Assessment priority of expanding and enhancing existing trails in and around existing communities.

Joint Use facilities and non-traditional park sites as park equivalencies were also studied and identified in the draft recreation elements. All San Diego Unified School District elementary school sites have been identified as future joint use areas. Non-traditional park sites include future parks on excess Caltrans right-of-way such as the Boundary Street Park in North Park and the conversion of city street right-of-way to park land such as Normal Street Linear Park in Uptown. Through the effort of identifying future parks and park equivalencies each of the community plan areas increased their population-based park acreage and identified the type of park amenities that would best serve their community.

The three draft recreation elements include specific goals and policy recommendations for addressing population-based park and recreation facilities, preservation of these facilities, accessibility to the facilities, and open space lands. These recommendations, along with the goals and policies of the General Plan, provide a comprehensive parks strategy intended to serve Golden Hill, North Park and Uptown's recreational needs over the life of the plan.

DISCUSSION

Golden Hill

Community Profile: Golden Hill is an urbanized community consisting of approximately 745 acres and is located to the south east of Balboa Park and bordered by Interstate 5 to the west, Interstate 15 to the east, and State Highway 94 to the south. It is a community with a long-standing history located adjacent to Balboa Park and in close proximity to Downtown, North Park, Southeastern San Diego and City Heights. Golden Hill is predominantly a residential community with commercial and institutional uses.

General Plan Standards: The projected population for the Golden Hill community at full community development is anticipated to be 22,085. Therefore, according to General Plan guidelines for population-based parks, the community should be served by a minimum of 61.84 useable acres of park land, one recreation center and one-half of an aquatic complex.

Existing and Proposed Parks: Currently there are no existing population-based parks in the Golden Hill community. Through the community plan update process, staff and community members have identified eight sites in Balboa Park and two open spaces trails. Two privately-owned potential park sites, one for a neighborhood park and one for a pocket park have been identified and will require acquisition by purchase.

Existing and Proposed Recreation Centers and Aquatic Complexes: The existing Golden Hill Recreation Center located within Balboa Park is approximately 10,035 square feet in size. It includes a gymnasium, meeting room, kitchen and community clubhouse. To meet the community needs in the future the recreation center will be expanded to be a total of 15,052 square feet and could provide community meetings rooms. The Bud Kerns Aquatic Complex has been identified as the aquatic complex for the community and will be shared with the North Park community. This facility is to be expanded with a state-of-the-art aquatic complex, including a new pool house with lockers and adult and children's pools. For a full description of all the existing and proposed parks and recreation facilities see Table RE-1 within the Golden Hill Recreation Element.

Park and Recreation Facilities Summary: Through this community plan update, City staff and community members have identified approximately 53.66 acres of new park land and park equivalency sites to meet the 61.84 acres of population-based parks needs. The 8.18 acres of population-based park deficit will need to be fulfilled in the future by land acquisitions/donations or park equivalencies. The Recreation Element identifies projects that will provide for the community's recreation center and aquatic complex needs at full community development. These proposals represent significant achievements towards implementing the community's goals and needs. Staff will continue to work with community members to seek future opportunities for provision of parks and recreation facilities through potential land acquisitions, donations, grants and other funding sources for project implementation.

North Park

Community Profile: The North Park community is approximately 1,980 acres and is located in the central core of the City of San Diego. Originally settled at the turn of the century, North Park has evolved into a mixed use area with a diversity of residential uses, strong commercial districts and a growing arts community. It is a community with a long-standing history located adjacent to Balboa Park and in close proximity to Downtown, North Park, Southeastern San Diego and City Heights.

General Plan Standards: The projected population for the North Park community at full community development is anticipated to be 61,965. Therefore, according to General Plan guidelines for population-based parks, the community should be served by a minimum of 173.50 useable acres of park land, 2.48 recreation centers and 1.24 aquatic complexes.

Existing and Proposed Parks: There are approximately 16.37 acres of existing population-based parks within North Park, consisting of: the North Park Community Park, Montclair Neighborhood Park, Cedar Ridge Pocket Park, and four joint use facilities including the Alternative Learning for Behavior and Attitude (ALBA) school, and Birney, Garfield and Jefferson elementary schools. Through the community plan update process, staff and the community have identified future park sites that include: two sites for pocket parks on city owned land; and two sites for pocket parks on undeveloped street rights-of-way. There are 16 sites identified as park equivalencies, including: five joint use facilities, six sites within Balboa Park, two open space trails, and three non-traditional park sites. One privately-owned potential park site for a mini-park has been identified and will require acquisition by purchase.

Existing and Proposed Recreation Centers and Aquatic Complexes: Existing Recreation Centers include the North Park Recreation Center located in North Park Community Park, approximately 11,232 square feet, which includes a gymnasium, meeting room, and kitchen. To meet the community needs in the future the North Park Recreation Center will be expanded to be a total of 17,000 square feet. The existing Senior Center at the north end of North Park Community Park is proposed to be removed and replaced with a recreation center, approximately 3,000 square feet, at the proposed Renaissance at North Park development. The existing Pétanque Center, approximately 1,548 square feet, located in Morley Field within Balboa Park will be expanded to be a total of 5,160 square feet and provide additional community meeting rooms. In addition, a new recreation center, approximately 17,000 square feet, is proposed at

Morley Field within Balboa Park, along the southern boundary of the community. This new facility will provide typical components that could include a gymnasium, multi-purpose rooms, kitchen, and other community serving facilities. The Bud Kerns Aquatic Complex has been identified as the aquatic complex for the community and will be shared with the Golden Hill Community; see the description above in Golden Hill for future improvements. For a full description of all the existing and proposed parks and recreation facilities see Table RE-1 within the North Park Recreation Element.

Park and Recreation Facilities Summary: Through this community plan update, City staff and community members have identified approximately 16.37 acres of existing population-based parks and 94.17 acres of potential future parks and park equivalencies, resulting in a 62.96 acre deficit. The deficit will need to be fulfilled in the future by land acquisitions/donations or park equivalencies. The Recreation Element identifies existing and new recreation centers that will provide for the community's recreation center and aquatic complex needs. These park and recreation proposals represent significant achievements towards implementing the community's goals and needs. Staff will continue to work with community members to seek future opportunities for provision of parks and recreation facilities through grants and other funding sources for project implementation.

Uptown

Community Profile: The Uptown community planning area is approximately 2,700 acres, or approximately 4.2 square miles in size. The planning area is located just north of Downtown San Diego. It is bounded on the north by the steep hillsides of Mission Valley, on the east by Park Boulevard and Balboa Park, and on the west and south by Old San Diego and Interstate 5. Uptown contains some of the oldest and most distinctive neighborhoods in San Diego. The current population of Uptown is approximately 37,887 or three percent of the City's total population. The area consists of single family residential uses, apartments and condominiums, commercial and office uses, and two large hospitals; University of California and Mercy Hospital.

General Plan Standards: The projected population for the Uptown community at full community development is anticipated to be 56,025. Therefore, according to General Plan guidelines for population-based parks, the community should be served by a minimum of 156.87 useable acres of park land, 2.4 recreation centers, and 1.12 aquatic complexes.

Existing and Proposed Parks: Existing population-based parks within Uptown, approximately 18.21 acres, consist of Mission Hills/Pioneer Park, Old Trolley Barn Neighborhood Park, West Lewis Street Pocket Park, Birney Elementary and Roosevelt Middle School Joint Use Facilities and the Sixth Avenue Children's Play Area in Balboa Park. Through the community plan update process, staff and the community have identified four city-owned park sites that are currently planned and two other city-owned potential sites have been identified. Additionally, 21 sites have been identified as potential park equivalencies, including four joint use facilities, of which two are existing, eight sites within Balboa Park, one site within Presidio Park, eight open space trails and one non-traditional park site. Five privately-owned potential park sites, one for a neighborhood park and four for pocket parks, have been identified and will require acquisition by purchase. For a full description of all the existing and proposed parks and recreation Facilities see Table RE-1 within the Uptown Recreation Element.

Existing and Proposed Recreation Centers and Aquatic Complexes: There are currently no existing city operated recreation centers in Uptown. Three new recreation centers are planned for Uptown and they include: a new recreation facility, approximately 10,700 square feet, adjacent to the Redwood Recreation Center in Balboa Park; the replacement of the existing Balboa Club with a 17,000 square foot building in Balboa Park; and a joint use facility at Grant K-8 School Gymnasium, approximately 10,500 square feet.. These proposed facilities will meet Uptown's recreation center needs at community build out. Similarly, a proposed Uptown aquatic complex is planned to meet the community's aquatic complex needs at full community development at a site to be determined within the Uptown community.

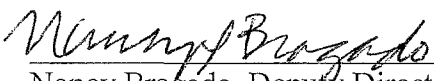
Park and Recreation Facilities Summary: Through this community plan update, City staff and community members have identified approximately 18.21 acres of existing population-based parks and 80.93 acres of proposed future parks and park equivalencies, resulting in a 57.73 acre deficit. The deficit will need to be fulfilled in the future by land acquisitions/donations or park equivalencies. The Recreation Element identifies existing and new recreation centers that will provide for the community's recreation center needs and an aquatic complex. These park and recreation proposals represent significant achievements towards implementing the community's goals and needs. Staff will continue to work with community members to seek future opportunities for provision of parks and recreation facilities through grants and other funding sources for project implementation.

CONCLUSION

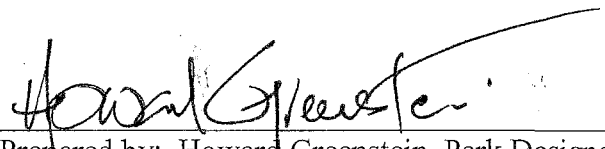
The draft Community plan updates are currently being reviewed by each of the three community planning groups. Staff will continue to work with the planning groups to incorporate their comments, as well as the Planning Commission and the Park and Recreation Board comments, into the draft community plan recreation elements. Staff and the Golden Hill, North Park and Uptown Community planning groups will also work together on developing the respective Impact Fee Studies (IFS) and reviewing the Draft EIR. The environmental consultant team is currently preparing the first screen check EIR and staff anticipates the draft EIR being released in fall of 2015 along with the final drafts of the community plans, zoning programs and IFSs. The proposed community plan updates will then return to the Park and Recreation Board for final recommendations regarding the recreation elements, and will then go to the Planning Commission for recommendations, and to the City Council for adoption.

In order to assist staff in completing the draft community plans for Golden Hill, North Park and Uptown, input from the Park and Recreation Board, and the public, is requested and welcomed.

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Attachments:

1. Park and Recreation Needs Assessment, Executive Summary
2. Draft Greater Golden Hill Community Plan, Recreation Element
3. Draft North Park Community Plan, Recreation Element
4. Draft Uptown Community Plan, Recreation Element

The complete Draft Uptown Community Plan Update can now be accessed at the following website:

<http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/profiles/uptown/index.shtml>

The complete Draft Greater Golden Hill and North Park Community Plan Updates should be available at the following websites in July 2015:

<http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/profiles/greatergoldenhill/index.shtml>

<http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/profiles/greaternorthpark/index.shtml>

The Balboa Park East Mesa Precise Plan can be accessed at the following website:

<http://www.sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation/pdf/parkdesign/bpempp.pdf>

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY

The City of San Diego partnered with BW Research Partnership, Inc. (BW Research) to conduct a parks and recreation needs assessment of the Greater Golden Hill, North Park and Uptown community planning areas.

The main research objectives of the study were to understand residents in each of the three community planning areas as follows:

- Overall parks and recreation usage;
- Priorities as they relate to current and potential parks and recreation facilities;
- Attitudes and opinions regarding parks and recreation preferences.

METHODOLOGY OVERVIEW

The survey of residents in the three community planning areas was administered from March 3 through 19, 2011 and averaged 14 minutes in length. In total, a statistically representative sample of 475 adult (18 and older) residents in the three community planning areas (175 in North Park, 175 in Uptown, and 125 in Greater Golden Hill) completed a telephone survey, both with landline and mobile phones, resulting in a maximum margin of error +/- 4.48 percent (at the 95 percent level of confidence) for questions answered by all 475 respondents. Analysis of sub-groups, such as results presented by community planning area, will have a margin of error higher than +/- 4.48 percent.

Prior to beginning data collection, BW Research conducted interviewer training and also pre-tested the survey instrument to ensure that all the words and questions were easily understood by respondents. Interviews were generally conducted from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm Monday through Friday and 10:00 am to 2:00 pm on Saturday and Sunday to ensure that residents who commuted or were not at home during the week had an opportunity to participate.

Prior to analysis, BW Research examined the demographic characteristics of the 475 respondents who completed a survey to the known universe of residents 18 years and older using the San Diego Association of Government's (SANDAG's) 2010 demographic estimates for the three community planning areas. It is estimated that among the three community planning area's 105,829 residents, 82,884 are 18 years and older. After examining the dimensions of the respondents' neighborhood, ethnicity, and age, the data were weighted to more closely represent the universe of adult residents and maximize generalizability of the results.

For a more detailed account of the project methodology, please go to the methodology section on page 44.

KEY FINDINGS

Based on the analysis of the survey data, BW Research is pleased to present the City of San Diego with the following key findings. Please refer to the body of the report for a more comprehensive analysis of findings, including comparisons among resident sub-groups.

- Within the past 12 months, close to nine out of ten residents in each community planning area lived in a household that had visited a park or outdoor recreational area in their neighborhood (91% North Park, 88% Uptown, and 87% Greater Golden Hill).
 - Frequent visitation (once a week to daily) of neighborhood parks and outdoor recreation areas was reported by about half the residents in each of the communities (54% Greater Golden Hill, 53% North Park, and 48% Uptown).
- Frequent visitation (once a week or more) of Balboa Park was reported by a majority of residents in each of the communities except Greater Golden Hill (60% Uptown, 55% North Park, 37% Greater Golden Hill).
- Individual activities (walking with or without a dog, jogging/ running, and relaxing) were the most frequently reported activities in neighborhood parks and Balboa Park by residents in all three communities.
- Overall satisfaction (“Very satisfied” plus “Somewhat satisfied”) with neighborhood parks and outdoor recreational areas was high, exceeding or at the 84 percent level in each of the three communities (92% Uptown, 87% North Park, 84% Greater Golden Hill). Approximately half of respondents indicated they were “Very satisfied.”
- In general, residents placed a high priority on improving and enhancing parks.
 - Residents in Greater Golden Hill and Uptown rated the improvement and enhancement of existing parks and recreation facilities as the most important (“Extremely important” plus “Important”) priority (77% Greater Golden Hill, 68% Uptown). North Park residents placed a comparable level of overall importance on expanding and improving the trails, paths, and walkways in and around their community (73%) and improving and enhancing existing park and recreation facilities (72%).
 - The renovation and improvement of existing neighborhood parks was reported by residents in all three communities as the highest investment priority for future parks and recreation facilities (79% Greater Golden Hill, 63% North Park, 49% Uptown).
 - The improvement of school grounds so they can be better used by residents for recreational activities was reported as the highest alternative parks and recreation facilities investment priority in Greater Golden Hill (71%) and North Park (63%). Investing in small parks or trails that connect to existing parks including Balboa Park (60.8%) and improving school grounds (60.2%) received comparable ratings for the highest priority among Uptown residents.

- An overwhelming majority of residents in each of the three communities supported the use of Balboa Park for local parks and recreation (82% North Park, 74% Greater Golden Hill, 69% Uptown).
- More than half of North Park and Uptown residents preferred smaller neighborhood parks closer to home (58% and 53%) compared to larger community parks with more resources (31% and 37%). Greater Golden Hill residents were split almost evenly with 49 percent preferring smaller parks and 47 percent preferring larger parks.
- Overall, 73 percent of the 475 respondents lived in a household that used the trails or walkways in their neighborhood for general exercise and recreation or to get to other parks and recreation facilities in the last 12 months (77% Uptown, 76% Greater Golden Hill, 69% North Park).
 - Approximately four out of ten residents in each of the three communities reported using neighborhood trails and walkways at least once a week to just about every day (45% Greater Golden Hill, 41% Uptown, 40% North Park).
- An overwhelming majority of residents reported walking for exercise as the top use of neighborhood trails and walkways (81% Greater Golden Hill, 75% Uptown, 72% North Park).
- Overall satisfaction (“Very satisfied” plus “Somewhat satisfied”) with neighborhood trails and walkways was high, exceeding 80 percent in all three communities (89% Greater Golden Hill, 88% North Park, 81% Uptown).

CONCLUSIONS

BW Research offers the following conclusions from the Uptown, Greater Golden Hill, and North Park Neighborhood Survey for the City of San Diego.

Park and Recreation Priorities for the Three Communities

The residents of the three communities in the City of San Diego – Greater Golden Hill, North Park, and Uptown – represent a diverse population within San Diego by age, ethnicity, and annual income status. Given the high level of diversity within these communities, it is important to note that the survey results revealed consistent themes related to planning and investment priorities related to the City's park and recreational resources. The survey evaluated priorities in both traditional parks and recreation facilities including existing parks and city pools as well as alternative parks and recreation facilities including roof-top parks, school grounds, and trails that provide recreational opportunities.

Improving and enhancing existing park and recreational facilities – was consistently important to residents in the three communities, with over two-thirds of residents from each community indicating it was important or very important. Throughout the survey, residents seemed to indicate a preference for improving and developing what is already there rather than creating something new.

Expanding and enhancing existing trails, paths, and walkways in and around existing communities – was another important priority for over 60 percent of residents from each of the three communities. Given the high usage of parks and trails for walking, running, and exercising, any investment in developing trails, paths, and walkways is likely to show a high return on investment for residents in terms of usage and impact on satisfaction.

Improving school grounds so they can be better used by residents for recreational activities – was another recreational priority that over 60 percent of residents from each community indicated should be a high priority. Overall, residents consistently supported the idea of building upon the resources and facilities that are already in place rather than building or developing completely new infrastructure.

Small parks or trails that connect to existing parks including Balboa Park – was also seen as a high priority for over 57 percent of residents from each of the three communities. This priority is consistent with residents overall view that Balboa Park should not only be a regional attraction, but also provide local residents park and recreational amenities.

Local residents' priorities for park and recreational resources were generally consistent with their usage behavior of these same resources. Survey results indicated that residents used local parks regularly, over half lived in a household that used a local park at least once a week and over half walked, ran, or exercised in Balboa Park regularly. And over 40 percent of residents lived in a household that used the local trails, paths, and walkways at least on a weekly basis.

Satisfaction with Parks and Trails

Between 80 and 92 percent of residents in each of the three communities reported satisfaction with the neighborhood parks and trails that the City provides. The results of the survey provide a valuable baseline assessment for overall satisfaction with these key components of the City's park and recreational assets.

The tables below display overall satisfaction with neighborhood parks and neighborhood trails, paths, and walkway. The overall satisfaction grade is based on the objective of achieving at least 90 percent total satisfaction and 50 percent very satisfied from residents in each of the respective communities.

Table 1: Satisfaction with Neighborhood Parks and Outdoor Recreational Areas

| Neighborhood Parks & Outdoor Rec. Areas | | |
|--|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Community | Satisfaction Grade | Total / Very Satisfied |
| Greater Golden Hill | B+ | (84% / 54%) |
| North Park | B+ | (87% / 46%) |
| Uptown | A | (92% / 52%) |
| Overall (3 Communities) | B+ | (88% / 49%) |

Table 2: Satisfaction with Neighborhood Trails and Walkways

| Neighborhood Trails and Walkways | | |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Community | Satisfaction Grade | Total / Very Satisfied |
| Greater Golden Hill | B+ | (89% / 39%) |
| North Park | B+ | (88% / 42%) |
| Uptown | B- | (81% / 35%) |
| Overall (3 Communities) | B | (85% / 39%) |

For additional detail on the research findings and a complete assessment of the survey results, please proceed to the body of the report beginning on the next page.

Charts presented throughout this report display survey results by community planning area. Appendix A presents the overall results across the 475 respondents.

7.0 RECREATION ELEMENT

In this Section:

7.1 Parks & Recreation Facilities

7.2 Preservation

7.3 Accessibility

7.4 Open Space Lands & Resource-Based Parks

INTRODUCTION

The Golden Hill Community Plan Recreation Element includes goals and recommendations addressing the following topic areas: Parks and Recreation Facilities, Preservation, Accessibility, and Open Space Lands and Resource-based Parks. These goals and recommendations, along with the broader goals and policies of the General Plan and the Balboa Park East Mesa Precise Plan (BPEMPP), provide a comprehensive parks strategy intended to accommodate the community at full community development.

In addition to soliciting public input through various stakeholder meetings and the community plan update advisory committees, in August of 2011, the City commissioned a Park and Recreation Needs Assessment for the Golden Hill, North Park and Uptown Communities. The assessment was conducted by an independent research consultant to determine how and where the communities currently recreate, their priorities and preferences for future recreational uses and facilities within their communities, as well as, consideration of Balboa Park as a recreational resource. The assessment consisted of an objective, statistically-valid, random telephone survey. The survey results, which were representative of the broad and demographically-diverse communities' recreational use patterns and opinions, were contained in a report presented to each community, and have been incorporated into this plan update where appropriate. (See Appendix B for a summary of the Park and Recreation Needs Assessment.)

GOALS

- ❖ To create a sustainable park and recreation system that meets the needs of Golden Hill residents and visitors which serves a variety of users, such as children, the elderly population, persons with disabilities, and the underserved teenage population.
- ❖ To provide parks and recreation facilities that keep pace with the Golden Hill Community population growth through timely acquisition of available land and development of new facilities.
- ❖ To increase the quantity and quality of recreation facilities in Golden Hill through the promotion of alternative methods, such as park equivalencies, where development of typical facilities and infrastructure may be limited by land constraints.
- ❖ To preserve, protect and enhance the integrity and quality of existing parks, open space, and recreation programs in the Golden Hill Community.
- ❖ To create a sustainable park and recreation system that meets the needs of Golden Hill residents by using 'green' technology and sustainable practices in all new and retrofitted projects.

- ❖ To preserve, protect and manage the natural, cultural, and historic resources that serve as recreation facilities in the Golden Hill Community.
- ❖ Enhance recreation facilities in Golden Hill by optimizing pedestrian, bicycle, public transit, automobile, and alternative modes of travel.
- ❖ Design all new recreation facilities for an inter-connected park and open space system that is integrated into and accessible to Golden Hill Community residents.
- ❖ Retrofit all existing park and recreational facilities to meet the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to accommodate persons with all disabilities as funding becomes available.
- ❖ Provide a balance of recreational facilities in the Golden Hill Community that are available for programmed and non-programmed uses.
- ❖ Create comprehensive pedestrian and bicycle connections between parks and open space lands within the Golden Hill Community, as well as to surrounding communities.
- ❖ Provide an open space and resource-based park system in the Golden Hill Community that provides for the preservation and management of significant natural and man-made resources.
- ❖ Protect the natural terrain and drainage systems of Golden Hill's open space lands and resource-based parks to preserve the natural habitat and cultural resources.
- ❖ Provide a system of pedestrian paths and bikeways linking population-based parks with resource-based parks and open space lands within the Golden Hill Community.

7.1 Parks & Recreation Facilities

Parks & Recreation Facilities Standards

The City General Plan Recreation Element describes three categories of parks within the City of San Diego: Open Space Lands, Resource-based Parks, and Population-based Parks (See Section RE-4 Open Space Lands and Resource-Based Parks for descriptions). Population-based parks and recreation facilities are typically located within close proximity to residents and are intended to serve the daily recreational needs of the neighborhoods and community. The General Plan standard is to provide a minimum of 2.8 useable acres of public park land per 1,000 residents.

There are six categories of population-based parks: 1) major park; 2) community park; 3) neighborhood park; 4) mini-park; 5) pocket park or plaza; and 6) special activity park. A recreation center, typically 17,000 square feet in size, should be provided for every 25,000 residents, and an aquatic complex should be provided for every 50,000 residents. The General Plan Recreation Element, Table RE-2, Parks Guidelines, provides the descriptions and minimum standards for these park and recreation facilities.

Existing & Future Population – Based Parks & Recreation Facilities

At full community development, the projected population for the Golden Hill Community is 22,085. Therefore, according to General Plan Guidelines for population-based parks, the community should be served by a minimum of 61.84 useable acres of park land at full community development. Additionally, at full community development, the projected population warrants approximately one recreation center equivalent to approximately 15,000 square feet in size, and approximately one-half of an aquatic complex.

General Plan Guideline - Parks: $22,085 \text{ people} \div 1,000 = 22.09 \times 2.8 \text{ acres} = 61.84 \text{ acres of population-based parks}$
General Plan Guideline - Recreation Center: $(17,000 \text{ square feet}) \text{ serves population of } 25,000: 22,085 \text{ people} \div 25,000 \text{ people} = 0.88 \text{ Recreation Center}$
General Plan Guideline - Aquatic Complex: $\text{serves population of } 50,000: 22,085 \text{ people} \div 50,000 \text{ people} = 0.44 \text{ Aquatic Complex}$

Currently, there are no existing population-based parks or recreation facilities within the community.

Opportunities for additional park land and recreation facilities within the Golden Hill Community are anticipated to come primarily through redevelopment of private and public properties and through the application of park equivalencies. While the City’s primary goal is to obtain land for population-based parks, where vacant land is limited, unavailable or is cost-prohibitive, the City’s General Plan allows for the application of park equivalencies to be determined by the community and City staff through a set of guidelines. Facilities that may be considered as population-based park equivalencies include:

- 1) Joint use facilities;
- 2) Trails through open space;
- 3) Portions of resource-based parks;
- 4) Privately-owned, publicly-used parks;

- 5) Non-traditional parks, such as roof top or indoor recreation facilities; and
- 6) Facility or building expansion or upgrades.

The Golden Hill Community is an urbanized community where park equivalencies are appropriate for satisfying some of the community's population-based needs. The community and City staff identified and evaluated population-based park and recreation opportunities, as well as potential park equivalency sites, for their recreational value, uses and functions, public accessibility, consistency with General Plan policies and guidelines, and other land use policy documents (e.g., Balboa Park Master Plan and Balboa Park East Mesa Precise Plan (BPEMPP)). Creation of joint use facilities within the Golden Hill Community schools were considered and determined to be infeasible at this time or in the foreseeable future due to constrained sites; joint use should be pursued in the future if school sites are expanded or redeveloped which frees up land that could be utilized for recreational purposes.

However, it was determined that a variety of sites and facilities within and adjacent to the Golden Hill Community do, or could, serve as population-based parks or park equivalencies. The following Table RE-1, Population-Based Parks and Recreation Facilities Inventory and Recommendations, summarizes the existing and proposed parks and equivalencies that have been selected by the Golden Hill Community to serve their park and recreation needs. The table also includes recommendations contained in the BPEMPP for the Neighborhood Edge, where appropriate, as well as recommendations generated by the community and City staff for facilities outside of Balboa Park.

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**Table RE-1 POPULATION-BASED PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES
INVENTORY AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

| PARKS/RECREATION FACILITIES | EXISTING USEABLE | FUTURE USEABLE | PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES LOCATIONS AND DESCRIPTIONS | PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES RECOMMENDATIONS |
|---|------------------|----------------|--|---|
| Major Parks | | | | |
| None | | | | |
| Community Parks | | | | |
| None | | | | |
| Neighborhood Parks | | | | |
| 32 nd Street Neighborhood Park | | 3.81 | Proposed neighborhood park located on 7 parcels of privately-owned property, between C Street and Broadway. The City Public Utilities Dept. may acquire the site for a groundwater production facility which could be incorporated into active and passive recreational facilities | Acquire, design and construct passive recreational facilities, such as open turf areas, walkways, security lighting, site furniture, signage, public art and landscaping. If City Public Utilities Dept. acquires land coordinate active and passive recreational facilities on site. |
| Mini Parks | | | | |
| None | | | | |
| Pocket Parks/Plazas | | | | |
| Broadway and Glendale Avenue Pocket Park | | 0.08 | Proposed pocket park located on undeveloped street right-of-way to accommodate passive recreational uses. | Vacate street right-of-way, acquire land, design and construct passive recreation, such as walkways, security lighting, site furniture, signage, public art and landscaping. |
| Special Activity Parks | | | | |
| None | | | | |

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| Recreation Centers | | | | |
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| Golden Hill Recreation Center (within Balboa Park) | N/A | N/A | Existing 10,035 sq. ft. community-oriented recreation facility located in Golden Hill Community Park with existing amenities including an indoor gymnasium, a meeting room, kitchen and community clubhouse. | Expand recreation center to 15,052 sq. ft. by adding 5,017 sq. ft. in one or more building structures on site. |
| Aquatic Complexes | | | | |
| Bud Kearns Aquatic Complex (within the Morley Field area of Balboa Park) | N/A | N/A | Existing aquatic complex located in North Park on Upas Street, with an existing pool and support facilities that are undersized and outdated, not accessible to physically disabled residents, and operational costs are excessive due to water leakage through cracks in the pool. (Shared between the Golden Hill and North Park Communities) | Replace existing public pool facilities with expanded state-of-the-art aquatic complex to serve the Golden Hill and North Park Communities' aquatic needs. Renovate and expand existing pool house and provide universal access and water amenities, such as children's wading pool with water play element, therapeutic pool facilities, as well as water heating facilities from solar, or methane gas from the Arizona Landfill collection system consistent with the recommendations in the Balboa Park East Mesa Precise Plan. |
| PARK EQUIVALENCY | EXISTING USEABLE | FUTURE USEABLE | PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES DESCRIPTIONS | PARK AND RECREATION FACILITIES RECOMMENDATIONS |
| Joint Use Facilities | | | | |
| None | | | | |
| Trails: Useable acres credit for trails was determined by multiplying the linear footage of trail by 24'-0" width and divided by one acre in square feet (43,560) | | | | |

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| 32 nd Street Canyon Open Space Trails | | 1.98 | Proposed trail amenities along existing trails located in the 32 nd Street Canyon Open Space. | Design and construct trail amenities along existing trails (3,604 lineal feet) such as trailheads, kiosk, way-finding maps, interpretive signs, protective fencing, native landscaping, trash and recycling containers, benches and overlooks, where needed and appropriate for the trail type as determined by City. |
| 34 th Street Canyon Open Space Trails | | 2.69 | Proposed new trail segment and trail amenities along existing trails located in the 34 nd Street Canyon Street Open Space. | Design and construct 142' lineal feet of new trails and trail amenities along existing trails (4,754 lineal feet), such as trailheads, kiosk, wayfinding maps, interpretive signs, protective fencing, native landscaping, trash and recycling containers, benches and overlooks, where needed and appropriate for the trail type as determined by City. |
| Portion of Resource-Based Parks | | | | |
| 28 th Street Park (within Balboa Park) | | 3.05 | Proposed park equivalency located on 28 th Street, with existing park amenities that include a children's play area, picnic tables, benches, lawn areas, and a comfort station. | Design and construct an additional 2.62 acres of passive recreation by expanding the children's play area, providing additional picnic tables and benches, and upgrading/replacing the comfort station. |
| Golden Hill Community Garden (within Balboa Park) | | 0.28 | Proposed park equivalency located on Russ Blvd. with an existing, approximately 5,000 square foot community garden area ; operated and maintained by a not-for-profit entity. | Design and construct an additional 7,500 sq. ft. area and provide site amenities for gardeners and community visitors, alike, such as additional gardening plots, potting shed, communal gathering or stage area, shade structure, passive seating/picnicking, site furniture, fencing, security lighting, and public art. |
| Golden Hill Community Park | | 7.26 | Proposed park equivalency located on 26 th | Design and construct expanded recreational and |

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| (within Balboa Park) | | | Street with existing park amenities that include a multi-purpose lighted sports field which supports youth and adult softball and baseball, two outdoor basketball courts, one handball court, passive lawn areas with picnic facilities, a comfort station and a children's play area. | support facilities, including approximately 1.0 acre of additional parking, and security lighting, to accommodate future uses and special community events. |
| Golden Hill Park (within Balboa Park) | | 12.53 | Proposed park equivalency located on Russ Blvd. with existing park amenities that include a loop road with three small individual parking areas, passive multi-purpose turf areas and views to downtown. | Design and construct additional park amenities to support neighborhood passive recreation; enhance the gateway into the park area with park signage. |
| Golden Hill Pocket Park (within Balboa Park) | | 0.61 | Proposed park equivalency located adjacent to the Golden Hill Community Garden area. | Design and construct passive recreational uses, such as a children's play area, parking area, security lighting, accessible walkways and landscaping. |
| Grape Street Park (within Balboa Park) | | 6.37 | Proposed park equivalency located on Grape Street with existing park amenities that include a dog off-leash area, open lawn area, picnic tables, and a comfort station. | Design and construct upgrades to the dog off-leash area such as additional fencing and drinking fountains; provide passive recreation improvements, including children's play area site furniture, security lighting, walkways, landscaping; and upgrade/replace the comfort station. |
| Pershing Recreation Complex (within Balboa Park) | | 5.00 | Proposed park equivalency located at the corner of Pershing Dr. and 26 th Street. This site is currently used by City Central Operations Station facilities. This facility is a total of 15 acres and will be shared with; North Park; Golden Hill and Uptown. | Design and construct a community park/sports complex with active recreation facilities consistent with the recommendations in the BPEMPP, subsequent to relocation of non-park, City facilities. |

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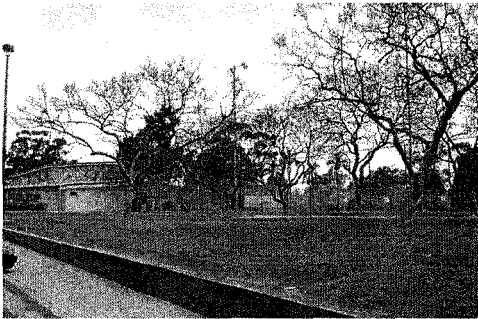
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| Skate Park/Bike Skills Park (within Balboa Park) | | 10.0 | Proposed park equivalency located along Pershing Drive. Facility is a total of 20 acres and will be shared with North Park and Golden Hill. | Design and construct an above-ground skate park and/or Bike Skills/BMX track, and support facilities, such as parking lot and portable restrooms. Amendment of the BPEMPP may be necessary. |
| Privately-Owned Park Sites | | | | |
| None | | | | |
| Non-Traditional Park Sites | | | | |
| None | | | | |
| Facility or Building Expansion or Upgrade | | | | |
| None | | | | |

SUMMARY OF EXISTING AND PROPOSED POPULATION-BASED PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES

| POPULATION BASED PARKS | USEABLE ACRES |
|--|-------------------|
| Existing Population-based Parks and Park Equivalencies | 0.00 acres |
| Proposed Population-based Parks and Park Equivalencies | 53.66 acres |
| Total Existing and Proposed Population-based Parks and Equivalencies | 53.66 acres |
| Population-based Park Requirements at full community development | 61.84 acres |
| Population-based park deficit at full community development | 8.18 acres |
| RECREATION CENTER | |
| Existing Recreation Center: Golden Hill Recreation Center | 10,035 SF |
| Proposed Recreation Center addition: Golden Hill Recreation Center | 5,017 SF |
| Total Existing and Proposed Recreation Center | 15,052 SF |
| Recreation Center Requirement at full community development | 15,052 SF |

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|---|-------------------|
| Recreation Center deficit at full community development | No deficit |
| AQUATIC COMPLEX | UNIT |
| Existing Aquatic Complex | 0 |
| Proposed Aquatic Complex: Bud Kearns Community Swimming Pool | 1.68* |
| Total Existing and Proposed Aquatic Complex: | 1.68* |
| Aquatic Complex Requirement at full community development | .44* |
| Aquatic Complex deficit at full community development | No deficit |
| *Bud Kearns Community Swimming Pool will be shared. Greater Golden Hill requires 0.44, and North Park requires 1.24, aquatic complexes. The proposed, larger facility will satisfy the combined requirements (1.68 aquatic complexes) for both communities. | |

Currently, no population-based park land exists in Greater Golden Hill. Through this community plan update, City staff and community members have identified new park land and park equivalency sites to meet most of the community’s population-based park requirements. The plan identifies projects that will provide all of the recreation center space and the aquatics complex facilities required to serve the community at full projected development. These proposals represent significant achievements towards implementing the community’s goals. Staff will continue to work with community members to seek future opportunities for provision of parks and recreation facilities. In addition to the inclusion of these projects in Greater Golden Hill’s Public Facilities Financing Plan, identification of potential donations, grants and other funding sources for project implementation will be an ongoing effort. Figure RE-1, Parks, Recreation Facilities and Open Space, depicts the approximate locations of existing and proposed open space, parks, recreation facilities and park equivalencies. Note: Identification of private property as a potential park site does not preclude permitted development per the designated land use or underlying zone.



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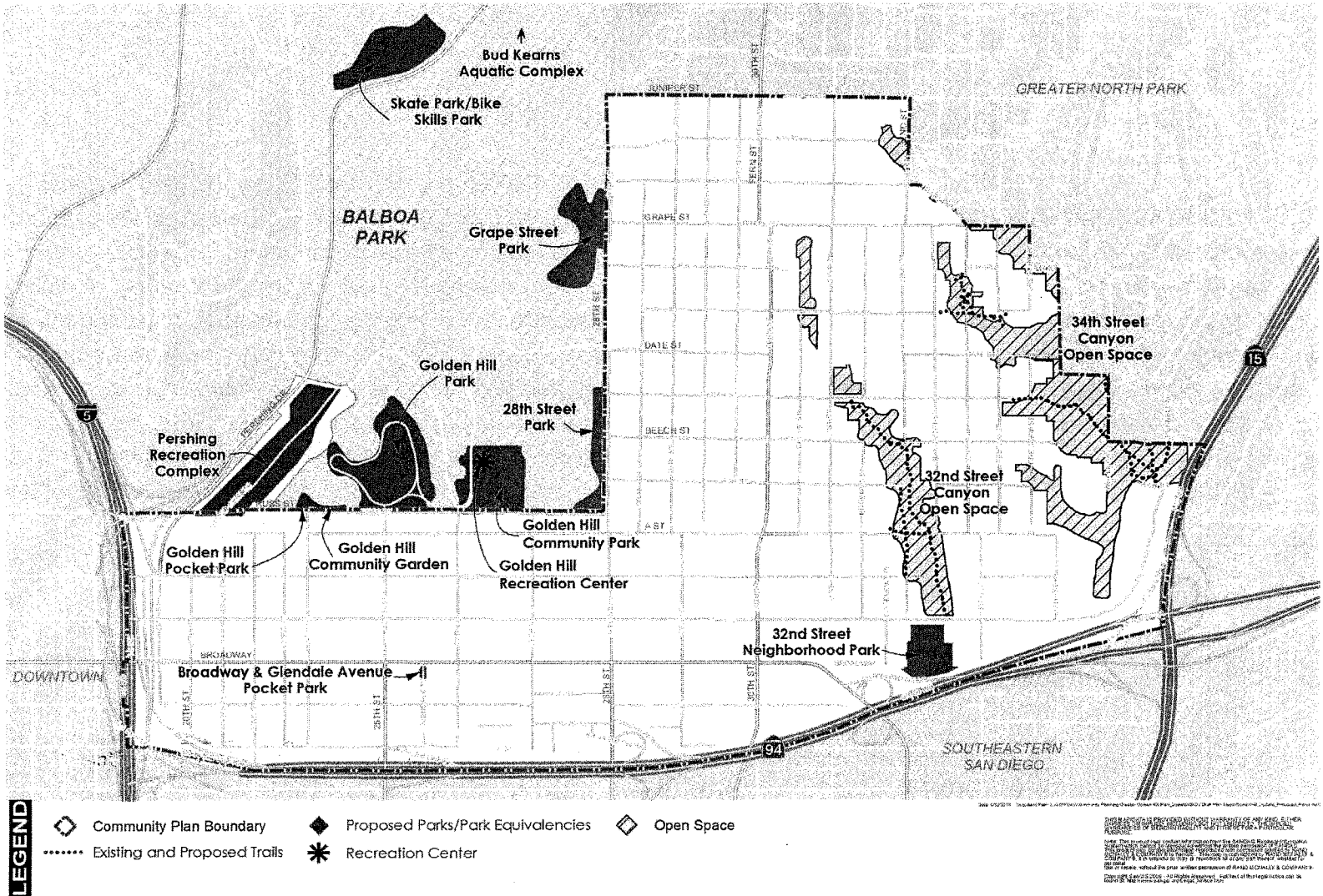


FIGURE RE-1 : Parks, Recreation Facilities and Open Space



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- RE-1.1 Pursue the land acquisition, design and construction of new public parks and recreation facilities with a special effort to locate them in park deficient areas of the community. Seek opportunities to increase park land through urban infill and redevelopment proposals and acquisition of available private property.
- RE-1.2 Pursue park equivalencies as opportunities arise, and as identified in Table RE-1, Population-Based Parks and Recreation Facilities Inventory and Recommendations.
- RE-1.3 In areas of the community where there are land constraints, encourage new private development proposals to include recreational facilities within their land holdings to serve existing, as well as new, residents. Provision of park and recreation amenities should be considered on rooftops of buildings and parking structures, and/or on the ground level or within new buildings.
- RE-1.4 As public agency land or buildings are redeveloped, active or passive recreation should be incorporated into the buildings, or the surrounding exterior, where space allows.
- RE-1.5 Increase recreational opportunities by acquiring and developing land through street/alley rights-of-way vacations (paper streets), where appropriate and legally defensible, to provide for park and recreation uses.
- RE-1.6 Encourage development of pocket parks and plazas within residential/mixed use developments , and clustered with other public facilities.
- RE-1.7 Promote safety of Golden Hill parks by providing park designs that incorporate the City's 'Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design' (CPTED) measures (see General Plan Policy UD-A.17).
- RE-1.8 Implement recommendations contained in the Balboa Park East Mesa Precise Plan (BPEMPP) which specifically serve the existing and future park needs of the Greater Golden Hill Community, particularly as follows:
- Provide improvements at park entries: Grape St. at 28th St., Date St. at 28th St., 25th St. at Russ Blvd., and 26th St. at Russ Blvd.
 - Reconstruct/restore the historic stone fountain located at the head of the southwestern canyon adjacent to Golden Hill Park to its original character; accommodate the use of reclaimed water, when available.

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- Create a neighborhood-oriented gateway feature at the entrance to Golden Hill Park, near the intersection of Russ Blvd. and 25th Street. Improvements may include a small plaza, water feature, public art, etc.
- Provide interpretative, way-finding and regulatory signage for orientation to park users at view points and park entries.
- Provide a pedestrian sidewalk along Golf Course Drive connecting the Golden Hill Recreation Center to the Balboa Park Golf Course Clubhouse and the park entry at the corner of Date St. and 28th St.
- Reorganize parking at the Golden Hill Recreation Center to provide a total of 140 spaces; remove parking along Russ Blvd. and convert 64 park spaces on the west side of Golf Course Drive to temporary, overflow parking only.
- Plant new trees to replenish those reaching maturity within the Neighborhood Edge adjacent to the Golden Hill Community, including date palms reminiscent of the Victorian era, as well as Savannah and Garden representative species.
- Replenish oak tree plantings within the Memorial Oak Grove and establish native perennial grasses and wildflowers within open areas in the grove.
- Provide adequate security lighting along sidewalks, pathways and within parking areas.
- Replace the Bud Kearns Community Swimming Pool with an aquatic complex sized to accommodate both the North Park and Greater Golden Hill Communities' needs, including a new pool house which is solar heated or heated by methane gas from the Arizona Landfill collection system.
- Design and construct the proposed Pershing Recreation Complex to serve the North Park, Greater Golden Hill and Uptown Communities.

RE-1.9 Expand the Golden Hill Recreation Center to approximately 15,052 square feet by enclosing underutilized exterior space, adding a second floor and/or constructing/expanding a secondary building on south side of the existing multipurpose field to accommodate the recreation needs of existing and future residents at full community development.

RE-1.10 Design and construct a skate park/bike skills park within the Arizona Landfill, if feasible, or elsewhere within the community at a location to be determined.

- RE-1.11 Pursue lease agreements with public agencies (e.g., San Diego Unified School District, Caltrans, etc.) to incorporate active or passive recreation into existing buildings or surrounding grounds, where non-programmed space is available and appropriate for public use.
- RE-1.12 Pursue a lease agreement with Caltrans for the development of a freeway lid to be improved with park facilities over SR-94 in the vicinity of 24th – 26th Streets.

7.2 Preservation

The demand for park and recreation opportunities will continue to grow as the population of the Golden Hill Community continues to grow. Undeveloped land for parks has already become difficult to find in the Golden Hill Community making preservation of the existing open space and resource-based parks essential to providing recreation opportunities in this community. Preservation can include improvements to existing facilities to increase their life span, or expand their uses and sustainability. The Golden Hill Community Park and Recreation Center within Balboa Park will continue to serve as the main recreation venue for the community, but with increased demand and usage, the facilities will need to be upgraded and expanded with sustainable and green technology features, to optimize the space to be fully utilized and to provide new recreation amenities that are needed by the community.

Preservation can also include the enhancement of resource-based parks and open space that provides a balance between protecting the natural resources and allowing for a certain level of public recreation use. For the Golden Hill Community, this would mean concentrating active recreational use improvements towards larger resource-based parks, such as at Golden Hill Community Park and Recreation Center, and focusing passive use improvements at open space areas, such as 32nd and 34th Streets Canyons Open Space areas which are within the City's MHPA. Aside from trails, only passive uses are allowed in the City's MHPA, therefore, to protect the natural resources and still add recreation value, interpretive signs should be featured at open space parks to educate the public on the unique natural habitat, scenic value and the history of the place.

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- RE-2.1 Preserve, expand and enhance existing park and recreation facilities to increase their life span, and to optimize their uses and sustainability.

- RE-2.2 Expand/upgrade the recreation facilities within Balboa Park adjacent to the Golden Hill Community consistent with the BPEMPP recommendations to meet existing and future demand, as described in RE-1.8 and RE-1.9. Use sustainable methods and materials (such as native and low-water using plants), and “green” technology that also respects any historical significance of the area.
- RE-2.3 Enhance the quality of the exterior recreation spaces at the Golden Hill Recreation Center by making all areas fully utilized for recreation purposes.
- RE-2.4 Protect and preserve the 32nd Street and 34th Street Canyons Open Space areas by providing interpretive signs to educate the public on the unique natural habitats, and historic and scenic qualities.
- RE-2.5 Protect and preserve native species and the unique habitats they depend upon within the open space systems consistent with the MSCP guidelines. (See Conservation Element.)
- RE-2.6 Provide sufficient human and economic resources to preserve and enhance the existing parks and open space areas serving the Golden Hill Community.

7.3 Accessibility

Accessibility within the Golden Hill Community has three main components: 1) all facilities should be located within walking distance of neighborhoods and employment centers; 2) facilities should be accessible to the broadest population possible; and 3) facilities should be open for use by the general public with a balance between programmed and non-programmed activities.

All parks and recreation facilities within the Golden Hill Community are planned to be linked by a network of existing and proposed transit routes, bikeways and pedestrian paths. For a discussion of future accessibility and linkages to parks and open space see the Mobility Element.

All new and existing parks and recreation facilities within the Golden Hill Community are required to meet ADA guidelines when they are constructed or retrofitted for improvements or upgrades. This could include adding accessible pedestrian ramps, providing paved pathways at acceptable gradients that lead from a public street sidewalk or parking area to a children’s play area or other park destination (referred to as the “path of travel”), remodeling of restrooms and building interiors, and providing interpretive signage along a nature trail.

Accessibility also means the availability of active and passive recreation to all community residents. The Golden Hill Community Park is programmed to allow organized sport leagues use of the facilities at specific times while making the facilities available at other times for unstructured play and impromptu users. The schedule is adjusted each year to make sure a balance is provided for community residents. When special uses are designed into parks, such as dog off-leash areas or community gardens, these areas should also include amenities, such as pathways, benches, exercise stations, or picnic tables on the perimeter that could accommodate more than one type of user and enhance the recreational and leisure experience. Special uses, such as dog off-leash areas and community gardens, would be required to undergo a City approval process prior to facility design.

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- RE- 3.1 Upgrade the Golden Hill Recreation Center to meet ADA Guidelines while respecting any historic architectural significance and attributes.
- RE-3.2 Provide bus stops or accessible parking at all park and recreation facilities within the Golden Hill Community.
- RE-3.3 Implement recommendations contained in the BPEMPP which specifically improve the existing and future accessibility to and from recreation facilities and venues and the Golden Hill Community, particularly as follows:
- Construct a pedestrian/bicycle bridge across the canyon north of Grape Street Park.
 - Construct a pedestrian/bicycle bridge across the canyon north of Date Street.
 - Provide a continuous, paved sidewalk along Golf Course Drive.
 - Provide Class II bicycle lanes along Golf Course Drive.
 - Construct three separate, paved pedestrian/bicycle paths to link Golden Hill Community with the Pershing Sports Complex.
 - Convert the connector road between 25th and 26th Streets within Balboa Park to pedestrian/bicycle and emergency vehicles access only. Maintain 26th Street as the main entry to Balboa Park and 25th Street as a one-way loop road throughout Golden Hill Park only.
 - Provide a paved sidewalk along Russ Blvd. from Golden Hill Recreation Center west to the paved trails accessing the Pershing Sports Complex.

- RE-3.4 Implement the pedestrian bridge proposed in the BPEMPP to connect the proposed Pershing Recreation Complex with the Inspiration Point area of Balboa Park. This connection would open up other venues for neighborhood-serving recreational uses which are currently difficult to access from east of Pershing Drive within Balboa Park.
- RE-3.5 Provide an information kiosk with a map at key park sites that identifies all parks that serve Golden Hill and how to get to each by walking, biking or public transit.
- RE-3.6 Replace the Bud Kearns Community Swimming Pool with an accessible aquatic complex sized to accommodate both the North Park and Golden Hill Communities' needs and multiple user types, including a new pool house, which is solar heated or heated by methane gas from the Arizona Landfill collection system.

7.4 Open Space Lands & Resource-Based Parks

Open space lands are City-owned lands consisting of canyons, mesas, and other natural landforms. This open space is intended to preserve and protect native plants and animals, while providing public access and enjoyment by the use of hiking, biking and equestrian trails. See Figure RE-1, Parks, Recreation Facilities and Open Space.

In Golden Hill, there are two open space canyons: 32nd Street Canyon and 34th Street Canyon which provide low intensity recreational uses, such as hiking and bird watching. Within 32nd Street Canyon there are 3,604 lineal feet of existing trails and in 34th Street there are 4,754 lineal feet of existing trails. Any proposed improvements to the trail systems shall be in compliance with Natural Resource Management Plans, if any, or other governing documents.

Resource-based parks are located at sites of distinctive natural or man-made features and serve the citywide population and visitors alike. Balboa Park is an approximately 1,200-acre regional facility contiguous to the southwestern edge of the Golden Hill Community, as well as to the Uptown and North Park Communities, which contains specialty gardens and horticultural interests, and houses numerous arts, educational, recreational, social and sports organizations, primarily on the Central Mesa.

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- RE-4.1 Protect and enhance the natural resources of open space lands by re-vegetating with native plants and utilizing open wood fences, where needed, adjacent to very sensitive areas to provide additional protection while still allowing views into the area.

- RE-4.2 Require all storm water and urban run-off drainage into resource-based parks or open space lands to be filtered or treated before entering the area.
- RE-4.3 Preserve and protect existing open space canyon and trail systems within the Golden Hill Community by limiting public use to authorized trails and providing interpretive signs that educate the public on the biologic and scenic value of the systems.
- RE-4.4 Provide recognizable entrances (trailheads) to the 32nd Street Canyon and 34th Street Canyon Open Space trails. The trailheads should include a kiosk and way-finding map that shows how the canyons interface with the Golden Hill Community.
- RE-4.5 Construct approximately 142 linear feet of new trails located on publicly-owned open space to connect with existing trails within the 34th Street Canyon trail system. (Actual new trail locations may vary due to environmental constraints.) Co-locate trails and utility access roads on publicly-owned open space, wherever possible.
- RE-4.6 Provide interpretive signs at trailheads to 32nd Street and 34th Street Canyons Open Space trail systems to educate users on the sensitive natural and cultural habitats and unique biologic and scenic qualities of these areas.

Introduction

The North Park Community Plan Recreation Element includes goals and recommendations addressing the following topic areas: Parks and Recreation Facilities, Preservation, Accessibility, and Open Space Lands and Resource-based Parks. These goals and recommendations, along with the broader goals and policies of the General Plan and the Balboa Park East Mesa Precise Plan (BPEMPP), provide a comprehensive parks strategy intended to accommodate the community at full community development.

In addition to soliciting public input through various stakeholder meetings and the community plan update advisory committees, in August of 2011, the City commissioned a Park and Recreation Needs Assessment for the Golden Hill, North Park and Uptown Communities. The assessment was conducted by an independent research consultant to determine how and where the communities currently recreate, their priorities and preferences for future recreational uses and facilities within their communities, as well as, consideration of Balboa Park as a recreational resource. The assessment consisted of an objective, statistically-valid, random telephone survey. The survey results, which were representative of the broad and demographically-diverse communities' recreational use patterns and opinions, were contained in a report presented to each community, and have been incorporated into this plan where appropriate. (See Appendix X for a summary of the Park and Recreation Needs Assessment.)

Recreation Element Goals

- ◆ To create a sustainable park and recreation system that meets the needs of North Park residents and visitors which serves a variety of users, such as children, persons with disabilities, and the underserved teenage and senior populations.
- ◆ To provide parks and recreation facilities that keep pace with the North Park Community population growth through timely acquisition of available land and development of new facilities.
- ◆ To increase the quantity and quality of recreation facilities in North Park through the promotion of alternative methods, such as park equivalencies, where development of typical facilities and infrastructure may be limited by land constraints.
- ◆ To preserve, protect and enhance the integrity and quality of existing parks, open space, and recreation programs in the North Park Community.
- ◆ To create a sustainable park and recreation system that meets the needs of North Park residents by using "green" technology and sustainable practices in all new and retrofitted projects.
- ◆ To preserve, protect and manage the natural, cultural, and historic resources that serve as recreation facilities in the North Park Community.

- ◆ Enhance recreation facilities in North Park by optimizing pedestrian, bicycle, public transit, automobile, and alternative modes of travel.
- ◆ Design all new recreation facilities for an inter-connected park and open space system that is integrated into and accessible to North Park Community residents.
- ◆ Retrofit all existing park and recreational facilities to meet the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to accommodate persons with all disabilities as funding becomes available.
- ◆ Provide a balance of recreational facilities in the North Park Community that are available for programmed and non-programmed uses.
- ◆ Create comprehensive pedestrian and bicycle connections between parks and open space lands within and adjacent to the North Park Community, as well as to surrounding communities.
- ◆ Provide an open space and resource-based park system in the North Park Community that provides for the preservation and management of significant natural and man-made resources.
- ◆ Protect the natural terrain and drainage systems of North Park's open space lands and resource-based parks to preserve the natural habitat and cultural resources.
- ◆ Provide a system of pedestrian paths and bikeways linking population-based parks with resource-based parks and open space lands within the North Park Community.

7-1 Parks and Recreation Facilities

Parks and Recreation Facilities Standards

The City General Plan Recreation Element describes three categories of parks within the City of San Diego: Open Space Lands, Resource-based Parks, and Population-based Parks. (See Section RE-4 Open Space Lands and Resource-Based Parks for descriptions.) Population-based parks and recreation facilities are typically located within close proximity to residents and are intended to serve the daily recreational needs of the neighborhoods and the community. The General Plan standard is to provide a minimum of 2.8 useable acres of public park land per 1,000 residents.

There are six categories of population-based parks: 1) major park; 2) community park; 3) neighborhood park; 4) mini-park; 5) pocket park or plaza; and 6) special activity park. A recreation center, typically 17,000 square feet in size, should be provided for every 25,000 residents, and an aquatic complex should be provided for every 50,000 residents. The General Plan Recreation Element, Table RE-2, Parks Guidelines, provides the descriptions and minimum standards for these park and recreation facilities.

Existing and Future Population-Based Parks and Recreation Facilities

At full community development, the projected population for the North Park Community is 61,965. Therefore, according to General Plan Standards for population-based parks and recreation facilities, the community should be served by a minimum of 173.50 useable acres of park land at full community development. Additionally, at full community development, the projected population warrants approximately two and one-half recreation centers equivalent to 42,160 total square feet, and approximately one and one-quarter aquatic complexes.

General Plan Guideline – Parks: $61,965 \text{ people divided by } 1,000 = 61.965 \times 2.8 \text{ acres} = 173.50 \text{ acres of population-based parks}$

General Plan Guideline - Recreation Center: $(17,000 \text{ square feet}) \text{ serves population of } 25,000: 61,965 \text{ people divided by } 25,000 \text{ people} = 2.48 \text{ Recreation Centers} = 42,160 \text{ square feet total}$

General Plan Guideline - Aquatic Complex: $\text{serves population of } 50,000: 61,965 \text{ people divided by } 50,000 \text{ people} = 1.24 \text{ Aquatic Complexes}$

Opportunities for additional park land and recreation facilities within the North Park Community are anticipated to come primarily through redevelopment of private and public properties and through the application of park equivalencies. While the City's primary goal is to obtain land for population-based parks, where vacant land is limited, unavailable or is cost-prohibitive, the City's General Plan allows for the application of park equivalencies to be determined by the community and City staff through a set of guidelines. Facilities that may be considered as population-based park equivalencies include:

- 1) Joint use facilities;
- 2) Trails through open space;
- 3) Portions of resource-based parks;
- 4) Privately-owned, publicly-used parks;
- 5) Non-traditional parks, such as rooftop or indoor recreation facilities; and
- 6) Facility or building expansion or upgrades.

The North Park Community is an urbanized community where park equivalencies are appropriate for satisfying some of the community's population-based park needs. The community and City staff identified and evaluated population-based park and recreation opportunities, as well as potential park equivalency sites, for their recreational value, possible uses and functions, public accessibility, consistency with General Plan policies and guidelines, and other land use policy documents (e.g., Balboa Park Master Plan and Balboa Park East Mesa Precise Plan). It was determined that a variety of sites and facilities within and adjacent to the North Park Community do, or could, serve as population-based parks or park equivalencies.

The following Table RE-1, Population-Based Parks and Recreation Facilities Inventory and Recommendations, summarizes the existing and future parks, park equivalencies and recreation facilities that have been selected by the North Park Community to supplement their existing population-based park and recreation facilities inventory. The table also includes recommendations contained in the Balboa Park East Mesa Precise Plan for the Neighborhood Edge, including the Morley Field Area, where appropriate, as well as recommendations generated by the community and City staff for facilities outside of Balboa Park.

**Table RE-1 POPULATION-BASED PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES
INVENTORY AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

| PARKS/RECREATION FACILITIES | EXISTING USEABLE ACREAGE | FUTURE USEABLE ACREAGE | PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES DESCRIPTIONS | PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES RECOMMENDATIONS |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|---|--|
| Major Parks | | | | |
| None | | | | |
| Community Parks | | | | |
| North Park Community Park | 7.90 | | Existing park and recreation facilities consisting of a recreation center, a teen center, an adult center, a comfort station, a lighted ball field, multipurpose turf areas, a children's play area, three tennis courts, handball courts, walkways, seating and picnic tables. Of the 7.90 acres, 2.84 acres is part of the joint use area with ALBA school. | Replace natural turf on ball field with synthetic turf and provide new sports field lighting to increase use. |
| Neighborhood Parks | | | | |
| Montclair Park | 4.97 | | Existing park consisting of passive recreation amenities, including multi-purpose turf area, children's play area, seating, picnicking, walkways, landscaping, etc. | |
| Mini Parks | | | | |
| University Avenue Mini Park | | 1.59 | Proposed mini park on undeveloped private property at southeast corner of University Ave. and Louisiana St. (2305 and 2311 University Ave.) to accommodate passive recreational uses. | Acquire, design and construct park amenities to support passive recreation, such as children's play area, seating, picnicking, walkways, landscaping, and public art. |
| Pocket Parks/Plazas | | | | |
| 34 th Street Pocket Park | | 0.15 | Proposed pocket park is within street-right-way and is official trailhead to Juniper Canyon Open Space. | Vacate street right-of-way, acquire site, design and construct park amenities to support passive recreation, such as children's play area, seating, picnicking, walkways, and landscaping. |

**Table RE-1 POPULATION-BASED PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES
INVENTORY AND RECOMMENDATIONS (CONTINUED)**

| PARKS/RECREATION FACILITIES | EXISTING USEABLE ACREAGE | FUTURE USEABLE ACREAGE | PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES DESCRIPTIONS | PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES RECOMMENDATIONS |
|---|--------------------------|------------------------|--|--|
| Pocket Parks/Plazas | | | | |
| Cedar Ridge Park | 0.27 | | Existing park consisting of passive recreation amenities, including multi-purpose turf area, children's play area, seating, walkways, landscaping, etc. | Design and construct ADA/accessibility improvements to the children's play area, the path of travel, and other areas of the park as needed. |
| North Park Mini-Park | | 0.50 | Proposed park on City-owned property, on an undeveloped site. | Construct the park amenities consistent with the approved General Development Plan. |
| Redwood & 32 nd Streets Pocket Park | | 0.14 | Proposed park on City-owned property, on an undeveloped site. | Design and construct park amenities for passive recreation, such as children's play area, seating, walkways, picnicking, landscaping, etc. |
| Teresita & Maple Streets Pocket Park | | 0.17 | Proposed pocket park on undeveloped street right-of-way to accommodate passive recreational uses, including trailhead into Juniper Canyon Open Space. | Vacate street right-of-way, acquire site, design and construct park amenities to support passive recreation, such as children's play area, seating, picnicking, walkways, landscaping, and trail system staging area. |
| Special Activity Parks | | | | |
| None | | | | |
| Recreation Centers | | | | |
| Morley Field Pétanque Center (within Balboa Park) | N/A | N/A | Existing 1,548 sq.ft. Pétanque Center (formerly senior center) is proposed to be expanded to enhance recreational programs and services; this facility could be combined with the proposed Morley Field Recreation Center. | Expand/renovate the existing Pétanque Center to increase the size to 5,160 square feet or incorporate the expansion into the proposed Morley Field Recreation Center to provide enhanced recreational programs and services consistent with the recommendations in the BPEMPP. |

**Table RE-1 POPULATION-BASED PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES
INVENTORY AND RECOMMENDATIONS (CONTINUED)**

| PARKS/RECREATION FACILITIES | EXISTING USEABLE ACREAGE | FUTURE USEABLE ACREAGE | PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES DESCRIPTIONS | PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES RECOMMENDATIONS |
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| Recreation Centers | | | | |
| Morley Field Recreation Center (within Balboa Park) | N/A | N/A | Proposed 17,000 sq.ft. Recreation center to be located within the Morley Field area of Balboa Park. | Design and construct a new 17,000 sq. ft. recreation center to accommodate community meetings, gymnasium, recreation and fitness programs, restrooms, etc. consistent with the recommendations in the BPEMPP. |
| North Park Recreation Center | N/A | N/A | Existing facility consisting of 11,232 sq. ft. provides an indoor gymnasium, teen center and multi-purpose/arts & crafts rooms housed in three separate buildings; facilities are outdated and in need of upgrades to fully serve the community. | Expand existing recreation center to provide a 17,000 sq.ft. Recreation facility (possibly add second story); Provide improvements and ADA upgrades. In the interim, redesign current foyer to serve as lobby area for recreation center; install additional outdoor security lighting, and extend security system into multi-purpose/arts & crafts room. |
| Renaissance at North Park | N/A | N/A | Proposed 3,000 sq.ft. of community rooms within the Renaissance at North Park mixed-use development located at El Cajon Blvd. and 30 th Street. | Design and construct the space to accommodate a variety of community oriented meeting and recreation programs. |
| Aquatic Complexes | | | | |
| Bud Kearns Aquatic Complex (within Morley Field of Balboa Park) | N/A | N/A | Existing aquatic complex located in North Park on Upas Street, with an existing pool and support facilities that are undersized and outdated. (Shared between Golden Hill and North Park Communities) | Replace the existing public pool facilities with an expanded state-of-the-art aquatic complex to serve the Golden Hill and North Park Communities. Provide a new pool house, approximately 5,000 square feet, and universal access and water amenities, such as a children's wading pool with water play element, and therapeutic pool facilities, consistent with the recommendations in the Balboa Park East Mesa Precise Plan. |

**Table RE-1 POPULATION-BASED PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES
INVENTORY AND RECOMMENDATIONS (CONTINUED)**

| PARK EQUIVALENCY | EXISTING USEABLE ACREAGE | FUTURE USEABLE ACREAGE | PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES DESCRIPTIONS | PARK AND RECREATION FACILITIES RECOMMENDATIONS |
|---|--------------------------------|------------------------------|---|--|
| Joint Use Facilities | | | | |
| ALBA Charter School (formerly North Park Elementary School) | 0.12 | | Existing joint use facilities consisting of kindergarten play area, amphitheater, and outdoor lunch area pursuant to long-term lease agreement. The total joint use acreage is 2.96, of which 2.84 acres is located on North Park Community Park and 0.12 acres is located on School District property. | |
| Birney Elementary School | 0.96 | | Existing joint use facilities consisting of turf multi-purpose playfield, multi-purpose courts, and hardscape for court games pursuant to long-term lease agreement. Facility is a total of 1.82 acres and is shared with; North Park (0.96 acres) and Uptown (0.86 acres). | |
| Garfield Elementary School | 0.70 | | Existing joint use facilities consisting of turf multi-purpose fields pursuant to long-term agreement. | |
| Jefferson Elementary School | 1.45 | | Existing joint use facilities consisting of multi-purpose synthetic turf playfield, multi-purpose courts, and hardscape for court games pursuant to long-term lease agreement. | |
| McKinley Elementary School | | 2.67 | Proposed joint use facilities at school site. | Construct the joint use amenities consistent with the approved General Development Plan. |

**Table RE-1 POPULATION-BASED PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES
INVENTORY AND RECOMMENDATIONS (CONTINUED)**

| PARK EQUIVALENCY | EXISTING USEABLE ACREAGE | FUTURE USEABLE ACREAGE | PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES DESCRIPTIONS | PARK AND RECREATION FACILITIES RECOMMENDATIONS |
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| Trails: Useable acres credit for trails was determined by multiplying the linear footage of trail by 24'-0" width and dividing by one acre in square feet (43,560) | | | | |
| Juniper/34 th Streets Canyon Open Space Trails | | 4.24 | 7,700 linear feet of existing and proposed trails located in Juniper/34th Streets Canyon Open Space (City-owned, MHPA-designated) which provide passive recreation. | Expand the existing 6,600 linear feet of trails by designing and constructing approximately 1,100 linear feet of new trails and provide trail improvements, such as interpretive signs, protective fencing, native landscaping, trash and recycling containers, overlooks, etc., where needed and appropriate for the trail type, as determined and approved by City. |
| Switzer Canyon Open Space Trails | | 3.58 | 6,500 linear feet of existing and proposed trails located in Switzer Canyon Open Space (City-owned, MHPA-designated) which provide passive recreation. | Expand the existing 5,400 linear feet of trails by designing and constructing approximately 1,100 linear feet of new trails and provide trail improvements, such as interpretive signs, protective fencing, native landscaping, trash and recycling containers, overlooks, etc., where needed and appropriate for the trail type, as determined and approved by City. |
| Portion of Resource-Based Parks | | | | |
| Bird Park (within Balboa Park) | | 5.39 | Existing park located in the northeast corner of Balboa Park which provides passive recreational uses, such as children's play area, multi-purpose turf area, walkways, landscaping, and public art, etc. | Design and construct additional amenities to implement the General Development Plan for Bird Park. |
| East Mesa Mini-Park (within Balboa Park) | | 1.00 | Proposed mini-park located between Florida Canyon Dr., Upas St., Alabama St. and Morley Field Dr. | Design and construct passive park amenities, such as children's play area, seating/picnicking, security lighting, walkways, landscaping, community gardens, etc. consistent with recommendations in the BPEMPP. |

**Table RE-1 POPULATION-BASED PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES
INVENTORY AND RECOMMENDATIONS (CONTINUED)**

| PARK EQUIVALENCY | EXISTING USEABLE ACREAGE | FUTURE USEABLE ACREAGE | PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES DESCRIPTIONS | PARK AND RECREATION FACILITIES RECOMMENDATIONS |
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| Portion of Resource-Based Parks | | | | |
| Morley Field Recreation Area (within Balboa Park) | | 57.00 | Proposed recreation complex located on Upas Street in the Morley Field Recreation Area, which provides active and passive recreation, including organized sports (baseball and softball), tennis, swimming, senior center, bocce ball, picnicking, children's play area, dog off-leash area, and archery, multi-purpose turf areas. | Design and construct additional active and passive recreational and support facilities and upgrades, such as parking lots for expanded uses, multi-purpose turf fields, ball fields, children's play areas, sky plaza/promenade, concession building/comfort station, group picnicking, security lighting, upgrades to the dog off-leash area, path of travel and ADA upgrades consistent with the recommendations in the BPEMPP. |
| Pershing Recreation Complex (within Balboa Park) | | 5.0 | Proposed community park/sports complex located at the corner of Pershing Drive and 26 th Street. This site is currently used by City Central Operations Station facilities. This 15 acre facility will be shared with North Park, Golden Hill and Uptown. | Design and construct community park/ sports complex with active recreation facilities consistent with the recommendations in the BPEMPP, subsequent to relocation of non-park, City facilities. |
| Skate Park / Bike Skills Park (within Balboa Park) | | 10.0 | Proposed above-ground skate park and/or Bike Skills/BMX track, located along Pershing Drive on the Arizona landfill. Facility will be shared with Golden Hill. | Design and construct above-ground skate and/or Bike Skills park, and support facilities, such as parking lot and portable restrooms. Amendment to the BPEMPP may be necessary. |
| Upas Street Mini Park (within Balboa Park) | | 1.58 | Proposed mini-park located at the corner of Upas St. and Park Blvd. | Design and construct passive park amenities, such as children's play area, seating/picnicking, security lighting, walkways, and landscaping, |
| Privately-Owned Park Sites | | | | |
| None | | | | |

**Table RE-1 POPULATION-BASED PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES
INVENTORY AND RECOMMENDATIONS (CONTINUED)**

| PARK EQUIVALENCY | EXISTING USEABLE ACREAGE | FUTURE USEABLE ACREAGE | PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES DESCRIPTIONS | PARK AND RECREATION FACILITIES RECOMMENDATIONS |
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| Non-Traditional Park Sites | | | | |
| Boundary St. Linear Park | | 0.75 | Proposed linear park located along Boundary St. between Howard and Lincoln Aves., on City and Caltrans right-of-way. | Pursue acquisition or a lease agreement with Caltrans; design and construct passive recreation amenities such as seating, walkways, and landscaping. |
| Howard Avenue Pocket Park | | 0.30 | Proposed pocket park located at the southeast corner of the intersection of Howard Ave. with 32 nd and Boundary Streets, on City and Caltrans right-of-way. | Pursue acquisition or a lease agreement with Caltrans; design and construct passive recreation amenities such as seating, walkways, and landscaping. |
| Madison Avenue Pocket Park | | 0.11 | Proposed pocket park located at the intersection of Madison Ave. with Illinois and Boundary Streets, on City right-of-way. | Design and construct passive park amenities, such as seating, walkways and landscaping. |
| Facility or Building Expansion or Upgrade | | | | |
| None | | | | |

**SUMMARY OF EXISTING AND PROPOSED
POPULATION-BASED PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES**

| POPULATION BASED PARKS | USEABLE ACRES |
|---|----------------------|
| Existing Population-based Parks and Park Equivalencies | 16.37 acres |
| Proposed Population-based Parks and Park Equivalencies | 94.17 acres |
| Total Existing and Proposed Population-based Parks and Equivalencies | 110.54 acres |
| Population-based Park Requirements at full community development | 173.50 acres |
| Population-based park deficit at full community development | 62.96 ac. |
| | |
| RECREATION CENTERS | SQUARE FEET |
| Existing Recreation Center: North Park Recreation Center | 11,232 SF |
| Proposed Recreation Center addition: North Park Recreation Center (for a total of 17,000 square feet) | 5,768 SF |
| Existing Recreation Center: Morley Field Pétanque Center | 1,548 SF |
| Proposed Recreation Center addition: Morley Field Pétanque Center (for a total of 3,000 square feet) | 3,612 SF |
| Proposed Recreation Center: Morley Field Recreation Center | 17,000 SF |
| Proposed Recreation Center: Renaissance at North Park | 3,000 SF |
| Total Existing and Proposed Recreation Centers | 42,160 SF |
| Recreation Center Requirement at full community development | 42,160 SF |
| Recreation Center deficit at full community development | No Deficit |
| | |
| AQUATIC COMPLEXES | UNIT |
| Existing Aquatic Complex: Bud Kearns Community Swimming Pool | 0.00 |
| Proposed Aquatic Complex addition: Bud Kearns Community Swimming Pool | 1.24* |
| Total Existing and Proposed Aquatic Complexes | 1.24* |
| Aquatic Complexes Requirement at full community development | 1.24* |
| Aquatic Complex deficit at full community development | No Deficit |
| *Bud Kearns Community Swimming Pool will be shared. Greater Golden Hill requires 0.44, and North Park requires 1.24, aquatic complexes. The proposed, larger facility will satisfy the combined requirements (1.68 aquatic complexes) for both communities. | |

Through this community plan update, City staff and community members have identified approximately four times as much new population-based park land and park equivalency sites within and adjacent to the North Park community than currently exists. The plan identifies projects that will provide most of the recreation center space and all of the aquatics complex facilities required to serve the community at full projected development. These proposals represent significant achievements towards implementing the community's goals. Staff will continue to work with community members to seek future opportunities for provision of parks and recreation facilities. In addition to the inclusion of these projects in the North Park Public Facilities Financing Plan, identification of potential donations, grants and other funding sources for project implementation will be an ongoing effort. Figure RE-1, Parks, Recreation Facilities and Open Space, depicts the approximate locations of existing and proposed open space, parks, recreation facilities and park equivalencies. Note: Identification of private property as a potential park site does not preclude permitted development per the designated land use or underlying zone.

ADD Figure RE-1

POLICIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- RE-1.1 Pursue the land acquisition, design and construction of new public parks and recreation facilities with a special effort to locate them in park deficient areas of the community, and include facilities that can accommodate multiple uses. Seek opportunities to increase park land through urban infill and redevelopment proposals and acquisition of available private property.
- RE-1.2 Pursue park equivalencies as identified in Table RE-1, Population-Based Parks and Recreation Facilities Inventory and Recommendations, and as opportunities arise.
- RE-1.3 In areas of the community where there are land constraints, encourage new private development proposals to include recreational facilities within their land holdings to serve existing, as well as new residents. Provision of non-traditional park and recreation amenities should be considered on rooftops of buildings and parking structures, and/or on the ground level within new buildings.
- RE-1.4 As public agency land or buildings are redeveloped, incorporate active or passive recreation into buildings, support facilities (e.g., parking structures), or the surrounding exterior lands, where space allows.
- RE-1.5 Increase recreational opportunities by acquiring and developing land through street/alley rights-of-way vacations (paper streets), where appropriate and legally defensible, to provide for park and recreation uses.

- RE-1.6 Promote safety of North Park parks to the public by providing park designs that incorporate the City's 'Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design' (CPTED) measures (see General Plan Policy UD-A.17).
- RE-1.7 Expand the North Park Recreation Center (11,232 SF existing) by 5,786 sq.ft. to provide a total of 17,000 sq.ft. by consolidating all or some of the separate structures and/or adding a second floor to accommodate the recreation needs of existing and future residents at full community development.
- RE-1.8 Implement recommendations contained in the Balboa Park East Mesa Precise Plan for the Mesa Rim and Neighborhood Edge which specifically serve the neighborhood and community park needs of the North Park Community, as follows:
- Construct park improvements in northeast corner along 28th Street to Redwood Street, including a children's play area, gateway and entry garden.
 - Enhance the main entry to Morley Field area at Texas Street.
 - Renovate open lawn areas for multipurpose recreational uses.
 - Provide additional security lighting along the park edge.
 - Maintain irrigated lawn throughout the neighborhood edge for informal play; irrigate with reclaimed water when available.
 - Plant large canopy trees throughout the neighborhood edge, using care to maintain clear visibility across the area for security surveillance.
 - Construct a children's play area in the Eucalyptus grove across from the Morley Field Tennis Club (East Mesa Mini Park).
 - Provide enhanced pedestrian crossings at all intersections which enter into Balboa Park; engage community input for these designs.
 - Construct the proposed Pershing Recreation Complex to serve the North Park, Golden Hill and Uptown Communities, when feasible to do so.
- RE-1.9 Implement recommendations contained in the Balboa Park East Mesa Precise Plan for the Morley Field area which specifically serves the neighborhood and community park needs of the North Park Community, as follows:
- Renovate the existing pool house to create a new 17,000 square foot recreation center.
 - Replace the Bud Kearns Community Swimming Pool with an aquatic complex sized to accommodate both the North Park and Golden Hill Communities' needs, including a new pool house which accommodates multiple users types, and which is solar heated or heated by methane gas from the Arizona Landfill collection system.

- Design and construct the proposed Pershing Recreation Complex to serve the North Park, Golden Hill and Uptown Communities.
- Construct four rearranged lighted, ball fields and a common gathering area (sky plaza) for organized sports leagues, including support facilities, such as a concession/restroom building, spectator stands and enhanced pathways/promenades.
- Construct one multipurpose lighted sports field east of the ball field complex.
- Reconfigure parking to concentrate vehicles for safer and more convenient use.
- Construct a group picnic area at south end of Morley Field.
- Construct a group picnic area and two children's play areas between the ball fields and the pool/recreation center area.
- Relocate two tennis courts north of the competition court to the east end of block of courts to accommodate an expanded clubhouse and gathering area.

- RE-1.10 Encourage development of parks within residential mixed-use developments, and clustered with other public facilities.
- RE-1.11 Design and construct a skate park/bike skills park within the Arizona Landfill area, if feasible, or elsewhere within the community at a location to be determined.
- RE-1.12 Pursue lease agreements with public agencies (e.g., San Diego Unified School District, Caltrans, etc.) to incorporate active or passive recreation into existing buildings or surrounding grounds, where non-programmed space is available and appropriate for public use.
- RE-1.13 Demolish the existing 1,706 square foot Adult Center located within North Park Community Park, due to prohibitive and non-cost effective renovation costs. Relocate the senior, social and community programs to the other existing and proposed recreation centers described in this plan. Convert this area to useable park land.
- RE-1.14 Develop smaller neighborhood parks, mini parks and pocket parks throughout the community, especially in areas more distant from larger public park facilities.
- RE-1.15 Pursue opportunities to provide facilities for active uses for teenagers and young adults, such as BMX tracks, soccer fields, ballparks, skate parks, and paintball facilities.

- RE-1.16 Where public parks are provided on private land, insure that the design of the parks shall be per Council Policy 600-33, provide population-based park amenities per the General Plan, and that the hours of public use shall be consistent with typical publicly-operated parks and facilities.

7.2 Preservation

The demand for park and recreation opportunities will continue to grow as the population of the North Park Community continues to grow. Undeveloped land for parks has already become difficult to find in the North Park Community making preservation of the existing open space and resource-based parks essential to providing recreation opportunities in this community. Preservation can include improvements to existing facilities to increase their life span, or expand their uses and sustainability. The Morley Field Area of Balboa Park will continue to serve as the main recreation venue for the community, but with increased demand and usage, the facilities will need to be reconstructed, upgraded and expanded with sustainable and green technology features, to optimize the space to be fully utilized and to provide new recreation amenities that are needed by the existing and future community residents.

Preservation can also include the enhancement of resource-based parks and open space that provides a balance between protecting the natural resources and allowing for a certain level of public recreation use. For the North Park Community, this would mean concentrating active recreational use improvements towards larger resource-based parks, such as at Morley Field, and focusing passive use improvements at open space areas, such as Switzer Canyon and Juniper/34th Streets Canyons Open Space areas which are within the City's MHPA. Aside from trails, only passive uses are allowed in the City's MHPA, therefore, to protect the natural resources and still add recreation value, interpretive signs should be featured at open space parks to educate the public on the unique natural habitat, scenic value and the history of the place. (See Conservation Element for additional information on preservation of natural resources.)

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- RE-2.1 Expand/Upgrade the recreation facilities at Morley Field consistent with the Balboa Park East Mesa Precise Plan to meet existing and future demand, as described in RE-X.1.9. Use sustainable methods and materials (such as native and low-water using plants), and "green" technology that also respects any historical significance of the area.
- RE-2.2 Preserve, expand and enhance existing park and recreation facilities to increase their life span, and to optimize their uses and sustainability.
- RE-2.3 Provide sufficient human and economic resources to preserve and enhance the existing parks and open space areas serving the North Park Community.

- RE-2.4 Preserve and protect Switzer Canyon and Juniper/34th Streets Canyons Open Space areas by limiting public use to designated trails and providing interpretive signs describing the biologic and scenic value of the open space systems.
- RE-2.5 Preserve, protect and restore canyons and hillsides as important visual features of community definition.
- RE-2.6 Provide pocket parks with ecologically-sensitive recreational uses as enhanced trailheads to open space systems.
- RE-2.7 Protect and preserve native species and the unique habitats they depend upon within the open space systems consistent with the MSCP guidelines. (See Conservation Element.)

7.3 Accessibility

Accessibility within the North Park Community has three main components: 1) all facilities should be located within walking distance of neighborhoods and employment centers; 2) facilities should be accessible to the broadest population possible; and 3) facilities should be open for use by the general public with a balance between programmed and non-programmed activities.

All parks and recreation facilities within the North Park Community are planned to be linked by a network of existing and proposed transit routes, bikeways, and pedestrian paths. For a discussion of future accessibility and linkages to parks and open space see the Mobility Element.

All new and existing parks and recreation facilities within the North Park Community are required to meet ADA guidelines when they are constructed or retrofitted for improvements or upgrades. This could include adding accessible pedestrian ramps, providing paved pathways at acceptable gradients that lead from a public street sidewalk or parking area to a children's play area or other park destination (referred to as the "path of travel"), providing disabled parking spaces, remodeling of restrooms and building interiors.

Accessibility also means the availability of active and passive recreation to all community residents. The North Park Community Park is programmed to allow organized sport leagues use of the facilities at specific times while making the facilities available at other times for unstructured play and impromptu users. The schedule is adjusted each year to make sure a balance is provided for community residents. When special uses are designed into parks, such as dog off-leash areas or community gardens, these areas should also include amenities, such as pathways, benches, exercise stations, or picnic tables on the perimeter that could accommodate more than one type of user and

enhance the recreational and leisure experience. Special uses, such as dog off-leash areas and community gardens, would be required to undergo a City-approval process prior to facility design.

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- RE-3.1 Ensure all existing and future parks and recreation facilities meet local, state and federal accessibility guidelines.
- RE-3.2 Implement recommendations contained in the BPEMPP which specifically aim to improve the existing and future accessibility to and from recreation facilities and venues and the North Park Community, particularly as follows:
- Provide 8'-0" widened sidewalks with 10'-0" wide planted parkways and security lighting within the Neighborhood Edge of Balboa Park along 28th and Upas Streets, and provide parallel parking adjacent to the curb, to connect the Neighborhood Edge with the surrounding community.
 - Construct pedestrian/bicycle paths and bridges where necessary, within the Neighborhood Edge of Balboa Park to facilitate the park circulation system and to connect neighborhood entry points at Pershing Drive and Upas Street (in the north) with Grape Street Park and the 25th Street area (in the south) with the surrounding community.
- RE-3.3 Provide information kiosks and maps at key park sites and community gateways that provide way-finding information about pedestrian, bicycle and transit routes to all parks that serve North Park.
- RE-3.4 Replace the Bud Kearns Community Swimming Pool with an accessible aquatic complex sized to accommodate both the North Park and Golden Hill Communities' needs or multiple users types, including a new pool house and is solar heated or heated by methane gas from the Arizona Landfill collection system.

7.4 Open Space Lands and Resources-Based Parks

Open space lands are City-owned lands consisting of canyons, mesas, and other natural landforms. This open space is intended to preserve and protect native plants and animals, while providing public access and enjoyment by the use of hiking, biking and equestrian trails. See Figure RE-1, Parks, Recreation Facilities and Open Space.

In North Park, there are two open space canyons: Switzer Canyon (approximately 20.51 acres) and Juniper/34th Street Canyons (approximately 51.44 acres, of which 32.06 acres are within the North Park Community and 19.38 acres are within the Golden Hill Community) which provide low intensity recreational uses, such as hiking and bird

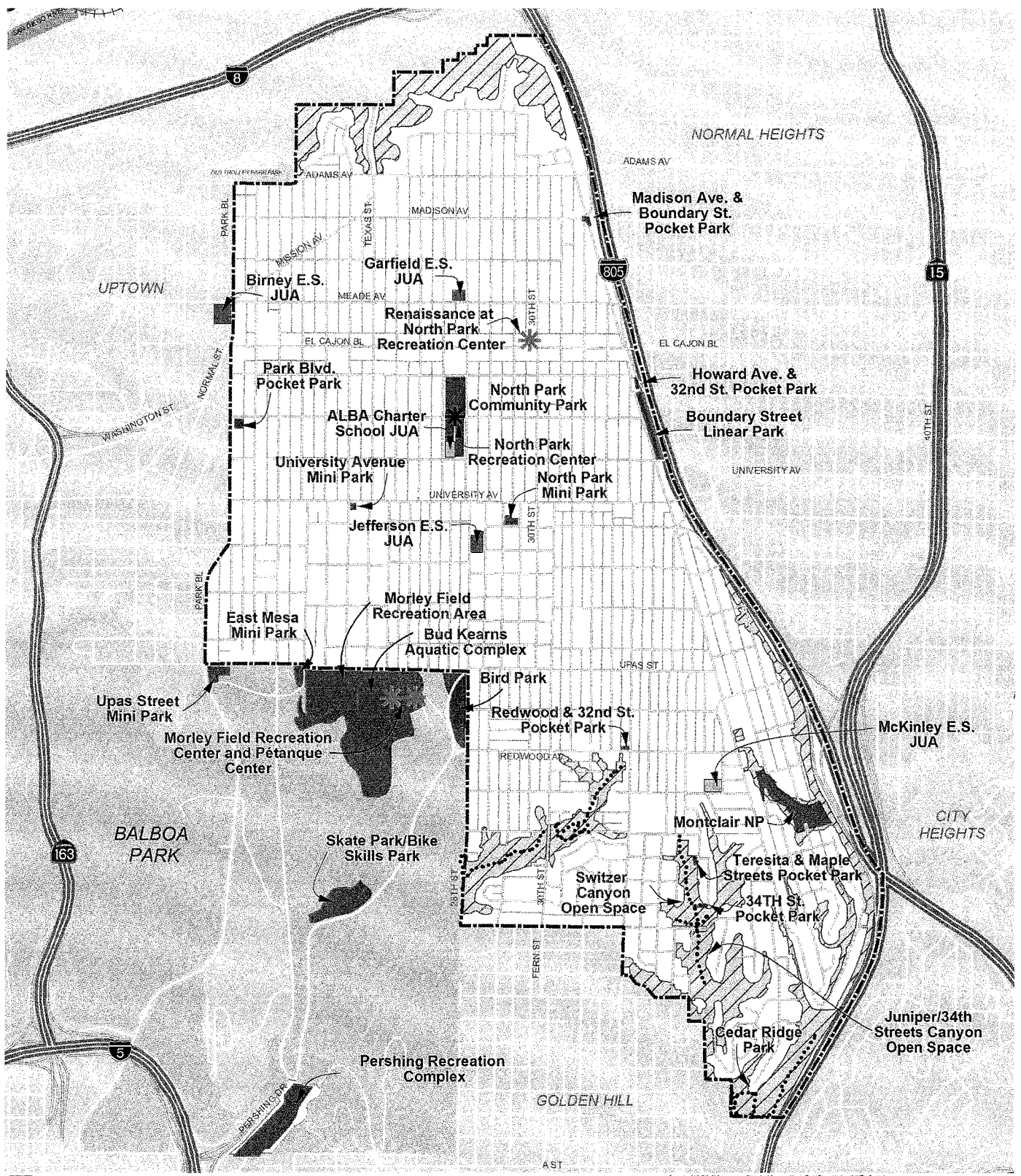
watching. Any proposed improvements to the trail systems shall be in compliance with Natural Resource Management Plans, if any, or other governing documents.

Resource-based parks are located at sites of distinctive natural or man-made features and serve the citywide population and visitors alike. Balboa Park is an approximately 1,200-acre regional facility contiguous to the southwestern edge of the North Park Community, as well as to the Uptown and Golden Hill Communities, which contains specialty gardens and horticultural interests, and houses numerous arts, educational, recreational, social and sports organizations, primarily on the Central Mesa. The adopted Balboa Park Master Plan generally defers to the preparation of a precise plan for improvements within the Morley Field area and the Arizona Landfill; the adopted Balboa Park East Mesa Precise Plan addresses existing and future needs in the areas contiguous to the North Park Community by expanding and enhancing park and recreation diverse uses and experiences, as well as preserving sensitive habitat.

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- RE-4.1 Protect and enhance the natural resources of open space lands by re-vegetating with native drought tolerant plants and utilizing open wood fences, where needed, adjacent to very sensitive areas to provide additional protection while still allowing views into the area.
- RE-4.2 Require all storm water and urban run-off drainage into resource-based parks or open space lands to be filtered or treated before entering the area.
- RE-4.3 Provide recognizable entrances (trailheads) to the Juniper/34th Streets Canyons Trail system. The trailheads may include a kiosk that includes a map of how the canyon interfaces with the North Park Community.
- RE-4.4 Construct approximately 2,045 linear feet of new trails on publicly-owned open space to connect with existing trails within Switzer Canyon and Juniper/34th Streets Canyons trail systems. (Actual new trail locations may vary due to environmental constraints.) Co-locate trails and utility access roads on publicly-owned open space, wherever possible.
- RE-4.5 Pursue public access easements for approximately 351 linear feet of existing trails located on privately-owned open space, where appropriate within the Juniper/34th Streets Canyons Open Space system to maintain connectivity between trail segments.
- RE-4.6 Provide a recognizable entrance (trailheads) to the Switzer Canyon Trail system at Redwood and 31st Streets. The trailhead should include a kiosk that includes a way-finding map that shows how the canyon interfaces with the North Park Community.

- RE-4.7 Provide interpretive signs at major trailheads to Switzer Canyon and Juniper/34th Streets Canyons Open Space trail systems to educate users on the sensitive natural and cultural habitats and unique biologic and scenic qualities of these areas.
- RE-4.8 All new development adjacent to open space land that is mapped MHPA should be consistent with the Land Use Consideration, Section 1.4, of the MSCP.



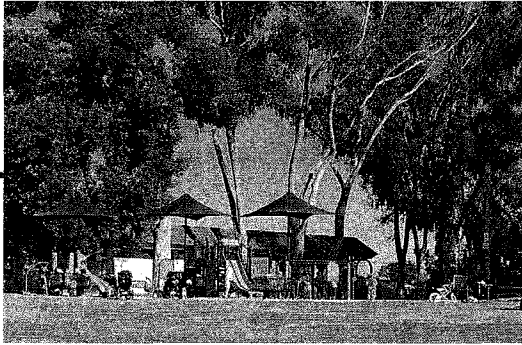
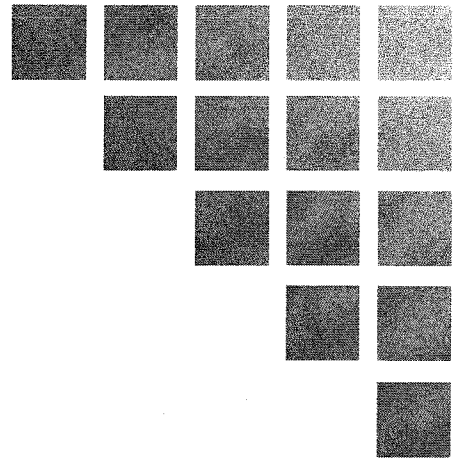
LEGEND

- Community Plan Boundary
- Proposed Parks/Park Equivalencies
- Existing Recreation Center
- Public and Private Open Space
- Existing Joint Use Area (JUA)
- Proposed Recreation Center/ Pool Complex
- Existing Parks
- Proposed Joint Use Area (JUA)
- Trails

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FIGURE RE-1 :
Parks, Recreation Facilities and Open Space



RECREATION

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- 7.1 PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES
- 7.2 PRESERVATION
- 7.3 ACCESSIBILITY
- 7.4 OPEN SPACE AND RESOURCE-BASED PARKS

Introduction

The Uptown Community Plan Recreation Element includes goals and recommendations addressing the following topic areas: Parks and Recreation Facilities, Preservation, Accessibility, and Open Space Lands and Resource-based Parks. These goals and recommendations, along with the broader goals and policies of the General Plan and the Balboa Park Master Plan, provide a comprehensive parks strategy intended to accommodate the community at full community development.

In addition to soliciting public input through various stakeholder meetings and the community plan update advisory committees, in August of 2011, the City commissioned a Park and Recreation Needs Assessment for the Golden Hill, North Park and Uptown Communities. The assessment was conducted by an independent research consultant to determine how and where the communities currently recreate, their priorities and preferences for future recreational uses and facilities within their communities, as well as, consideration of Balboa Park as a recreational resource. The assessment consisted of an objective, statistically-valid, random telephone survey. The survey results, which were representative of the broad and demographically-diverse communities' recreational use patterns and opinions, were contained in a report presented to each community, and have been incorporated into this plan update where appropriate. (See Appendix B for a summary of the Park and Recreation Needs Assessment Survey).



Old Trolley Barn Park is a neighborhood park that provides passive recreation and plays host to community concerts and festivals.

RECREATION ELEMENT GOALS

- A sustainable park and recreation system that meets the needs of Uptown residents and visitors which serves a variety of users, such as children, persons with disabilities, and the underserved teenage and senior populations.
- Parks and recreation facilities that keep pace with the Uptown Community population growth through timely acquisition of available land and development of new facilities.
- Increased quantity and quality of recreation facilities in Uptown through the promotion of alternative methods, such as park equivalencies, where development of typical facilities and infrastructure may be limited by land constraints.
- Park and recreation facilities that are accessible to, and within a one-half mile radius of, Uptown residents, and form an inter-connected community park system.
- A sustainable park and recreation system that meets the needs of Uptown residents by using "green" technology and sustainable practices in all new and retrofitted projects.
- A balance of recreational facilities in the Uptown Community that are available for programmed and non-programmed uses.
- Comprehensive pedestrian and bicycle connections between parks and open space lands within and adjacent to the Uptown Community, as well as to surrounding communities.
- An open space and resource-based park system in the Uptown Community that provides for the preservation and management of significant natural and man-made resources.
- A system of pedestrian paths and bikeways linking population-based parks with resource-based parks and open space lands within the Uptown Community.

Categories of Population-Based Parks

1. Major Park
2. Community Park
3. Neighborhood Park
4. Mini-Park
5. Pocket Park or Plaza
6. Special Activity Park

7.1 Parks and Recreation Facilities

PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITY STANDARDS

The City General Plan Recreation Element describes three categories of parks within the City of San Diego: Open Space Lands, Resource-based Parks, and Population-based Parks. (See Section RE-4 Open Space Lands and Resource-Based Parks for descriptions.) Population-based parks and recreation facilities are typically located within close proximity to residents and are intended to serve the daily recreational needs of the neighborhoods and community. The General Plan standard is to provide a minimum of 2.8 useable acres of public park land per 1,000 residents. A recreation center, typically 17,000 square feet in size, should be provided for every 25,000 residents, and an aquatic complex should be provided for every 50,000 residents. The General Plan Recreation Element, Table RE-2, Parks Guidelines, provides the descriptions and minimum standards for these park and recreation facilities.

EXISTING AND FUTURE POPULATION – BASED PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES

At full community development, the projected population for the Uptown Community is 56,025. Therefore, according to General Plan standards for population-based parks and recreation facilities, the community should be served by a minimum of 156.87 useable acres of park land at full community development.

Additionally, at full community development, the projected population warrants approximately two and one-quarter recreation centers equivalent to 38,097 total square feet, and approximately one aquatic complex.

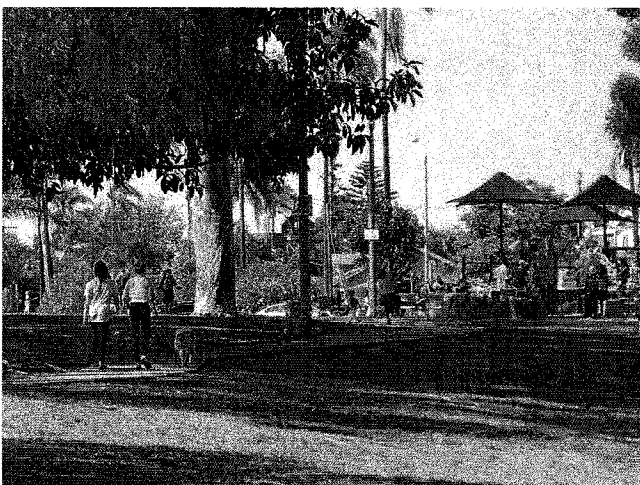
Opportunities for additional park land and recreation facilities within the Uptown Community are anticipated to come primarily through redevelopment of private and public properties and through the application of park equivalencies. While the City's primary goal is to obtain land for population-based parks, where vacant land is limited, unavailable or is cost-prohibitive, the City's General Plan allows for the application of park equivalencies to be determined by the community and City staff through a set of guidelines.

General Plan Guideline Calculations for Park and Recreation Facilities

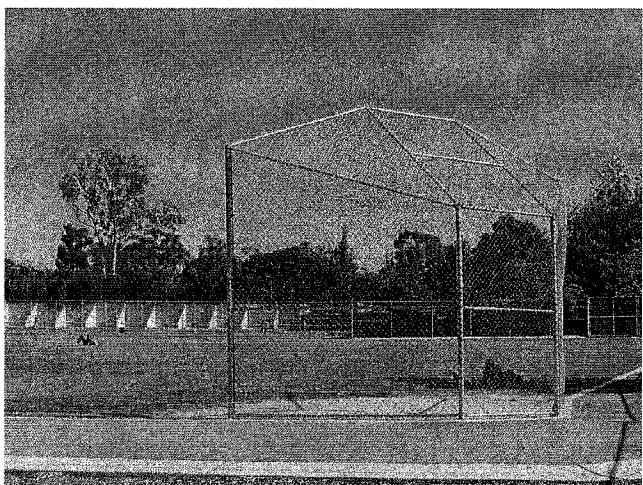
Parks: 56,025 people divided by 1,000 = 56.03 x 2.8 = 156.87 acres of population-based parks

Recreation Center: (17,000 square feet) serves population of 25,000: 56,025 people divided by 25,000 people = 2.24 Recreation Centers = 38,097 square feet total

Aquatic Complex: serves population of 50,000: 56,025 people divided by 50,000 people = 1.12 Aquatic Complexes



Mission Hills/Pioneer Memorial Park features large multi-purpose fields, children's play areas and picnic facilities.



Roosevelt Middle School Joint Use Facility provides play fields, walking track and tennis courts.

Facilities that may be considered as population-based park equivalencies include:

1. Joint use facilities;
2. Trails through open space;
3. Portions of resource-based parks;
4. Privately-owned, publicly-used parks;
5. Non-traditional parks, such as rooftop or indoor recreation facilities; and
6. Facility or building expansion or upgrades.

The Uptown Community is an urbanized community where park equivalencies are appropriate for satisfying some of the community's population-based park needs. The community and City staff identified and evaluated population-based park and recreation opportunities, as well as potential park equivalency sites, for their recreational value, possible uses and functions, public accessibility, consistency with General Plan policies and guidelines, and other land use policy documents (e.g., Balboa Park Master Plan). It was determined that a variety of sites and facilities within and adjacent to the Uptown Community do, or could, serve as population-based parks or park equivalencies.

Tables 7-1 and 7-2 summarize the existing and proposed parks and equivalencies that have been selected by the Uptown Community to supplement their existing population-based park inventory.



Sixth Avenue Children's Playground is located in Balboa Park and features several play areas, picnic facilities and passive lawn areas.

The table also includes recommendations contained in the Balboa Park Master Plan, including the Sixth Avenue Area, where appropriate, as well as recommendations generated by the community and City staff for facilities outside of Balboa Park.

A total of 156.87 acres of population-based parks will be needed to serve Uptown at full community development, of which 18.21 acres currently exist. Through this community plan update, City staff and community members have identified 80.93 acres, or over four times as much new population-based park land and park equivalency sites within and adjacent to the Uptown community than currently exists, resulting in a 57.73 acre deficit.

The plan identifies projects that will provide all of the recreation center space required to serve the community at full projected development, and identifies the need for an aquatic complex, at a future site to be determined. These proposals represent significant achievements towards implementing the community's goals. Staff will continue to work with community members to seek future opportunities for provision of parks and recreation facilities.

In addition to the inclusion of these projects in the Uptown Public Facilities Impact Analysis, identification of potential donations, grants and other funding sources for project implementation will be an ongoing effort. Figure 7-1, Parks, Recreation Facilities and Open Space, depicts the approximate locations of existing and proposed parks, recreation facilities, park equivalencies and open space.



Nate's Point Dog Off Leash Area is a very popular recreation facility and is located within Balboa Park.

FIGURE 7-1: PARKS, RECREATION FACILITIES AND OPEN SPACE

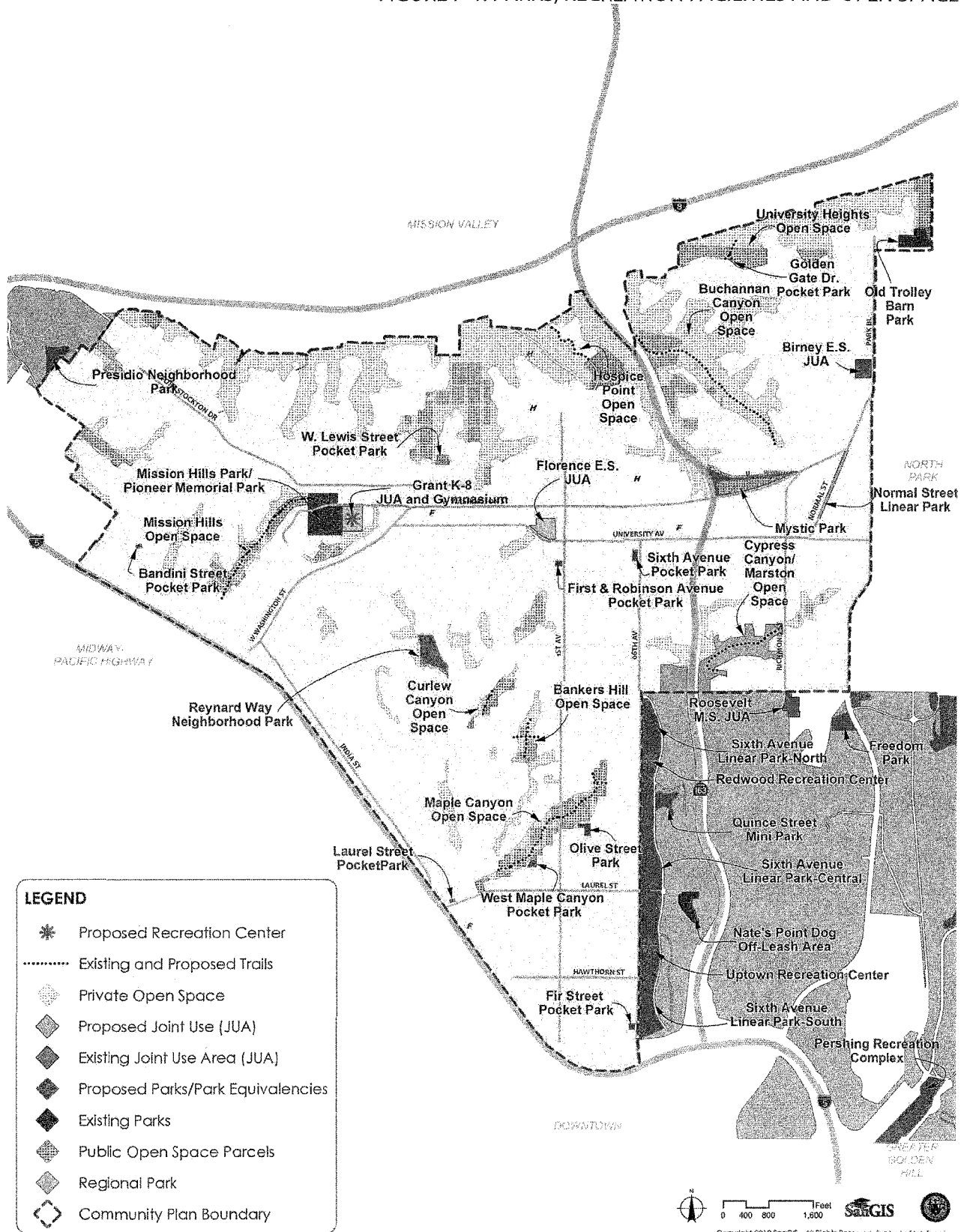


TABLE 7-1: POPULATION-BASED PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES

| Parks/ Recreation Facilities | Existing Useable Acreage | Future Useable Acreage | Parks and Recreation Facilities Locations and Descriptions | Parks and Recreation Facilities Recommendations |
|---|--------------------------------|------------------------------|---|--|
| <i>Major Parks</i> | | | | |
| None | | | | |
| <i>Community Parks</i> | | | | |
| None | | | | |
| <i>Neighborhood Parks</i> | | | | |
| Mission Hills Park (includes Pioneer Memorial Park) | 8.34 | | Existing park consisting of passive recreation amenities, such as multi-purpose turf areas, parking lot, a children's play area, seating, picnicking, walkways, and landscaping. | |
| Mystic Park | | 7.58 | Proposed park site located east of SR-163, north of Washington Street and south of Pascoe Street on City and Caltrans right-of-way. Portions of the site are designated as a California Historic Parkway and Scenic Highway, and are a State Historic Resource and City Historic Landmark. | Prepare a park feasibility study; The study may address historic resource issues, vehicular, pedestrian and traffic circulation, reconfiguration of freeway on-ramps, new traffic signalization, community recreation needs, other issues to be determined, and a preliminary cost analysis. An agreement with Caltrans may be required. Based on results of the study, acquire, design and construct park amenities for active and passive uses which could include multi-purpose turf areas, children's play areas, an amphitheater and performance opportunities, picnicking, seating, exercise areas, and an off-leash dog area. |
| Old Trolley Barn Park | 2.92 | | Existing park consisting of passive recreation amenities, such as multi-purpose turf areas, a children's play area, seating, picnicking, walkways, and landscaping. | |
| Reynard Way Neighborhood Park | | 4.72 | Proposed park site on undeveloped property, consisting of multiple, privately-owned parcels, located at 3532 Reynard Way. The site consists of varied topography and a potentially historically significant building which would present some developmental challenges, but would yield many recreational opportunities. Adaptive reuse of the building for recreational purposes is a possibility. | Acquire, design and construct park amenities for active and passive recreation, such as informal multi-purpose sports field, children's play areas, seating, picnicking, walkways, and landscaping. |
| <i>Mini Parks</i> | | | | |
| None | | | | |

TABLE 7-1: POPULATION-BASED PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES (CONTINUED)

| Parks/ Recreation Facilities | Existing Useable Acreage | Future Useable Acreage | Parks and Recreation Facilities Locations and Descriptions | Parks and Recreation Facilities Recommendations |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|--|--|
| <i>Pocket Parks/Plazas</i> | | | | |
| Bandini Street Pocket Park | | 0.18 | Proposed pocket park on vacant, privately-owned property located on the east side of Bandini Street at Mergho Impasse. | Acquire, design and construct park amenities to include passive recreation, such as a children's play area, seating, picnicking, walkways and landscaping. |
| Fir Street Pocket Park | | 0.23 | Proposed pocket park on 2 privately-owned parcels, located on the southwest corner of Fir Street and Sixth Avenue. The site is currently developed with a small structure and associated parking area. | Acquire, demolish existing improvements, design and construct park amenities to include passive recreation, such as a children's play area, seating, picnicking, walkways and landscaping. |
| First & Robinson Pocket Park | | 0.28 | Proposed pocket park on vacant, privately-owned property located on the northwest corner of First and Robinson Avenues. | Acquire, design and construct park amenities to include passive recreation, such as a children's play area, seating, picnicking, walkways and landscaping. |
| Golden Gate Drive Pocket Park | | 0.33 | Proposed pocket park on city-owned open space land within the University Heights Open Space area directly adjacent to Golden Gate Drive. | Design and construct park amenities to include passive recreation, such as a trailhead and interpretive signage, improved trails, overlook/seating, landscaping, etc. |
| Laurel Street Pocket Park | | 0.11 | Proposed pocket park on undeveloped City-owned park land. | Design and construct park amenities to support passive recreation, such as children's play area, seating, picnicking, walkways, and landscaping. |
| Olive Street Park | | 0.60 | Proposed pocket park on undeveloped city-owned park property located on Olive Street. | Design and construct park amenities to include passive recreation, such as a children's play area, walkways, seating, picnicking, and landscaping. |
| Sixth Avenue Pocket Park | | 0.45 | Proposed pocket park located on privately-owned property on the west side of Sixth Avenue between University and Robinson Avenues. The site is currently developed with the "Pernicano's" restaurant and associated parking lot. | Acquire, demolish existing improvements, and design and construct park amenities to include passive recreation, such as a children's play area, seating, picnicking, walkways and landscaping. |
| West Lewis Street Pocket Park | 0.35 | 0.03 | Existing park, located between Falcon and Goldfinch Streets, comprised of passive recreational amenities, a trail, public art, interpretive signage, and seating. | Construct Phase II improvements, including the trail connection with the existing Phase I, in accordance with the approved General Development Plan. |
| West Maple Canyon Pocket Park | | 0.25 | Proposed pocket park on undeveloped City owned land adjacent to the Maple Canyon Open Space area. | Construct passive park amenities including seating, interpretive signage, landscaping, and a trailhead, in accordance with the approved General Development Plan. |

TABLE 7-1: POPULATION-BASED PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES (CONTINUED)

| Parks/ Recreation Facilities | Existing Useable Acreage | Future Useable Acreage | Parks and Recreation Facilities Locations and Descriptions | Parks and Recreation Facilities Recommendations |
|--|--------------------------------|------------------------------|---|---|
| <i>Recreation Centers</i> | | | | |
| Grant K-8 School Gymnasium | N/A | N/A | Proposed gymnasium located within the Grant K-8 School site on San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD) land. | Pursue an agreement with SDUSD for joint use of the proposed 10,454 sq. ft. gymnasium. The facility would be designed and constructed by SDUSD. |
| Redwood Recreation Center (within Balboa Park) | N/A | N/A | Proposed recreation facility located in the vicinity of the existing Redwood Bridge Club, between Sixth Ave., Balboa Dr., Quince and Spruce Streets. | Design and construct an approximately 10,643 sq. ft. recreation center including community meeting and multi-purpose rooms, arts & crafts, and fitness rooms. |
| Uptown Recreation Center (within Balboa Park) | NA | NA | Proposed recreation facility would expand or replace the existing underutilized Balboa Club building located on Sixth Ave. between Juniper and Ivy Sts. Existing uses, such as Chess Club and Horseshoe Club, could be incorporated into the new facilities. | Expand/replace the existing building with a 17,000 sq. ft. recreation center including a gymnasium, community meeting and multi-purpose rooms, arts & crafts, and fitness rooms. Incorporate the existing Chess Club and Horseshoe Club uses into the new uses, as appropriate |
| <i>Aquatics Complexes</i> | | | | |
| Uptown Aquatics Complex | N/A | N/A | Proposed aquatics complex to be located at a site to be determined within the Uptown community. | Acquire land if the location is not within an existing park site. Design and construct an aquatics complex, sized to meet community needs, including a swimming pool, universal access and water amenities such as a children's pool and a therapeutic pool, and a pool house including locker rooms, staff offices and equipment storage facilities. |
| <i>Joint Use Facilities</i> | | | | |
| Birney Elementary School | 0.86 | | Existing joint use facilities consisting of turf multi-purpose playfield, multi-purpose courts, and hardscape for court games pursuant to long-term lease agreement. (Facility is total of 1.82 acres and is shared with North Park (0.96 acres) and Uptown (0.86 acres)) | |
| Florence Elementary School | | 1.2 | Proposed joint use facility at the school site. | Design and construct joint use facilities, including multi-purpose courts. Pursue a pedestrian connection between the joint use area and the future Mission Hills Library site. Enter into a Joint Use Agreement with the San Diego Unified School District. |
| Grant K-8 School | | 1.00 | Proposed joint use facility at school site. | Design and construct joint use facilities, including multipurpose playfield, hard courts and gymnasium. Enter into a Joint Use Agreement with the School District. |

TABLE 7-1: POPULATION-BASED PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES (CONTINUED)

| Parks/ Recreation Facilities | Existing Useable Acreage | Future Useable Acreage | Parks and Recreation Facilities Locations and Descriptions | Parks and Recreation Facilities Recommendations |
|--|--------------------------------|------------------------------|--|--|
| Roosevelt Middle School | 2.19 | | Existing joint use facilities consisting of turf multi-purpose playfields and perimeter running track pursuant to long-term agreement. | |
| <i>Trails: Useable acres credit for trails was determined by multiplying the linear footage of trail by 24'-0" width and divided by one acre in square feet (43,560)</i> | | | | |
| Bankers Hill Open Space Trail | | 0.77 | Proposed trail amenities for the existing trails, 1,400 lineal feet, in the Bankers Hill Open Space. A portion of the proposed trail is located on undeveloped public right-of-way. | Design and construct trail amenities, such as benches, interpretive signs, protective fencing, native landscaping, trash and recycling containers, and overlooks, where needed and appropriate for the trail type, as determined and approved by City. |
| Buchanan Canyon Open Space Trail | | 0.82 | Proposed trail amenities for the existing trails, 1,500 lineal feet, in the Buchanan Canyon Open Space. A portion of the proposed trail is located on undeveloped public right-of-way. | Design and construct trail amenities, such as such as benches, interpretive signs, protective fencing, native landscaping, trash and recycling containers, overlooks, etc., where needed and appropriate for the trail type, as determined and approved by City. |
| Curlew Canyon Open Space Trail | | 0.27 | Proposed trail amenities for the existing trails, 500 lineal feet, in the Curlew Canyon Open Space. | Design and construct trail amenities, such as benches, interpretive signs, protective fencing, native landscaping, trash and recycling containers, and overlooks, where needed and appropriate for the trail type, as determined and approved by City. |
| Cypress Canyon / Marston Open Space | | 2.31 | Proposed trail amenities for the existing trails, 4,200 lineal feet, in the Cypress Canyon/Marston Open Space. | Design and construct trail amenities such as benches, interpretive signs, protective fencing, native landscaping, trash and recycling containers, overlooks, etc., where needed and appropriate for the trail type, as determined and approved by City. |
| Hospice Point Open Space Trail | | 0.60 | Proposed trail amenities for the existing trails, 1,100 lineal feet, in the Hospice Point Open Space. | Design and construct trail amenities, such as such as benches, interpretive signs, protective fencing, native landscaping, trash and recycling containers, overlooks, etc., where needed and appropriate for the trail type, as determined and approved by City. |
| Maple Canyon Open Space Trail | | 1.54 | Proposed trail amenities for the existing trails, 2,800 lineal feet, in the Maple Canyon Open Space. | Design and construct trail amenities, such as benches, interpretive signs, protective fencing, native landscaping, trash and recycling containers, and overlooks, where needed and appropriate for the trail type, as determined and approved by City. |

TABLE 7-1: POPULATION-BASED PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES (CONTINUED)

| Parks/ Recreation Facilities | Existing Useable Acreage | Future Useable Acreage | Parks and Recreation Facilities Locations and Descriptions | Parks and Recreation Facilities Recommendations |
|---|--------------------------------|------------------------------|--|---|
| Mission Hills Open Space Trail | | 0.81 | Proposed trail amenities for the existing trails, 1,480 lineal feet, in the Mission Hills Open Space. A small portion of the proposed trail is located on privately-owned property. | Design and construct trail amenities, such as protective fencing, native landscaping, trash and recycling containers, overlooks, etc., where needed and appropriate for the trail type, as determined and approved by City. Acquire a recreation easement for public use of the privately-owned portion of the trail. |
| University Heights Open Space Trail | | 0.16 | Proposed trail amenities for the existing trails, 300 lineal feet, in the Buchanan Canyon Open Space. | Design and construct trail amenities such as benches, interpretive signs, protective fencing, native landscaping, trash and recycling containers, overlooks, etc., where needed and appropriate for the trail type, as determined and approved by City. |
| <i>Portion of Resource-Based Parks</i> | | | | |
| Freedom Park (within Balboa Park) | | 2.29 | Proposed park located on the north side of the War Memorial Building on Park Boulevard. | Design and construct active and passive recreation amenities and support facilities, such as seating/picnicking, security lighting, walkways, and landscaping. |
| Nate's Point Dog Off-leash Area (within Balboa Park) | | 2.75 | Dog off-leash area at Laurel Street and Balboa Drive. | Design and construct dog off-leash area upgrades, such as drinking fountains, site furniture, security lighting, walkways, and landscaping. |
| Pershing Recreation Complex (within Balboa Park) | | 5.00 | Proposed community park/sports complex located at the corner of Pershing Drive and 26 th Street. This site is currently used by City Central Operations Station facilities. This 15 acre facility will be shared with; North Park; Golden Hill; and Uptown. | Design and construct a community park/ sports complex with active recreation facilities consistent with the recommendations in the BPEMPP, subsequent to relocation of non-park, City facilities. |
| Presidio Neighborhood Park (within Presidio Park) | | 3.84 | Neighborhood park located on Cosoy Way and Presidio Drive within Presidio Park. Existing uses include a children's play area, picnic areas and a comfort station. | Design and construct additional recreation amenities such as a picnic shelter, accessible walkways, interpretive signs, etc. |
| Quince Street Mini-Park (within Balboa Park) | | 2.30 | Proposed mini park located at the southeast corner of the intersection of Balboa Drive and the Quince Street / SR-163 northbound exit ramp. | Design and construct passive recreation amenities, such as seating/picnicking, security lighting, walkways, and landscaping. |
| Sixth Avenue Linear Park – North (within Balboa Park) | 3.55 | 4.45 | Proposed linear park located between Sixth Avenue and Balboa Drive, from Upas Street to Quince Street. | Design and construct amenities consistent with the approved General Development Plan for the Sixth Avenue Playground located between Thorn and Spruce Streets, as well as additional passive recreational amenities in the adjacent areas such as seating, picnicking, drinking fountains, security lighting, walkways and landscaping. |

TABLE 7-1: POPULATION-BASED PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES (CONTINUED)

| Parks/ Recreation Facilities | Existing Useable Acreage | Future Useable Acreage | Parks and Recreation Facilities Locations and Descriptions | Parks and Recreation Facilities Recommendations |
|---|--------------------------------|------------------------------|--|---|
| Sixth Avenue Linear Park – Central (within Balboa Park) | | 21.69 | Proposed linear park located between Sixth Avenue and Balboa Drive, from Quince Street to Juniper Street. | Design and construct passive recreational amenities such as seating, picnicking, drinking fountains, security lighting, walkways and landscaping. |
| Sixth Avenue Linear Park – South (within Balboa Park) | | 12.77 | Proposed linear park located between Sixth Avenue and Balboa Drive, from Juniper Street to Elm Street. Existing uses include the Balboa Club building and horseshoe courts. | Design and construct amenities in coordination with the proposed Uptown Recreation Center, including incorporation of the horseshoe courts, as well as additional passive recreational amenities in the adjacent areas such as seating, picnicking, drinking fountains, security lighting, walkways and landscaping. |
| <i>Privately-Owned Park Sites</i> | | | | |
| None | | | | |
| <i>Non-Traditional Park Sites</i> | | | | |
| Normal Street Linear Park | | 1.60 | Proposed linear park located within the Normal Street right-of- way, including the medians. | Design and construct a variety of passive recreational and community uses, including a children's play area and flexible opportunities for the weekly farmer's market and other community events. Coordinate with the State's redevelopment efforts of the DMV office site, where appropriate. |
| <i>Facility or Building Expansion or Upgrade</i> | | | | |
| None | | | | |

TABLE 7-2: SUMMARY OF EXISTING AND PROPOSED POPULATION-BASED PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES

| Population-Based Parks | | Useable Acres |
|--|--|--------------------|
| Existing Population-based Parks and Park Equivalencies | | 18.21 acres |
| Proposed Population-based Parks and Park Equivalencies | | 80.93 acres |
| Total Existing and Proposed Population-based Parks and Equivalencies | | 99.14 acres |
| Population-based Park Requirements at full community development | | 156.87 acres |
| <i>Population-based park deficit at full community development</i> | | <i>57.73 acres</i> |
| Recreation Centers | | Square Feet |
| Existing Recreation Centers: | | 0 |
| Proposed Recreation Center: Grant K-8 School Gymnasium | | 10,454 SF |
| Proposed Recreation Center: Redwood Recreation Center | | 10,643 SF |
| Proposed Recreation Center: Uptown Recreation Center | | 17,000 SF |
| Total Existing and Proposed Recreation Centers | | 38,097 SF |
| Recreation Center Requirement at full community development | | 38,097 SF |
| <i>Recreation Center deficit at full community development</i> | | <i>No Deficit</i> |
| Aquatic Complex | | Percentage |
| Existing Aquatic Complexes | | 0 |
| Proposed Aquatic Complexes: Uptown Aquatic Complex | | 1.12 |
| Total Existing and Proposed Aquatic Complexes | | 1.12 |
| Aquatic Complexes Requirement at full community development | | 1.12 |
| <i>Aquatic Complexes deficit at full community development</i> | | <i>No Deficit</i> |

POLICIES

- RE-1.1 Preserve, protect and enhance the integrity and quality of existing parks, open space, and recreation programs in the Uptown Community.
- RE-1.2 Pursue land acquisition for the creation of new public parks and recreation facilities as opportunities arise, with a special effort to locate new park land and facilities in the central and northwestern areas of the community, especially through urban infill and redevelopment proposals.
- RE-1.3 Pursue park equivalencies identified in Table RE-1, Population-based Parks and Recreation Facilities Inventory and Recommendations, and as opportunities arise.
- RE-1.4 Encourage new private development proposals to include recreational facilities within their land holdings to serve existing, as well as new residents in areas of the

community where there are land constraints. Provision of non-traditional park and recreation amenities should be considered on rooftops of buildings and parking structures, and/or on the ground level or within new buildings.

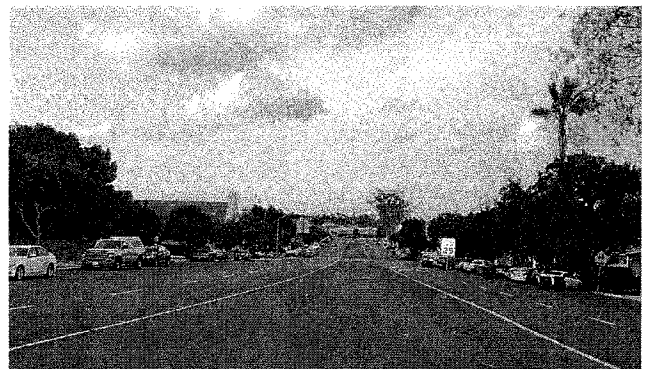
- RE-1.5 As public agency land or buildings are redeveloped, active or passive recreation should be incorporated into buildings, support facilities (e.g., parking structures), or the surrounding exterior lands, where space allows.
- RE-1.6 Increase recreational opportunities by acquiring and developing land through street/alley rights-of-way vacations (paper streets), where appropriate and legally defensible, to provide for park and recreation uses.
- RE-1.7 Promote safety of Uptown parks by providing park designs that incorporate

the City's 'Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design' (CPTED) measures (see General Plan Policy UD-A.17).

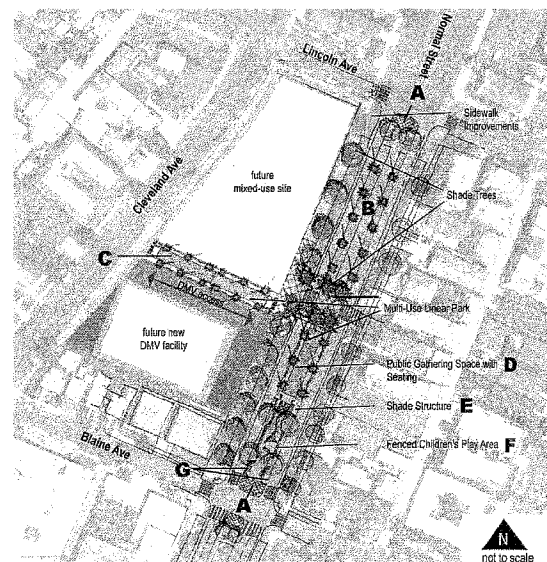
- RE-1.8 Construct the proposed Pershing Recreation Complex as recommended by the Balboa Park East Mesa Precise Plan to serve the North Park, Golden Hill and Uptown Communities.
- RE-1.9 Create a 17,000 square foot Uptown Recreation Center to accommodate community recreational needs by expanding or replacing the existing Balboa Club building. Incorporate existing uses such as the Chess Club into the new Recreation Center. Reconfigure the site to accommodate relocated horseshoe courts and other active recreation uses such as a children's play area.
- RE-1.10 Explore the possibility of renovating and expanding the existing Mission Hills-Hillcrest Library located at West Washington and Hawk Streets to accommodate community recreational needs, after the library is relocated to a new site at Washington and Front Streets adjacent to Florence Elementary School. Coordinate with the adjacent Fire Station #8 to incorporate activity space which could be jointly used, such as community meeting rooms and multi-purpose rooms, fitness center, parking lot, etc. Determine short term and long term uses appropriate for the site.
- RE-1.11 Implement the Sixth Avenue Children's Park approved General Development Plan, located along Sixth Avenue in the Marston Point Area.
- RE-1.12 Encourage development of parks within residential mixed-use developments, and clustered with other public facilities.
- RE-1.13 Pursue lease agreements with public agencies (e.g., San Diego Unified School District, Caltrans, etc.) to incorporate active or passive recreation into existing

buildings or surrounding grounds, where non-programmed space is available and appropriate for public use.

- RE-1.14 Coordinate with the State Department of General Services to explore the possibility of providing a public park within the redevelopment of the Department of Motor Vehicles site on Normal Street.
- RE-1.15 Acquire land, design and construct an Aquatic Complex for the Uptown community.
- RE-1.16 Explore the possibility of providing a public park within the redevelopment of the San Diego Unified School District's Education Center on Normal Street.



Streets with excessive right-of-way should be considered for potential recreational, urban greening, and multi-purpose opportunities.



Conceptual rendering showing a redesign of Normal Street as a potential linear park.

7.2 Preservation

The demand for park and recreation opportunities will continue to grow as the population of the Uptown Community continues to grow. Undeveloped land for parks has already become difficult to find in the Uptown Community making preservation of the existing open space and resource-based parks essential to providing recreation opportunities in this community. Preservation can include improvements to existing facilities to increase their life span, or expand their uses and sustainability. The western mesa of Balboa Park will continue to serve as the main recreation venue for the community, but with increased demand and usage, the facilities will need to be reconstructed, upgraded and expanded with sustainable and green technology features, to optimize the space to be fully utilized and to provide new recreation amenities that are needed by the existing and future community residents.

Preservation can also include the enhancement of resource-based parks and open space that provides a balance between protecting the natural resources and allowing for a certain level of public recreation use. For the Uptown Community, this would mean concentrating active recreational use improvements towards larger resource-based parks, and focusing passive use improvements at various open space areas, mini-parks and pocket parks. Aside from trails, only passive uses are allowed in the City's Multi-Habitat Planning Area (MHPA), therefore, to protect the natural resources and still add recreation value, interpretive signs should be featured at open space parks to educate the public on the unique natural habitat, scenic value and the history of the place.



West Lewis Pocket Park provides passive recreation amenities including seating, interpretive signage and drought tolerant landscaping.

POLICIES

- RE-2.1 Preserve, protect and manage the natural, cultural, and historic resources that serve as recreation facilities in the Uptown Community.
- RE-2.2 Expand/Upgrade the recreation facilities on the western mesa of Balboa Park consistent with the Balboa Park Master Plan to meet existing and future demand. Use sustainable methods and materials (such as native and low-water using plants), and "green" technology that also respects any historical significance of the area.
- RE-2.3 Preserve, expand and enhance existing park and recreation facilities to increase their life span, or expand their uses and sustainability.
- RE-2.4 Provide sufficient human and economic resources to preserve and enhance the existing parks and open space areas serving the Uptown Community.
- RE-2.5 Preserve and protect City-owned open space canyons within the community by limiting public use to designated trails and providing interpretive signs to explain the biologic and scenic value of the open space systems.
- RE-2.6 Preserve, protect and restore canyons and hillsides as important visual features of community definition.



Interpretive signs and trail head kiosk signs educate the community about the biology and the cultural value of the Uptown open space system.

- RE-2.7 Provide pocket parks with ecologically-sensitive recreational uses as enhanced gateways to open space lands.
- RE-2.8 Protect and preserve native species and the unique habitats they depend upon within the open space systems consistent with the MSCP guidelines. (See Conservation Element.)

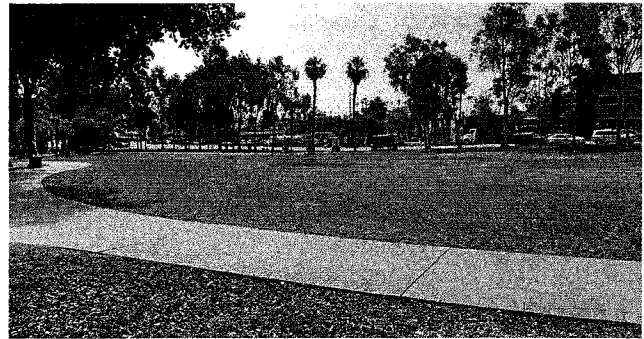
7.3 Accessibility

Accessibility within the Uptown Community has three main components: 1) all facilities should be located within walking distance of neighborhoods and employment centers; 2) facilities should be accessible to the broadest population possible; and 3) facilities should be open for use by the general public with a balance between programmed and non-programmed activities.

All parks and recreation facilities within the Uptown Community are planned to be linked by a network of existing and proposed transit routes, bikeways, and/or pedestrian paths.

All new and existing parks and recreation facilities within the Uptown Community are required to meet the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) guidelines when they are constructed or retrofitted for improvements or upgrades. This could include adding accessible pedestrian ramps, providing paved pathways at acceptable gradients that lead from a public street sidewalk or parking area to a children's play area or other park destination, providing disabled parking spaces, remodeling of restrooms and building interiors.

Accessibility also means the availability of active and passive recreation to all community residents. When special uses are designed into parks, such as dog off-leash areas or community gardens, these areas should also include amenities, such as pathways, benches, exercise stations, or picnic tables on the perimeter that could accommodate more than one type of user and enhance the recreational and leisure experience. Special uses, such as dog off-leash areas and community gardens, would be required to undergo a City approval process prior to facility design.



Access to park and recreation facilities should provide accessible pathways from the public sidewalk or from parking areas.

POLICIES

- RE-3.1 Enhance recreation facilities in the Uptown Community by optimizing pedestrian, bicycle, public transit, automobile, and alternative modes of travel.
- RE-3.2 Design all new recreation facilities for an inter-connected park and open space system that is integrated into and accessible to Uptown Community residents.
- RE-3.3 Retrofit all existing park and recreational facilities to meet the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to accommodate persons with all disabilities.
- RE-3.4 Ensure all existing and future parks and recreation facilities meet local, state and federal accessibility guidelines.
- RE-3.5 Retain and enhance pedestrian and bicycle paths within Balboa Park, especially within the West Mesa, to connect with the surrounding community.
- RE-3.6 Provide an information kiosk and map at the gateways to the community that identifies all parks that serve the Uptown Community and how to get to each by walking, biking or public transit.
- RE-3.7 Develop and increase access to senior and youth services, activities and facilities wherever possible within the community's public park and recreation system, such as for the Chess Club, Horseshoe Club, and Bridge Club within the West Mesa of Balboa Park.

7.4 Open Space and Resource-Based Parks

Open space lands are City-owned lands located throughout the City, consisting of canyons, mesas, and other natural landforms. This open space is intended to preserve and protect native plants and animals, while providing public access and enjoyment by the use of hiking, biking and equestrian trails. See Figure RE-1, Parks, Recreation Facilities and Open Space.

In the Uptown Community, there are several open space canyons that provide opportunities for experiencing the natural environment through low intensity recreational uses, such as hiking (approximately 13,280 lineal feet) and bird watching. Any proposed improvements to existing trail systems shall be in compliance with Natural Resource Management Plans, if any, or other governing documents.

Resource-based parks are located at sites of distinctive natural or man-made features and serve the citywide population and visitors alike. Balboa Park is an approximately 1,200-acre regional facility contiguous to the southeastern edge of the Uptown Community, as well as to the North Park and Golden Hill Communities, which contains specialty gardens and horticultural interests, and houses numerous arts, educational, recreational, social and sports organizations, primarily on the Central Mesa. The adopted Balboa Park Master Plan governs the future development and enhancements within the western area of the park, located between Sixth Avenue and SR-163, and Upas Street and I-5, which is intended to remain primarily as free and open parkland. Any expansions or enhancements of recreation facilities should not encroach on open parkland, landscaped areas or plazas. Recommended improvements within Balboa Park to serve the Uptown Community are included in Table 7-1, Population-based Parks and Recreation Facilities Inventory and Recommendations.

POLICIES

- RE-4.1 Protect the natural terrain and drainage systems of Uptown's open space lands and resource-based parks to preserve the natural habitat and cultural resources.
- RE-4.2 Protect and enhance the natural resources of open space lands by re-vegetating with native drought tolerant plants and utilizing open wood fences, where needed, adjacent to very sensitive areas to provide additional protection while still allowing views into the area.
- RE-4.3 Require all storm water and urban run-off drainage into resource-based parks or open space lands to be filtered or treated before entering the area.
- RE-4.4 Provide recognizable entrances (trailheads) to the Mission Hills Open Space and Maple Canyon Open Space systems. The trailheads should include a kiosk that includes a way finding map that shows how the canyon interfaces with the Uptown Community, as well as interpretive signage to educate users on the sensitive natural and cultural habitats and unique biologic and scenic qualities of these areas.
- RE-4.5 Pursue public access easements for approximately 2,300 linear feet of existing trails located on privately-owned open space within the Buchanan Canyon (2,000 LF) and Mission Hills (300 LF) Open Space Lands where appropriate to maintain connectivity between trail segments.