

CITY OF GARDENA
RFP #2022-003 - PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN
ADDENDUM NO. 2 - JANUARY 6, 2023

	QUESTION	CITY'S RESPONSE
1	What is the goal of the RFP?	The goal of the RFP is to engage the community and help to identify the current usage and future utilization. The RFP will also assist in identifying recreational facility needs for the community and organized and informal recreation activities. The Park Master Plan document will assist in the planning and implementation with a strategy to maintain, rehabilitate and improve the City's network of park facilities, and open spaces.
2	Who carries the budget for Parks' maintenance and what is the size of that budget?	The budget for Parks Maintenance is currently included in Public Works budget and is \$1,757,725.00 annually.
3	Is there a chance that the Recreation department would take on park maintenance again?	At this point in time there has not been a discussion regarding a change in Park Maintenance moving to the Recreation Department.
4	Is most of the programming at the parks occurring indoors?	Park programs take place both indoors and outdoors. Indoor programming include dance, gymnastics, karate, after school programs, etc.
5	Is there a budget for this RFP?	We do not have a set budget for the Master Plan. The contract will be awarded to the vendor who provides the most advantageous proposal that meets the requirements set forth in the proposal. While we are not required to accept the lowest bid for this RFP cost will be considered in the overall scoring of all proposals.
6	What is the health of the current trees in the parks? Are many dying?	The trees are in fairly good condition. The Public Works Department recently had all the trees surveyed and received an acceptable report. The only park to have an issue was Thornburg Park. There are two (2) trees scheduled to be removed at the first of the year.
7	Do people that live around City Hall utilize the facilities around City Hall? Like the Nakoaka Center, Rush Gym, Harvard Parkette.	Yes, Gardena residents make up a vast majority of visitors to our city facilities. Nakaoka is used regularly for programs and events as is the City Hall lawn area.

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8	What are the demographics around City Hall?	<p>Gardena, California, is a full-service city of 5.9 square miles with an ethnically mixed population of just under 62,000. The school age children comprise 25% of the community. Young adults ages 18 to 44 are 45% of the population and 30% of the City's population is age 45 and older. Gardena has active "Sister City" affiliations with Ichikawa, Japan and Huatabampo, Mexico. The City is known for its rich cultural diversity and beautiful landscaping. Gardena is a family-oriented City with many programs to meet the needs of both the family and single population. The city is proud of its high quality of life.</p> <p>https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/gardenacitycalifornia</p>
9	Is street crossing (especially across 162 nd) ever an issue? Are there many accidents on 162 nd around City Hall?	<p>To our knowledge there are no issue. We have made contact with Gardena Police Department to provide a report which we can provide.</p>
10	Have you seen a big shift or change in how parks are being utilized?	<p>During COVID we saw an increase in park usage. Several of our parks are in more demand than others. Our busiest parks would be Rowley, Johnson, Freeman and Fukai. The least utilized would be Thornburg and Bell Park.</p>
11	What kind of classes are held at Nakoaka?	<p>Currently, we have After School Program, Teen Camp, Technology Help Class for Seniors, hula dancing, meetings, etc. Prior to Covid we used to offer tutoring, piano and guitar lessons, doll-making classes, and karaoke. We are working on bringing back additional programming.</p>
12	When was Nakoaka built and what are the specs?	<p>Nakaoka was built in 1973. Plans are currently being microfiched.</p>
13	Who is the Aquatic Center grant through and what is the size of the grant?	<p>The grant was provided by Proposition 68 for 8.5M</p>

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14	How many stalls are in the 3 closest City parking lots? Human Services, La Salle, and 162 nd lots.	Human Services parking stalls: (3) Carpool Only Stalls, (2) Disabled Parking, (32) Standard Parking stalls. La Salle parking stalls: (2) Disabled Parking, (30) Standard parking stalls, 162nd St parking stalls: (2) Disabled Parking, (17) Standard Parking stalls
15	What is the projected finish date and opening dates for the Aquatic Center?	Summer 2024
16	Is the Parkette ever used?	The parkette does not receive as many visitors as our larger parks and is rarely used.
17	Why is Johnson Park the most rented facility?	This facility is one of the most rented facilities because it has ample parking, and the room opens directly adjacent to the playground. Also, there is an outdoor picnic shelter that is also very popular. The skateboard and basketball court amenities are also a positive factor for this facility
18	Is the field at Johnson Park used for soccer?	Yes, this field is used for our soccer season, football season as well as rented by different organizations for soccer practices.
19	Do people utilize Johnson Park for a walking path?	The park does not have a formal walking path. Residents from the nearby senior assisted living facilities regularly use the field as a walking path, as well as other residents.
20	Does the play area at Johnson Park get used?	Yes, the play area at Johnson Park gets used.
21	Is the Friends of the Willows a non-profit?	Yes, the Friends of the Willows is a non-profit.
22	What are the hours of operations for the Willows?	The Willows has 3 monthly public events and the weekly senior stroll. Second Sunday stroll 1pm-4pm, third Saturday volunteer workday 8-11am, fourth Saturday stroll 9am -12pm and every Thursday senior stroll 10am-11am.
23	How long is the full lap at the Willows?	The full lap is 3/4 mile
24	Is the Willows City property?	The Willows is City owned, federally protected in partnership with Army Core

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25	Is the Friends of the Willows volunteer based and how many people are there?	The Friends of the Willows are volunteers. The group is small but they partner with several organization to help with maintenance.
26	Has the Willows always been an open space?	Prior to the dedication of the preserve it was an open space that slowly turned into a dumping area and blighted. The city restored it in the early 2000s and the friends was created in 2009 to support the conservation and community engagement efforts
27	Why do people not utilize the Willows more?	This is a question I hope we can solve at the city level and continue to work on awareness, education, staffing and programming to continue the growth of this beautiful natural gem. A large reason is the lack of human capital. We do not have the capacity or infrastructure to support increased utilization.
28	Is there a potential for E-sports at Mas Fukai?	There is a potential for E-sports in the Recreation Department not specific to a certain location.
29	What is the building at Bell Park used for?	The building is currently unused and there is no current date set for reopening of that building.
30	Are the playgrounds at Bell Park supposed to be for different age groups?	Yes, the playgrounds are supposed to be for different age groups.
31	Is the perimeter gate at Thornburg locked at night?	No, the gate at Thornburg stays open.
32	Does Thornburg Park have racquetball courts?	No, Thornburg Park does not have racquetball courts.
33	Which part of the building at Thornburg Park houses karate?	The far north room is where karate takes place.
34	Who owns the back parking lot located at Freeman Park?	The recently demolished hospital owns the back parking lot.
35	What are the courts at Freeman Park used for?	The courts are used for baseball, basketball, futsal, tennis courts and handball.
36	When were the Futsal courts at Freeman Park built?	The futsal courts were installed in Freeman in Fall of 2019.
37	Are the buildings at Freeman Park used for storage?	No, the building is currently not being used for storage.

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38	What are the other uses of the buildings at Freeman Park?	The use of the buildings includes afterschool programs, camp, and special events.
39	How many access points to Freeman Park?	There are three access points into the park.
40	Is there any interest in fitting a second baseball diamond catty corner to the first at Freeman Park?	No, there is no interest for a second baseball diamond at this time.
41	Is there an interest in nature play at Rowley Park?	We are not opposed to a nature play area if it is cohesive with the elements presented for the entire master plan.
42	Would you consider wooden structures for the play area at Rowley Park?	We are not opposed to a wooden structure area if it is cohesive with the elements presented for the entire master plan.
43	What are the times that the gym is open at Rowley Park?	The gym is open from 3pm – 9pm weekdays. 10am – 6pm on weekends.
44	What are the times the restrooms are open at Rowley Park?	Outdoor restrooms are open at 8am until closing time.
45	What are the times the other building is open at Rowley Park?	The auditorium building opens at various times based on need.
46	Is Rowley Park the City's biggest park?	Yes, Rowley is the City's largest park.
47	Have you considered providing shuttles for events at Rowley Park?	We currently shuttle employees for our larger events to leave ample parking for visitors.
48	Is any of the new developments near the Chase Bank site for affordable housing?	The new development in the area are market value.
49	How many parking stalls currently exist at the Chase Bank site?	Current parking is 48 stalls
50	What department is overseeing this project at Chase Bank?	The Public Works Department is in charge of the CI project. The Recreation and Human Services will be running programming.
51	What are the current dynamics between the City Council and the recreation department?	The City Council is supportive of the Recreation Department and attends community events regularly.
52	Does the City have council districts?	No, the City does not have council districts
53	How many levels are wanted in the proposed new building?	We may want two stories in the new building but it depends on the proposed usage of the building.

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54	Is the decision to tear down existing structure final?	Yes, the building is scheduled for a tear down.
55	What are the discussed uses for the new facility?	The City would like to ensure we are meeting the needs of the community. We want outreach done to understand the needs and meet them with the building.
56	Would there be any interest in a business center	It is unclear what the community would like at this point. We would like community feedback as to what this facility should include but we are open to the idea of a business center.
57	Are the meetings with stakeholder focus groups noted in <i>Outreach</i> for the community-wide survey considered the same or different from the five (5) Focus Group meetings listed in <i>Community Engagement</i> ?	Different, there are two separate components.
58	Will the City provide consultant team with lists of community groups and identify group representatives for initial outreach?	Yes.
59	Will the City share any information and/or data from relevant prior community outreach efforts?	Yes.
60	Will the City provide a list of what parks and community bldg drawings are available and in what format? (GIS, CAD, Aerials, PDF, etc.)	Yes and the format may vary depending on how the document was created.
61	Has the City identified opportunities for funding or resources available for implementation of the masterplan within the 15yr time span?	Yes, we have identified funds and future grant funds.
62	Is a cost estimator needed to provide high-level costs to accompany recommendations for acquisitions, new park development or new programs?	Yes.
63	Is there a budget or ballpark allowance for this proposal?	We do not have a set budget for the Master Plan. The contract will be awarded to the vendor who provides the most advantageous proposal that meets the requirements set forth in the proposal. While we are not required to accept the lowest bid for this RFP cost will be considered in the overall scoring of all proposals.