PUBLIC MEETING #1 SUMMARY

Date/Time: December 07, 2022, 6:00pm

Project: El Cerrito Arlington Park Improvements

Description: Outreach Public meeting for phase 1

Location: Arlington Park Clubhouse

Attended Company: Representatives:

☑ City of El Cerrito  Chris Jones, Gerardo Avila, Roland Lambert, Taylor Melton
☑ Siegfried Robert Norbutas, Jr., Regina Paredes Martinez
☑ WMB Melanie Vieux

Public Outreach Setup & Boards and Slides:

The meeting consisted of informing the community of El Cerrito about phase 1 of Arlington Park improvements. The presentation consisted of slides and boards to introduce the design team, share the schedule and budget, and the intended phase 1 areas of improvement. These are all based on the City Parks Master Plan.

1. Slide 1 Welcome
   a. Welcome and meeting agenda

2. Slide 2 Project Summary / Meet the Team
   a. Project summary and project team members as well as City Representatives at the meeting.

3. Slide 3 Construction Budget
   a. Construction budget pie chart and percentages toward the three categories of design. Designating 60% of the budget to clubhouse improvements, 30% on accessibility to the site and clubhouse, and 10% to park amenities and improvements.
   b. Project schedule and milestones

4. Slide 4 (Board 1) Existing Park Site
   a. Overview of the site and existing areas of the park with photos of existing feature and use areas.

5. Slide 5 (Board 2) Proposed Park Improvements
   a. Colored highlighted areas to be improved during this project.
      i. Clubhouse improvements
ii. Clubhouse & Site accessibility improvements
iii. Park amenities & improvements
iv. Future phases / alternatives
   1. Listed other possible features and highlighted locations at the park that were part of the Park Master Plan summary.

6. Slide 6 (Board 3) Clubhouse Demolition and Improvement Plan
   a. Club House demolition and Improvement exhibit with photo imagery of the existing conditions inside the clubhouse.

7. Slide 7 (Board 4) Proposed Clubhouse Improvements
   a. Proposed clubhouse improvement elevations.
   b. Color pallet of exterior, interior trims, interior walls, cabinets, countertops, baseboards, and restroom flooring.
   c. Proposed folding door aluminum/glass and linear pendant light fixture.
   d. 3d rendering of the exterior paint color examples.

8. Slide 8 (Board 5) Proposed Accessibility Improvements
   a. Proposed accessibility improvements site plan.
   b. Photo imagery of proposed joint repair and striping.
   c. 3d rendering of the Accessible parking improvement area.

9. Slide 9 (Board 6) Proposed Clubhouse Outdoor Patio Improvements
   a. Proposed site plan for the outdoor patio with photo imagery of the proposed furnishings.
   b. Photo imagery of the existing site furnishings.
   c. 3d rendering of the outdoor patio space and new furniture.

10. Slide 10 (Board 7) Proposed Picnic Areas 4, 5 & 6 Improvements
    a. Proposed site plan for the site improvements at the existing reservation picnic area.
    b. Photo imagery of the proposed furnishings.
    c. 3d rendering of the proposed picnic area.

11. Slide 11 Closing slide
    a. Opportunity for community to ask questions
    b. City contact information

Exhibit Board Summary Public Activity:
Color coded dots were given to those in attendance to get feedback and response to the areas presented in the meeting. Green dots were intended to represent areas or design elements that were strongly supported, and yellow dots to represent less important, lower priority, yet supported locations and elements.
Audience Questions Summary

The following were some of the questions addressed from the group at the end of the meeting as well as comments and information provided to project team members discussing in front of specific exhibit boards:

1. The maintenance of the clubhouse doors and possible conflict of misuse and durability of them.
   - Architect will consider other options for door such as double doors.

2. Desire for replacement of inside windows
   - Based on budget restrictions windows were considered not a priority but if budget conflict changes there is a possibility to include them as part of the improvements.

3. The ability of closing the inside door into the bathroom rather than the outside one
   - Architect to consider the closure of the inside door, modifying the outside door, and replacement with an accessible option.

4. The comfortability of metal/concrete benches, some will prefer wood or something like it.
   - Team will be considering furnishing options.

5. The community wanted to maintain the natural and historical look of the park
   - Team will take into consideration for every step of the design process.

6. More trash units on site
   - City will take note of question and team will consider recommendations for relocation or additional trash receptacles closer to the road.

7. Shade is not a priority to them due to weather conditions and shade from existing trees
   - Shade structures over picnic areas comment will be taken into consideration when making next design decisions.

8. Picnic 4, 5 and 6 gets flooded during rainy days
   - Team will consider the design of picnic areas 4, 5 and 6 and look into the present park solution and maintenance of the site drainage in the area.

9. Ability of band’s performing from clubhouse patio and how will new furniture affect their accessibility.
   - Design team will take this into consideration in the next design solution.

10. Are Playgrounds included in the project
    - Not considered as part of this phase of improvements.
11. Playground surfacing area is slippery with the sand and during rainy days.
   - Surfacing is not part of this project and is already part of another funding project by the City.

12. The Arlington Park sign on the outside to be replaced
   - Park sign is not part of the project and will be considered by the City.

13. There is a need for a raised cross walk to ensure safety of everyone coming into the park and crossing the busy street and high speed traffic.
   - Unfortunately, not part of this project. City will take note of question.

14. Wanted to consider summer campers who uses the space during the summer
   - Design team will consider all possible users of the park and the Clubhouse to ensure the appropriate facilities and features in the new improvements.

15. Picnic site #2 near the playground is heavily used and need expansion, more seating and connection to the playground.
   - Design team will consider the improvement to this location in the revised site improvements.

**Next Steps:**

1. Design team follow-up meeting to discuss direction to take moving forward.
   a. Determine valued comments made by the public during the presentation and how to implement ideas into the present project.
   b. Consider alternative improvement plan for the Clubhouse and park improvements.
   c. Adjust the funding percentages per design areas to consider new improvements.
   d. Discuss schedule and upcoming tasks, design, and meetings.

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