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Notice of Community Meetings Potential Renovations at Conejo Community Park

Dear Neighbor,

You are receiving this letter because you are listed as owning property near Conejo Community Park.

The Conejo Community Center was built in 1965, and much like your home, as it ages, additional maintenance costs are incurred due to deterioration and inefficiencies. Similarly, the needs of the community have changed significantly over the past half century.

Over the past several months, CRPD staff has gathered input from various initial public and stakeholder meetings as well as an online survey and as a result, developed and established guiding priorities for the community's future vision of Conejo Community Center and Park:

Sense of Place is the most significantly cherished component of the current property. The Center and Park is an extension of the residents' homes and an integral part of the neighborhood. Memories have been made as families have grown, adventures explored, and friendships made in the peaceful and simple place that is Conejo Community Park. The project aims to provide even more opportunities for those to be gifted for future generations.

Topography and Natural Features will be preserved and remain intact, while further highlighting the natural value provided to the site. The development will be minimized to alter existing conditions, though major built features will complement the property to balance the developed site and natural terrain. Unique pathways provide connections to multi-sized picnic areas and adjacent properties. The abundance of mature canopy and hillsides lends itself to passive recreational activities; the existing lack of traditional multiple sports fields and courts is viewed as an asset. Additional active recreation areas do not fit due to site conditions, scale, or needs of the community as other facilities nearby offer those amenities. This balance will provide opportunity for the developed aspects of the property to serve the community better, while the natural features will continue to provide value to the community.

Renovated Center Building will be expanded while keeping its character and scale that complements the neighborhood. The building will be brought up to today's construction standards and will be given improvements such as additional divided use areas, better interior circulation, natural light, more suitable flooring, and a multitude of additional functional features. The orientation of the building will promote greater circulation for all users while providing scenic views of the property and beyond, connecting center architecture with the natural aesthetics of the site.

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Programming abilities will be expanded with the additional interior and exterior spaces for current and future opportunities. Enhancements will be made for the year-round programs and events, both indoor and outdoor, such as the summer concert series and baseball games with visitor upgrades. Current indoor uses such as preschool, jazzercise, fencing, and table tennis will be provided upgraded facilities, thus creating increased usability and space for all existing established organizations. Outdoor improvements such as a permanent natural amphitheater and an enhanced creek will benefit the summer concert series patrons as well as providing a venue for additional free play and programmed recreational opportunities. With anticipated greater use due to these upgrades, additional exposure for other park assets such as the children’s garden, main botanical garden, among others, will be heightened.

You are invited to attend a community meeting where CRPD staff will present conceptual plans and ask for your feedback. All meetings will be held on-site in the multi-purpose room in the Center at 1175 Hendrix Avenue. The meetings are scheduled for:

Sunday	February 9, 2020	1:00pm
Thursday	February 13, 2020	6:30pm

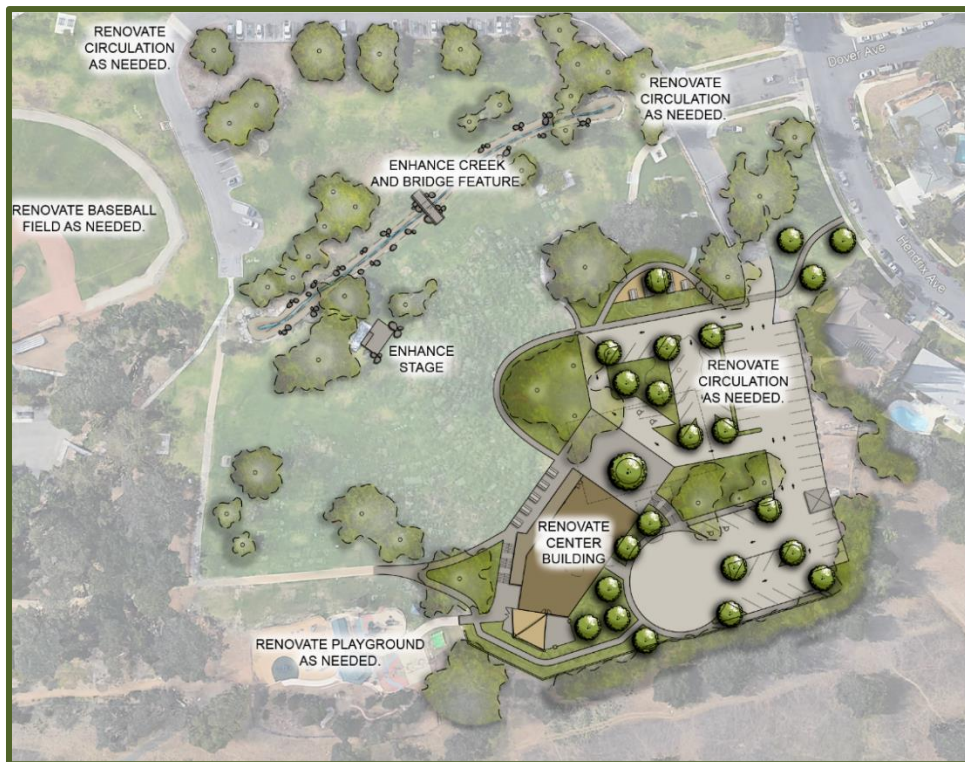
If you wish, you may attend both meetings, however, each meeting will have a similar format. You can also visit the project webpage at www.crpd.org/cccpjproject, where you will find additional and ongoing information, including the conceptual plans, frequently asked questions, timeline, photo gallery, and the history of Conejo Community Park. If you cannot attend either meeting but would like to provide your feedback, please email me at thare@crpd.org.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at via email or 805-381-1230.

Sincerely,



Tom Hare, Administrator, Parks and Planning



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