MEETING NOTES

Date: June 9, 2020 | 5:00pm-7:00pm
Project: John Baca Park GDP
Subject: Community Workshop #1 (online), Linda Vista Community Recreation Group Meeting

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Introduction, GDP Process and Project Background
   - Meeting is to confirm site program and to introduce conceptual use of site. Future workshop and meeting for preferred concept discussion and approvals
   - Review of park stakeholders and history of the site
   - Review community context and adjacent community resources
   - Discussion Question: What do you like about your community? What would you like to see in John Baca Park?
     - Verbal Comments re: good schools, park proximity, neighborhood resources, safety, diversity of uses and activation, homeless population, concerns about amphitheater use, maximizing program uses, specific program items
     - See recording for full verbal responses
   - See Chat Transcript and Comment Worksheets for additional written responses

2. Site Overview
   - Site inventory: existing artwork, trees and circulation elements
   - Site constraints: local traffic, existing topography, existing trees and existing art buffer zones
     - Verbal Comment re: concern about maintenance, health and age of trees
     - See recording for full verbal comment

3. Programming Requirements and Discussion
   - Project has required ADA improvements
   - Morley Green Enhancement Plan previously included playground equipment, site furnishings and additional tree planting for park
   - Small amenities discussion:
     - Polling Question: What small amenities would you like added to John Baca Park?
       - Top Responses: Drinking Fountains, Trash and Recycling Cans, Bench, Picnic Table (see Poll Responses for additional breakdown)
     - Verbal Comments re: other desired amenities, drinking fountain requirement, colocation of program items:
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   - Medium amenities discussion:
     - Polling Question: What medium amenities would you like added to John Baca Park?
       - Top Responses: Shaded Seating, Flexible Lawn Area, Nature Play Area, Fitness Zone (see Poll Responses for additional breakdown)
     - Verbal Comments re: unprogrammed spaces
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- Large amenities discussion
  - Polling Question: What large amenities would you like added to John Baca Park?
  - Top Responses: Swings, Large Playground (see Poll Responses for additional breakdown)
  - Verbal Comments re: desired large elements, amphitheater, safety concerns, colocation of elements
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4. Site Concepts / Layout Comments
   - Polling Question: What park concept do you prefer? Response: Concept B (responses only differed by one vote)
   - Verbal Comments re: difficulty without having fully defined program, proximity/co-location of program items, seating opportunities, playground safety and fencing, potential changes to existing elements, preferred element types, additional suggestions
     - See recording for full verbal comments
   - Question about fencing about park
     - Confirmed that fencing around children’s play areas is proposed for safety

5. Other Questions and Comments
   - Certain elements may require drinking fountains (per Parks and Recreation)
   - Funding: confirmed GDP ($400,000) and total project budgets ($1.9 million). Only GDP is currently funded
   - Written Comment re: concern about funding for John Baca Park and nearby Kelly Park, alternate investment of funds into improvements of other nearby public spaces (see chat transcript for full comment)

Attachments:
- Meeting video/audio recording
- Chat comment transcript
- Written/Mailed Comments
- Poll Results (from Zoom poll, not yet been adjusted for verbal and chat responses)
- Participant List