

June 18, 2020

PLANNING COMMISSION

MOTION:

Item Number 1: Complete Communities Play Everywhere – City of San Diego Parks Master Plan and General Recreational Element Amendment

- **RECOMMEND APPROVAL of the amendment to the 2008 General Plan Environmental Impact Report No. 104495 EIR (SCH 2006091032).**
- **RECOMMEND ADOPTION of a resolution approving an amendment to the General Plan Recreation Element.**
- **RECOMMEND ADOPTION of a resolution adopting the City of San Diego Parks Master Plan**

With the following recommendation:

1. Include staff's recommended additional policy that establishes continual monitoring and allows for adjustments and refinements to ensure successful implementation.
2. Include staff's recommended additional policy that recognizes the mental health benefits of parks by valuing habitat restoration that is fully accessible for public enjoyment in the parks scoring system.
3. Amend the plan to clarify that the 10-20-30-40-minute access standard is intended to increase recreational access to more parks across the City, but that nearby parks are also of critical importance.
4. Amend the plan to clarify that the park designations identified in the plan are intended as a guide to the types of parks that make up the Citywide parks system, but that they are not intended to suggest that any particular planning effort be limited to these particular park types.
5. Park & Recreation resources should be surveyed and assessed for each community prior to implementation.
6. The Park Master Plan needs to clarify standards and guidance.
7. The scoring matrix needs analysis and reworking, including but not limited to the following:
 - a. Land acquisition needs to be a higher priority if viable land does become available for purchase. This should be reflected in the scoring matrix.
 - b. Make the overall maximum point value higher.
 - c. Consider a "Cap" for categories.
 - d. Include an:
 - i. Alternative compliance process for unconventional ideas and
 - ii. A weighted system
8. The role of parks in sequestering carbon and mitigating the harmful effects of toxic pollutants should be better addressed. This needs to be included in park prioritization as well as the Climate equity index.
9. Programming should emphasis and budget for multilingual, culturally specific programming. Marketing and outreach programs should be emphasized more.
10. Consider developing a policy that would repurpose oversized streets and unused alleys for recreation.
11. The number and significance of local historical, California landmarks, National Register and National Landmark resources with San Diego Parks needs to be better called out and policies

created to protect these resources and encourage awareness and access to them. Please make sure this is adequately included in Policy directives.

12. The use of the terminology “Comfort Stations” is an anachronism and should be abandoned for the term “restroom” used in common language.
13. Create a Goal or Policy to explore implementing new approaches to providing Public Restrooms.
 - a. This would include conducting an existing condition report as well as researching how other systems implement restrooms.
14. There should be an annual audit of the system that is transparent and accessible to the public. There should be an annual report to a City Council Subcommittee.
15. Establishment of a Design Review Committee based on current practices for Boards and Commissions.
16. Need a nexus study on the fee schedule in order to make findings.
17. Recommend finishing the Storm Water Compliance Program EIR which could provide opportunities for the acquisition of land for recreation needs.