



# GARDENA CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION

## Study Session Notice and Agenda

1700 West 162nd Street, Gardena, California

Website: [www.cityofgardena.org](http://www.cityofgardena.org)

**Tuesday, September 10, 2024**

**6:00PM**

**TASHA CERDA**, *Mayor*  
**RODNEY G. TANAKA**, *Mayor Pro Tem*  
**MARK E. HENDERSON**, *Council Member*  
**PAULETTE C. FRANCIS**, *Council Member*  
**WANDA LOVE**, *Council Member*

**MINA SEMENZA**, *City Clerk*  
**GUY H. MATO**, *City Treasurer*  
**CLINT OSORIO**, *City Manager*  
**CARMEN VASQUEZ**, *City Attorney*  
**LISA KRANITZ**, *Assistant City Attorney*

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1. **PARTICIPATE BEFORE THE MEETING** by emailing the Deputy City Clerk at [publiccomment@cityofgardena.org](mailto:publiccomment@cityofgardena.org) by 5:00p.m. on the day of the meeting and write "Public Comment" in the subject line.

2. **ATTEND THE MEETING IN PERSON**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** The City Council will hear from the public only on the items that have been described on this agenda (GC §54954.3)

If you wish to address the Council, please complete a "Speaker Request" form and present it to the City Clerk. Members of the public wishing to address the City Council will be given three (3) minutes to speak.

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- Treat everyone courteously;
- Listen to others respectfully;
- Exercise self-control;
- Give open-minded consideration to all viewpoints; Focus
- on the issues and avoid personalizing debate; and
- Embrace respectful disagreement and dissent as democratic rights, inherent components of an inclusive public process, and tools for forging sound decisions

**Thank you for your attendance and cooperation.**

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1. **ROLL CALL**

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON STUDY SESSION**

3. **PRESENTATION**

3.A Gardena New Park Designs - *presented by KTUA Consultants*

1. Thornburg Park
2. Rosecrans Community Center
3. Vermont Avenue

[9-10-2024 Gardena\\_New\\_Park\\_Designs\\_City\\_Council\\_Presentation.pdf](#)

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Gardena City Council will adjourn to the Closed Session portion of the City Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Regular City Council Meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 10, 2024.

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing agenda was posted in the City Hall lobby not less than 72 hours prior to the meeting. A copy of said Agenda is available on our website at [www.CityofGardena.org](http://www.CityofGardena.org).

Dated this 6th day of September, 2024

/s/ MINA SEMENZA  
MINA SEMENZA, City Clerk



**Park Concept Designs**



**Study Session**

# Team

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Stephany Santin

Adriana Renteria

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Nicole Rogge

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Gwen Stark



Brian Gaze



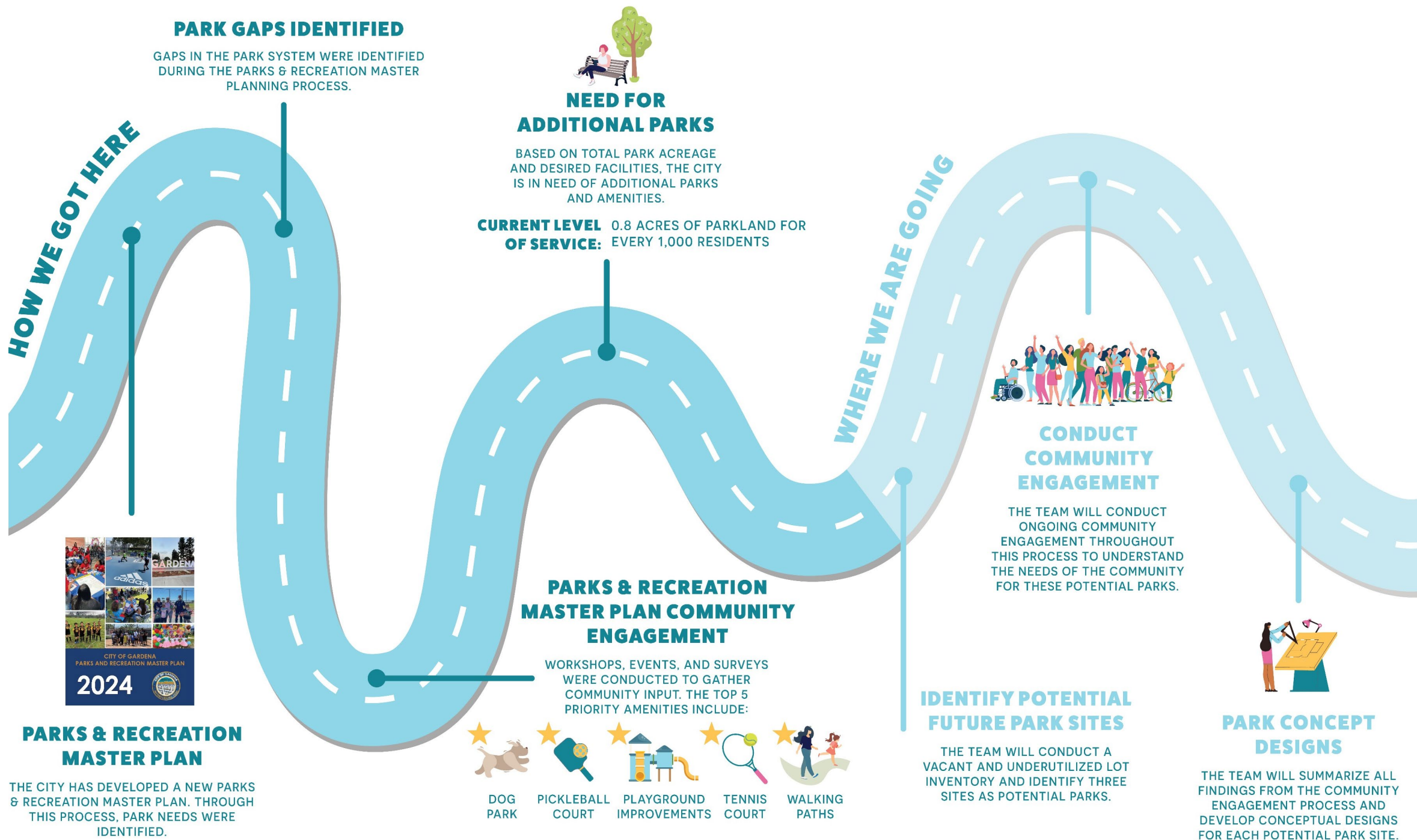
A photograph of a group of children and adults playing in a grassy park area. They are using large, colorful exercise balls (orange, red, blue, yellow, green). Some children are sitting on the balls, while others are standing or running. A chain-link fence and trees are in the background. The entire image has a warm, yellowish-orange tint.

# Project Roadmap

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# Parks and Recreation Master Plan

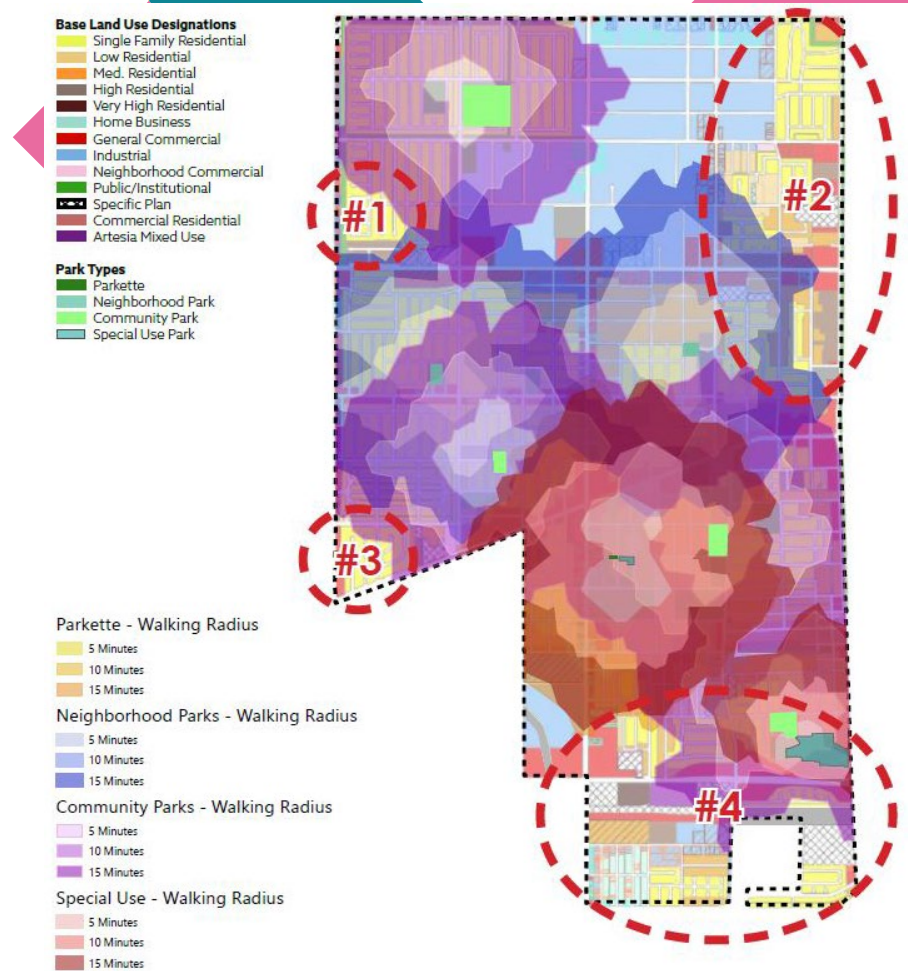
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- The City completed a Parks and Recreation Master Plan in 2024
- The Plan identified geographic gaps in the park system
- The Plan identified community priorities
- The Plan identified recommendations such as the need to add new park acres

# Park Gaps Identified

- There are four main gap areas
- Gaps represent areas where a park is not within walking access
- Area #2 and Area #4 have the largest park gaps



# Need for New Parks



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- Current park acre level of service (LOS) is 0.8 acres per 1,000 residents
  - Park LOS standards for Cities in the region range from 3 to 5 acres per 1,000 residents

## What does this mean?

The City has a large deficit and will need to add additional park acres to get closer to their level of service goal

# Community Voice

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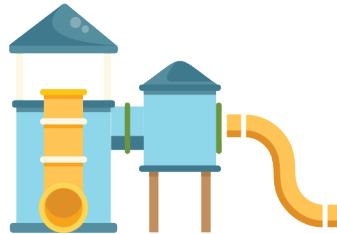
- Residents identified the following amenity needs as their top priority:



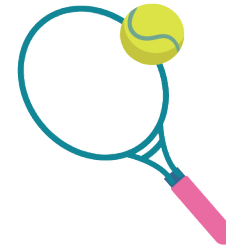
Dog Park



Pickleball



Playground  
Improvements



Tennis  
Courts



Walking  
Paths





# Where We Are Going!



**Identify three potential  
future park sites**



**Conduct Community  
Engagement**



**Design Concept Plans for  
the three sites**



# Vacant & Underutilized Lot Inventory

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# Finding Potential New Park Sites

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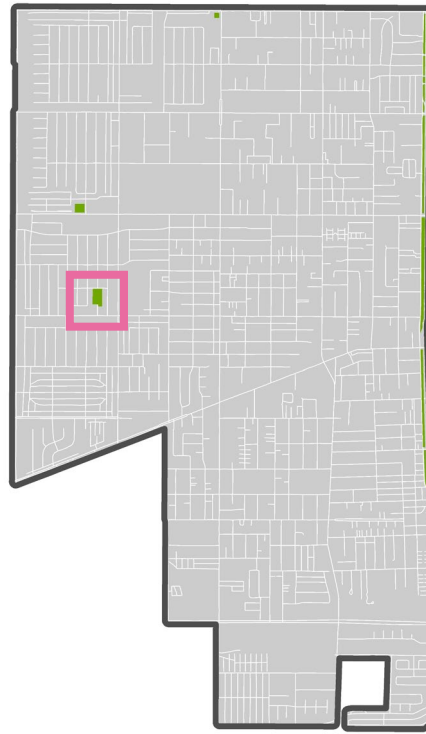
- Evari GIS Consulting used GIS technology to locate vacant and underutilized parcels in Gardena
- The City and the Project team vetted all the potential sites and chose 4 sites
- These sites were chosen based on:
  - Geographic park gaps found in the 2024 Parks Master Plan
  - Already City-owned or potential to acquire
  - Parcel size, visibility to adjacent street



# Project Site #1: Redesign of Thornburg Park with Additional Area

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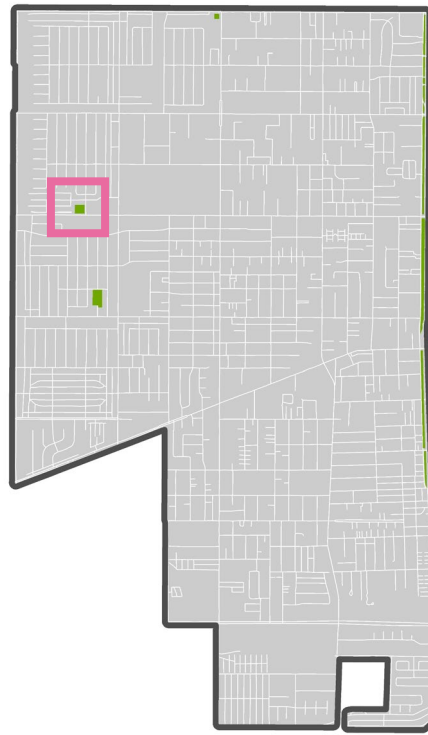
- Additional area is 0.13 acres
  - Totaling 2.4 acres for the entire park



# Project Site #2: Rosecrans Avenue

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- Potential for a mini-park or a community facility
- 1.27 acres





# Project Site #3: Linear Park Opportunity

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- Few linear park opportunities throughout the City
- Can contain small park amenities and provide linear recreation opportunities





# Project Site #4: Mini Park Opportunity

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- Several areas in Gardena with potential for a mini park
- Mini parks range from 0.25 to 2 acres in size

Examples of Mini Parks





# Community Engagement

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# National Night Out – August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024





# Community Engagement Results from National Night Out

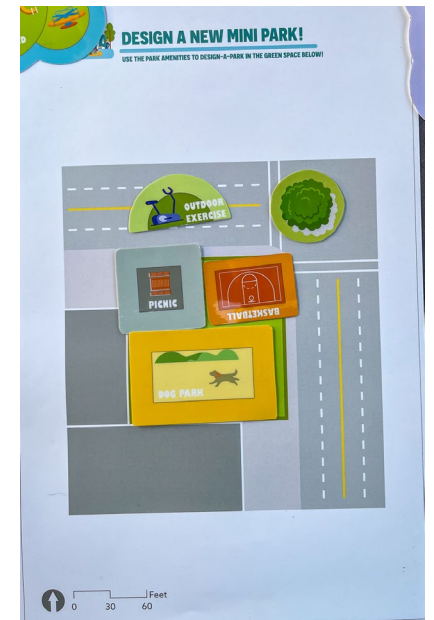
- Over 633 total votes
  - With 3 allotted votes per person, that is approximately 211 total participants!
- Top 5 amenities from voting activity:
  1. Adventure Playground – 82 votes
  2. Dog Park/Dog Run – 70 votes
  3. Walking Trails – 66 votes
  4. All Abilities Playground/Play Equipment – 47 votes
  5. Pickleball Courts – 44 votes





# Community Engagement Results from National Night Out

- Build-a-Park Activity
- 14 different designs by kids!





## Other Feedback:

Programming ideas such as:

- Teen center
- Special needs center
- Fitness classes (ie; yoga, Zumba)
- Senior center

## Community Engagement Results from National Night Out

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# Planned Community Engagement

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- Pop-up Events

- ✓ Summer Block Party – August 6, 2024

- Harvest Festival – October 5, 2024

- Halloween Event – October 31, 2024

- Community Workshops

- Workshop #1: Community Priorities – September 19<sup>th</sup> 2024

- Workshop #2: Recommendations – November 2024 (TBD)

- Project Website – [GardenaNewParkDesigns.com](https://GardenaNewParkDesigns.com)



# Discussion

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# Potential Amenities

## Park amenities and other small-scale features

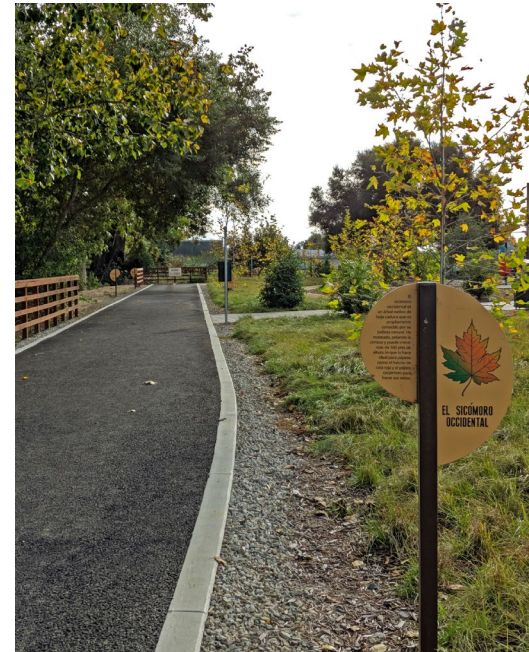
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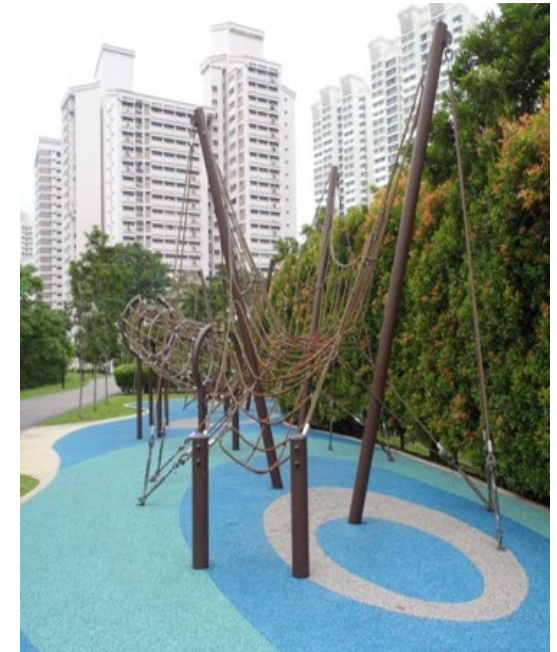
Unique play equipment



Outdoor Fitness



Interpretative Trails



Adventure Play



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## Park amenities and other small-scale features

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Public Art



Community Gardens



All-Abilities Play



Dog Park/Run

# Site #1: Thornburg Park

## Discussion Questions

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- What amenities would you like to see at Site #1?
- Given the new context surrounding the new addition, what kinds of park amenities would be a good fit here?
- What are your concerns regarding site #1?





# Site #2: Rosecrans Avenue

## Discussion Questions

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- Given the small size, what park amenities or facilities would you like to see at Site #2?
- What are your concerns regarding site #2?





# Site #3: Linear Park Opportunity

## Discussion Questions

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- What type of linear park amenities would you like to see?
- What are your concerns regarding a linear park in Gardena?





# Site #4: Mini Park Opportunity

## Discussion Questions

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- What type of park amenities would you like to see at a mini park in Gardena?
- What are your concerns regarding a mini park?



# Other Questions or Comments?

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- Do you have any concerns about the costs or the funding opportunities available for parks?
- Do you have any comments about where and how to implement new parks?
- Do you have any maintenance and operations comments regarding new parks and amenities?