



Office of Child
and Youth Success

**Parks and Recreation Board
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Information Item 202

Update: Measure H Implementation

BACKGROUND

The Office of Child and Youth Success aims to address child care scarcity and increase recreational and engaging programs for young children and their families in San Diego through alignment with the City's strategic plan.

PROTECT & ENRICH EVERY NEIGHBORHOOD

Increasing child care supports building neighborhood assets that anchor community life, foster interaction, and promote well-being.

Increasing options for recreational programs for young children, contribute to accessible, convenient, safe, and comfortable recreational spaces in communities.

FOSTER REGIONAL PROSPERITY

Increasing child care options supports San Diego residents to engage in a strong local community, with well-paying jobs, economic activity, and opportunities for their community

The City's pathway for career growth and development must include increasing the supply of affordable and accessible options for child care.

PRE-KINDER CAMPS & CHILD CARE MODELS

LICENSED CHILD CARE (MEASURE H)

Use of existing park and recreation facilities for licensed child care programs, potentially serving infant/toddler, pre-K, or school-age (under 12) children.

Programs will be licensed and operated by contractor/leasee, through RFP. The area leased for operation will be dedicated for the use of the child care center.

Opportunities for funding facility improvements will be explored, including passing on to the operator/leasee.

STEM PRE-KINDER CAMP

Recreation camps for preschool-age children (ages 3 & 4) are unlicensed and short-term. They are not considered child care. Sessions will run 12 hours/week for 12 weeks at identified recreation centers.

An expansion of the current Play All Day program, the STEM Pre-Kinder Camps will operate in a shared-space manner, coordinating schedules and operations with the site and considering needs of the community.

Programs will be operated by service providers who have a license agreement with the City of San Diego.

Licensed Child Care (Measure H)

Target Locations:

- Existing park and recreation facilities
- Primarily Recreation Centers
- Dedicated room for child care center
- Target "child care deserts" and other high-need areas

Age Groups:

- Licensed child care
 - Infant/toddler
 - Preschool
 - School-age (OST)

Community Input:

- Present to Park & Rec Board for input
- Present to Mayor Gloria
- Present to LUH and CNS Committees
- Meet with Area Managers & Community Groups
- Meet & confer with MEA

Operator:

- Licensed community provider
- Through long-term lease and contract

Child care may be authorized at recreation facilities and buildings on real property owned in fee by the City heretofore or hereafter formally dedicated in perpetuity by ordinance of the Council or by statute of the State Legislature for park or recreation purposes.

For purposes of this section, childcare means any State-licensed childcare facility, other than in-home family day care, in which nonmedical care and supervision is provided for children under age 18 in a group setting for less than 24 hours per day, excluding educational or instructional use provided by public, private, home, or charter schools.

Operations:

- Part-day or full-day programs
 - Non-traditional hours?
- Preferred subsidy types

Facilities Improvement:

- City may explore funding to get sites "license ready"
- Explore long-term lease to specify tenant is responsible for improvements

Project Timeline



Licensed Child Care (Measure H)

ITB

- Issue ITB for site construction, if necessary

TBD

RFP

- Long-term lease to operate
- Two options, ID per site:
 - Site is "license-ready" with available funds
 - Tenant to make any necessary improvements
- *Work with DREAM to develop lease*

Identify revenue/funds

- Potential fund sources
- Goal: Prep sites to be "license ready" where possible

Ongoing

TBD

Community Input

- Conduct presentations & mtgs. w/ LUH Cmte., CNS Cmte.
- Present to Mayor Gloria
- Meet w/ Community Groups
- Meet & confer with MEA
- *Partner with Parks & Rec, Labor, Economic Development, Race & Equity*

Ongoing

Jan-
Nov
2023

Identify locations

- Review Site Visits & Master List
- Meet with District & Area Managers
- *Partner with Parks & Rec, General Services*

April -
Nov
2023

Identify target program & operations

- Age groups (infant/toddler, preschool, out of school time)
- Hours
- Preferred subsidy operation
- Refer to YMCA and LPC reports on child care availability and priorities



Prioritizing Sites

LOCATION SCORE

- Community Parks II
- Promise Zone
- Community of Concern
- Parks & Rec Opportunity Fund 2024
- Child Care & Development Planning Council – ZIP Code Priority for Subsidized Child Care
- Child Care Desert

SPACE SCORE

- Indoor Space
- Outdoor Space
- Potential Space with Limited Renovation Needed (toward Licensing standards)
- Existing Programming Fit

Phase 1 Potential Sites

Licensed Child Care

LOCATION

City of San Diego Recreation Centers that are located in the San Diego Promise Zone OR an identified Community of Concern

SPACE

Recreation Centers that have some potential to be made “license ready” with site improvements, including indoor and outdoor space and Community Care Licensing regulations for child care centers

RECREATION CENTERS

Mountain View
Dolores Magdaleno Memorial
Martin Luther King, Jr.
Golden Hill
Encanto
Skyline Hills
Paradise Hills

Project Timeline

Licensed Child Care (Measure H)

Workgroup Assessment:

- OCYS, Parks & Rec, General Services
- Visit 7 potential sites in September
- Assess rec center space and park space (consider prefabricated/portable structure for child care)

Facility Renovation Issues:

- Child Care Licensing regulations would require that many identified rec centers would need facility upgrades, including indoor and outdoor spaces
- To meet Licensing regulations, many rec centers would require substantial work, including addressing restrooms, sinks, kitchen access, climate control, etc.
- Due to age and current condition of many rec centers, renovations would raise issues related to hazardous materials, HVAC, ADA accessibility, zero emissions building policies, etc. – at a high cost

Jan-Nov
2023

Identify locations

- Review Site Visits & Master List
- Meet with District & Area Managers
- *Partner with Parks & Rec, General Services*

Programming considerations:

- “Opportunity cost” of using a given park space for child care vs. potential and/or existing other uses

Play All Day Expansion STEM Pre-Kinder Camps

Target Locations:

- Existing park and recreation facilities
- Primarily Recreation Centers
- Target Promise Zone & south bay
- Shared-space with site, based on existing programming and community need

Age Groups:

- Unlicensed recreation camp
 - Preschool age (three- and four-year olds)

Community Input:

- Present to Park & Rec Board for input
- Present to Mayor Gloria
- Meet with Area Managers & Community Groups
- Present to LUH and CNS Committees

Operator:

- Community service provider
- Through RFQ and license agreement?

Operations:

- 12 hours/week (varying schedules)
- 12 week sessions
- Registration process TBD

Facilities Improvement:

- City may explore funding to improve sites, if needed

Recreation camps for preschool-age children are unlicensed and short-term. Sessions will run 12 hours/week for 12 weeks at identified Recreation Centers.

CA Health and Safety code outlines the following requirements for programs exempt from Licensing requirements, for the preschool age group for Public Recreation Programs (operated by the state, city, county, LEA, etc):

- Program is provided to children under the age of 4 years, 9 months with sessions that run 12 hours per week or less and are 12 weeks or less in duration.
- A program may permit children to be enrolled in consecutive sessions throughout the year, but not in a combination of sessions more than 12 hours per week.

Project Timeline



STEM Pre-Kinder Camps

Community Input

- Conduct presentations & mtgs. w/ LUH Cmte., CNS Cmte.
- Present to Mayor Gloria
- Meet w/ Community Groups
- *Partner with Parks & Rec, Labor, Economic Development, Race & Equity*

Jan -
Nov
2023

Identify locations

- Review the Site Visits & Master List
- *Partner with Parks & Rec*

Ongoing

Dec
2023

Issue RFQ

- Issue RFQ for service providers
- Create space license agreement per site with providers

Jan
2024

Set up registration

- Clarify the family registration and payment process, and identify potential scholarship or subsidy opportunities

May -
Nov
2023

Identify revenue/funds

- Identify funds to cover program costs, increased staffing
- Identify funds to improve sites
 - Indoor/outdoor space
 - Furniture & equipment, TBD

Jan 2024-
Ongoing

Advertise programs



Phase 1 Potential Sites

STEM PreKinder Camps

LOCATION

City of San Diego Recreation Centers that are located in the San Diego Promise Zone OR an identified Community of Concern

SPACE

Recreation Centers that have some potential to be available for license-exempt STEM-based Prekindergarten Camps that meet safety and operating needs of the age group and program types

RECREATION CENTERS

Mountain View*
Stockton
Dolores Magdaleno Memorial*
Montgomery-Waller
Martin Luther King, Jr.*
Golden Hill*
Encanto*
Southcrest

Azalea
Skyline Hills*
Paradise Hills*
Col. Irving Solomon, San Ysidro
Bay Terraces
Willie Henderson
Linda Vista

**Also identified for Licensed Child Care*