



Monrovia City Council
Study Session

Recreation Park Renovation Project

February 7, 2023

Presentation Overview

- Discuss the objective for the Study Session
- Provide some history and background related to Recreation Park
- Share some of the feedback staff has received to date related to the Park needs
- Discuss some of the challenges we currently face at the Park
- Review with you the current conditions of the Park and its amenities
- Review a proposed site plan highlighting some of the key amenities
- Review potential enhancements and inspiration

Objective

- Staff is seeking City Councils feedback related to potential improvements to Recreation Park
- If the City Council approves of the general direction of project, it is recommended that staff work with the Community Services Commission to further refine the potential improvement to Recreation Park, including engage in stakeholder feedback
- Once we have a more refined scope of work and concepts, staff would return to the City Council for final approval. At that time, the City Council can direct staff to hire a landscape architect and move the project into engineering

Having a plan in place will put the City in a good position to be competitive when grant funding opportunities are available

Project Scope

- Renovate / enhance existing PARK amenities
- The project does not contemplate any improvements to the buildings within the park
 - Monrovia Historical Museum
 - Boys and Girls Club of the Foothills (BGC)
 - Mary Wilcox Youth Center (MWYC)
 - Santa Anita Family YMCA (SAFYMCA) - *Not owned by the City*
 - Options of Learning (Options) - *Not owned by the City*
- It does not include improvements or enhancements to the grounds of the SAFYMCA

Background

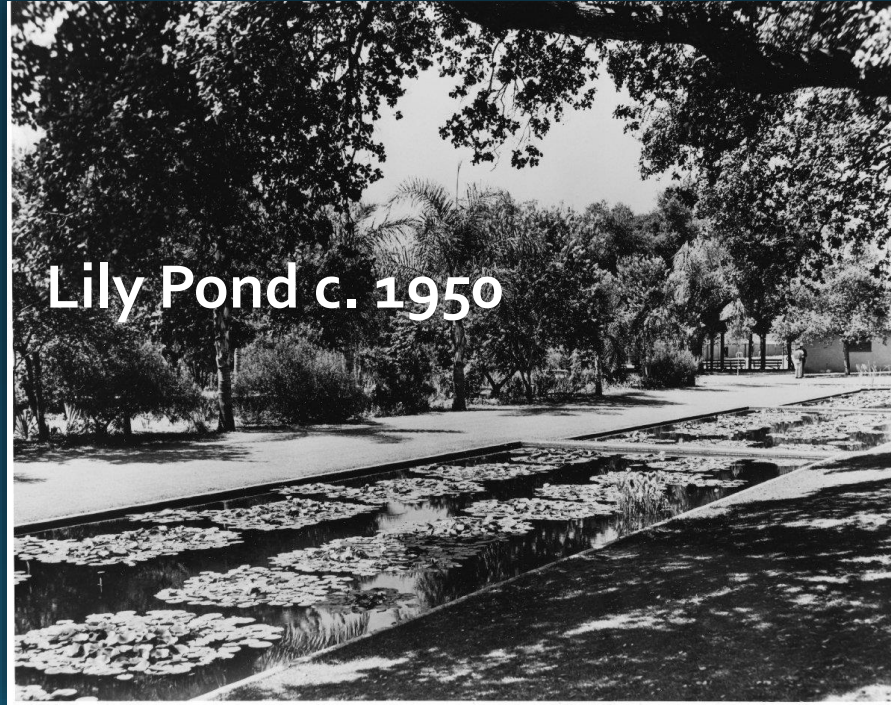
- Largest of the City's eight urban parks
- Approximately 20 acres
- Offers several active and passive recreational activities / amenities
- Home to several community partners each offering various programs and services to the community
- Heavily used and well loved but is in need of a "refresh"
 - The Park has a lot of great things going for it
 - The amount and type of amenities meets the community needs
 - The amenities need to be restored and enhanced to meet our community needs today

History of Recreation Park

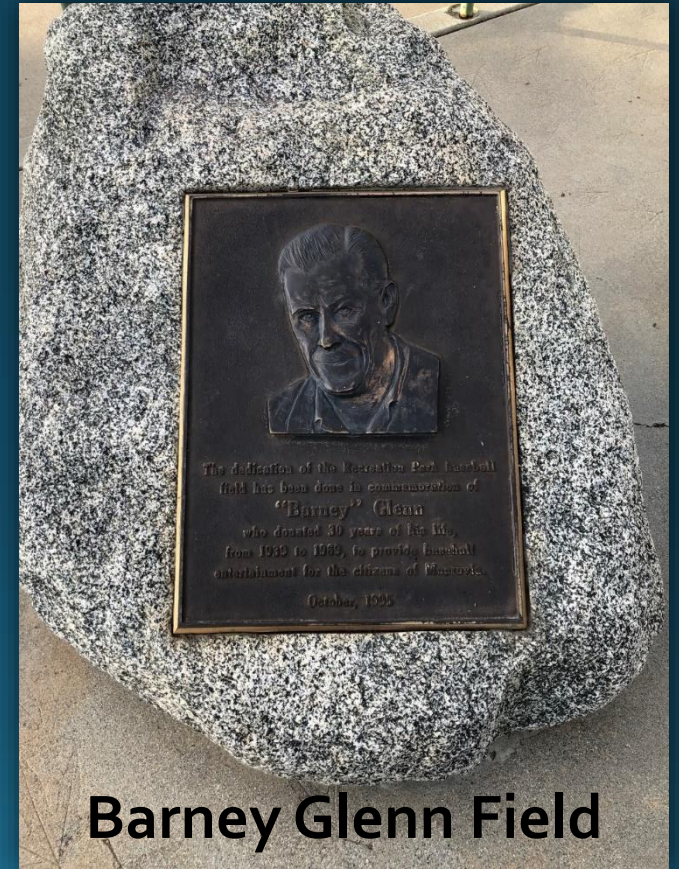
The Plunge c. 1955



Lily Pond c. 1950



Barney Glenn Field



Park Use During 2022

- 366 group rentals from various local youth sport groups (MYBL, MUSD, other private sports leagues)
 - Estimated number of users = *Over 15,000 individual points of contact*
- 5 City-Wide Community Special Events (Spring Egg Hunt and Healthy Kids Day, Summer Movies in the Park, and Arbor Day Celebration)
 - Estimated number of users = *Over 6,000 individual points of contact*
- 450 group rentals for Afterschool Programs
 - City of Monrovia After School Youth Sports Program = *1,800 individual points of contact*
 - BGC = *20,000 individual points of contact*
 - Options for Learning = *1,000 individual points of contact*
- 40 group rentals for Summer Camp Programs
 - BGC = *2,000 individual points of contact*
- 44 individual Contract Classes
- 133 Individual Private Rentals

Community Feedback

- Over the last several years, staff has gathered input from the community as it relates to needed repairs / upgrades to the park
 - Conducted community meetings to gather input from the community related to the passing of Los Angeles County Measure A
 - Conducted community meetings to develop and adopt the City's Park Master Plan in 2018
 - Conducted community meetings related to a possible Dog Park
 - Participated in conversations with the Monrovia Historical Museum related to their program needs
 - Participated in conversation with Monrovia Youth Baseball League related to their program needs
 - Regularly collaborate with the BGC, SAFYMCA, and Options
 - Conducted a study related to adding Pickleball Overlays to the existing Tennis Courts
 - Received feedback from the community related to vagrant behavior in the Park and in the restrooms

What have we heard...

- General feedback from the 2018 Park Master Plan
 - 98% of the survey respondents reported that Parks are important
 - 75% visit a city park one a month or more
 - More shaded playgrounds
 - More trails for walking
 - Improved ADA access to amenities
 - Improve wayfinding and signage
 - Larger and more picnic shelters to accommodate larger groups
 - Accessible and Inclusive playgrounds
 - More off street parking is needed to minimize the impact to the neighbors

What have we heard...

- Top Priorities from the 2018 Park Master Plan resident survey
 1. Walking trails
 2. Upgrade existing parks (as oppose to building new parks)
 3. Upgrade picnic shelters and playgrounds
 4. Upgrade Canyon Park
 5. Develop additional park restrooms
 6. Upgrade sport fields
 7. Add additional smaller parks
 8. Upgrade tennis courts and basketball courts
 9. Develop more indoor recreation space (gyms)
 10. Develop additional sports fields
 11. Upgrade the Skate Park

What have we heard...

- Specific feedback related to Recreation Park
 - Barney Glenn Field needs upgrades with enhancements for safety such as shade for the dugouts and better protection for pitcher warm up area
 - A connected walking loop needs to be repaired
 - Need to replace existing playground equipment and fall surface treatment
 - Install Exercise Fitness Equipment in the park
 - Picnic shelter are damage by carpenter ants and need to be repaired / replaced
 - ADA compliance needs improvement
 - Lacks cohesive design

Safety and Security Concerns

- Ground Squirrels are a continual concern within the Park and create a safety concern for park users
- Inadequate ADA accessibility throughout the Park and in particular at the Museum are a concern
- Insufficient restrooms to meet the needs of the Park users create a concern
- Fields are uneven creating trip hazards
- Walkways are made of various surfaces and have trip hazards
- Staff have received complaints from the community related to illicit and vagrant activity occurring in the park
- There is a growing number of individuals experiencing homelessness camping in the park



Current Park Conditions

Current Conditions – Walking / Running Fitness Loop



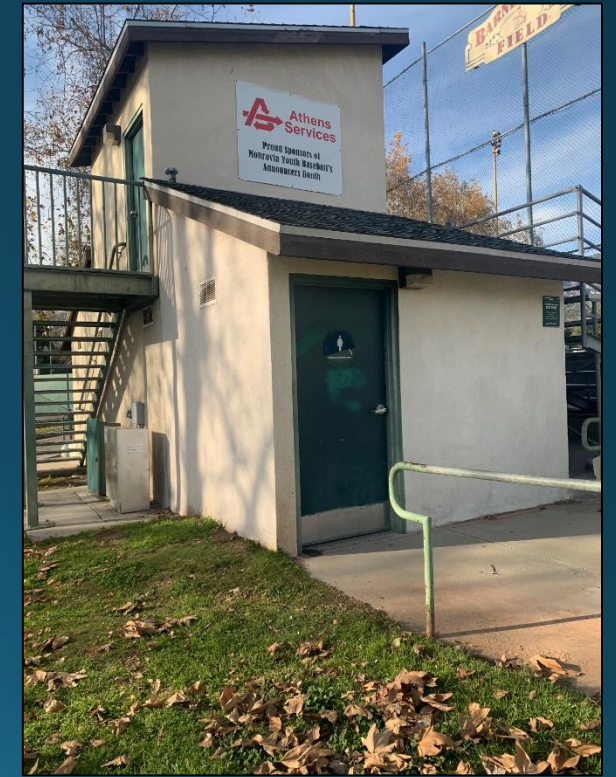
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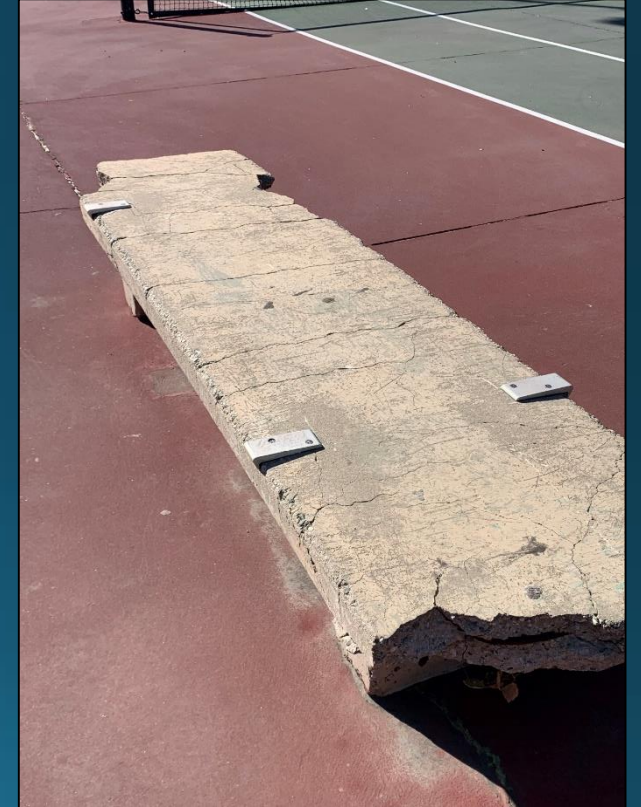
Current Conditions – Secondary Park Entry and MWYC Entrance



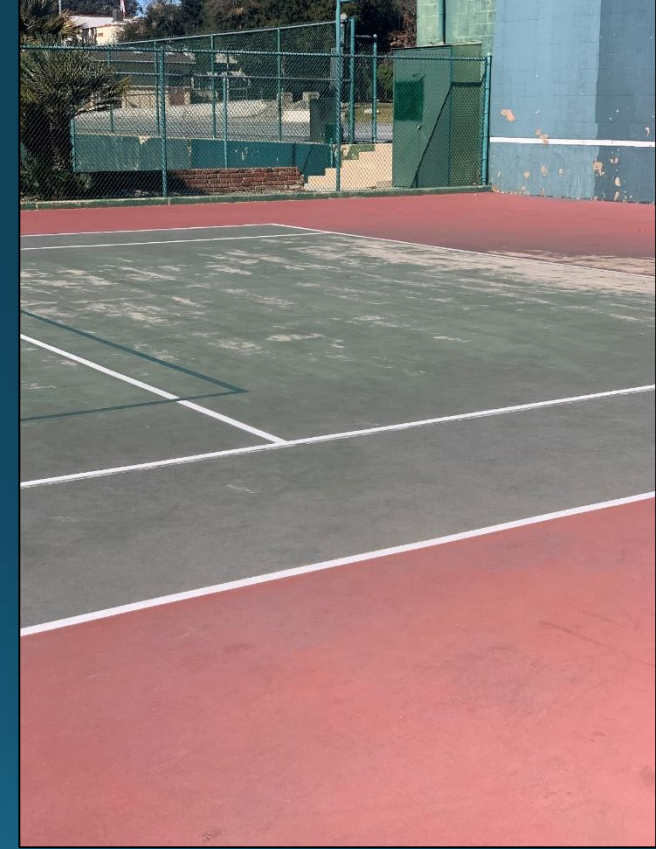
Current Conditions – Skate Park



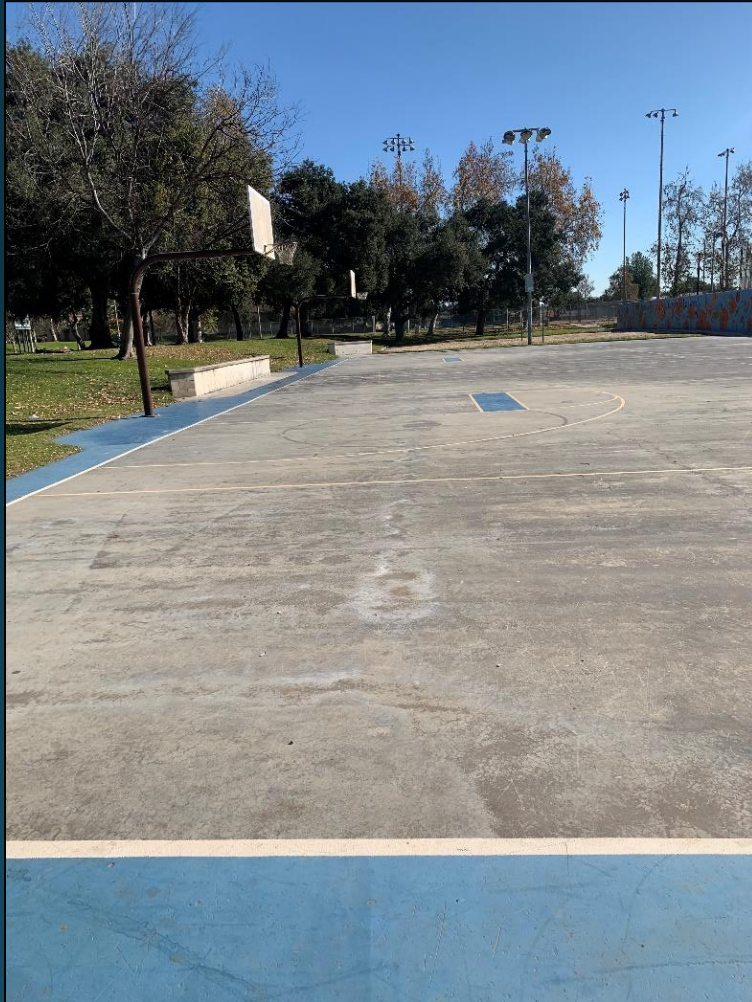
Current Conditions – Tennis Courts



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Current Conditions – Basketball Courts



Current Conditions – Sand Volleyball Courts



Current Conditions – Mid-Field Sports Area



Current Conditions - Restrooms



Current Conditions – Picnic Shelter



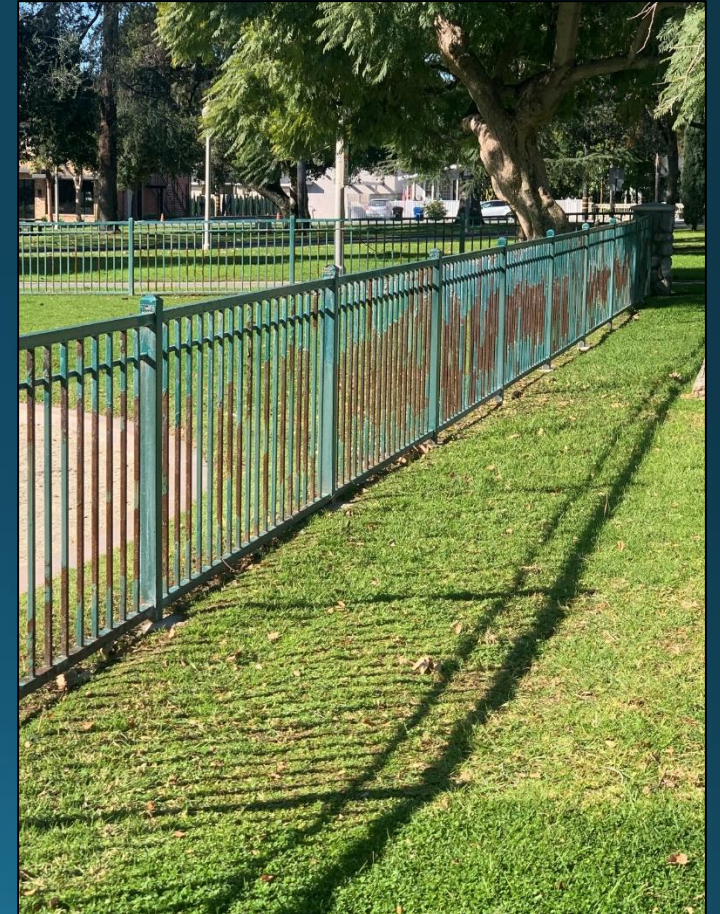
Current Conditions – Parking on Olive Avenue



Current Conditions – Entry Sign



Current Conditions - Playground



Current Conditions – ADA Access and Parking at Museum



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Current Conditions – Park Amenities

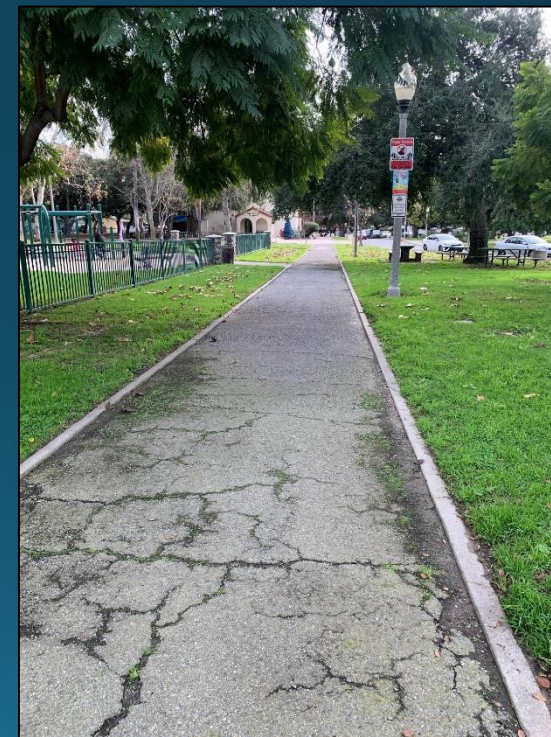




Potential Enhancements / Inspiration



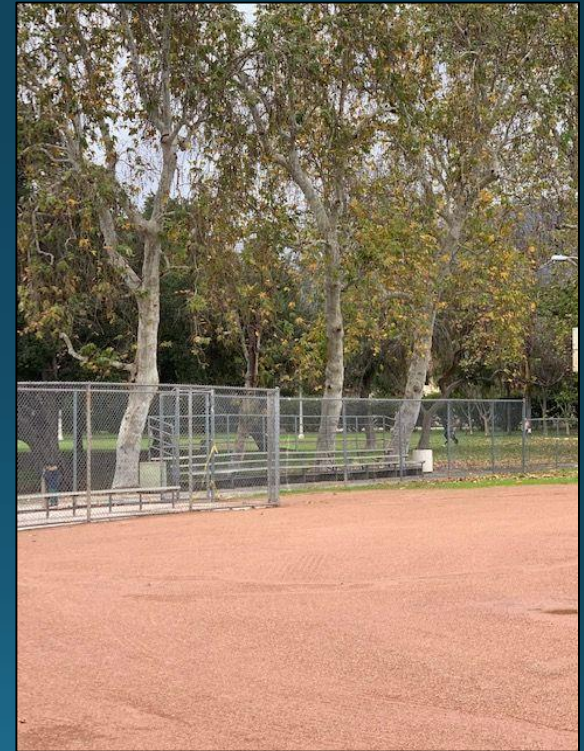
Walking / Running Loop



Barney Glenn Field Enhancements



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Barney Glenn Field Parking Lot Enhancements



Interpretive Garden / Monument Sign



Skate Park Shade



Tennis Courts



Pickleball Courts



Basketball Courts



Restrooms



Renovate Picnic Shelter



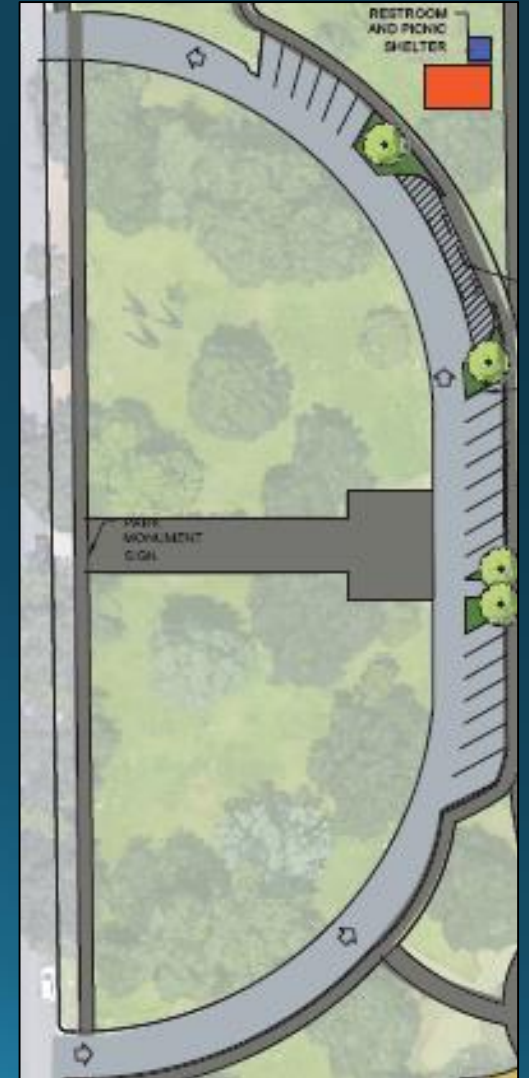
Fitness Area



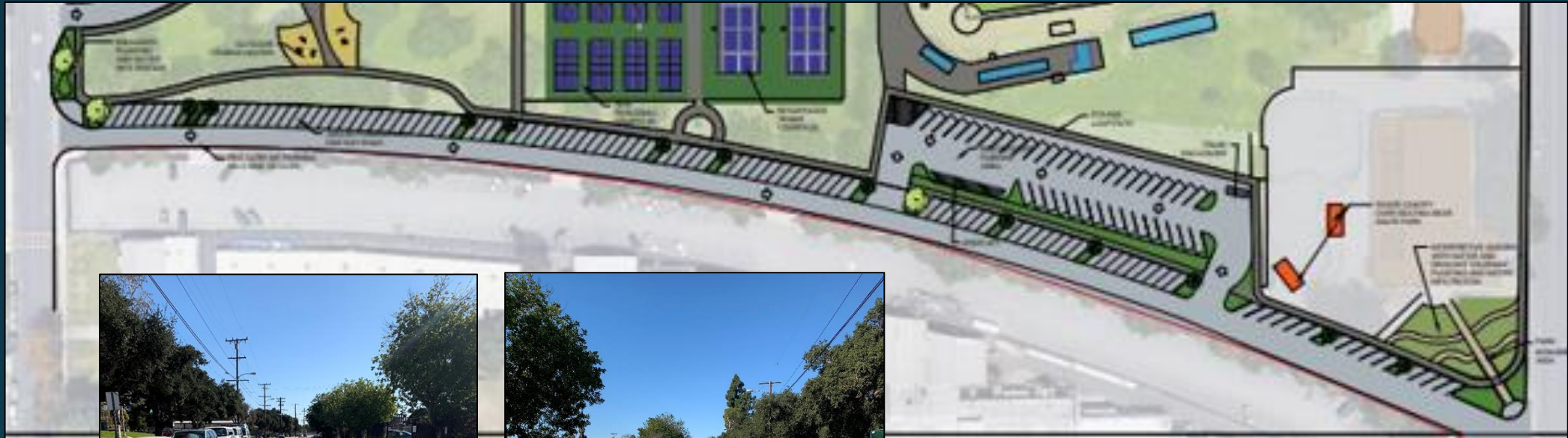
Park Monument Sign



Constitution Circle Redesign



Olive Avenue Redesign



Oak Grove Educational Forest



New Picnic Area



Playground Renovation



ADA Access to the Museum



Enhance Trash Enclosures and Parking at the Museum



Study the Relocation of the Anderson House



Crime Prevention through Environmental Design

- Transition to the Portland Loo to reduce illicit behavior and vagrancy in the Park; while also providing a necessary facility
- Increase activity within the park by enhancing the Walking Loop and adding a Fitness Area
- Consider changes to Olive Avenue to add more vehicle parking
 - Limit parking time
 - Red Curb South side of the street
 - Restrict recreational vehicle parking

Proposed Scope of Work

- Walking / Running Loop Enhancements (including lighting and wayfinding signs)
- Barney Glenn Field Renovation and Enhancements
- Add shade to Skate Park
- Renovate two Tennis courts and install eight Pickleball courts
- Renovate Basketball Courts
- Renovate mid-field to support second ball diamond and soccer / football overlay
- Replace existing restroom with a Portland Loo
- Renovate existing Picnic Shelter

Proposed Scope of Work

- ❑ Enhance parking throughout the park (Study Olive Avenue and Constitution Circle)
- ❑ Add an outdoor fitness area
- ❑ Add an outdoor class room
- ❑ Beautify Park entrances and monument sign
- ❑ Renovate Playground
- ❑ Add a second Picnic Shelter and Portland Loo near the playground
- ❑ Add parking and ADA access to the Historical Museum
- ❑ Refresh all park furnishings – tables, benches, trash cans drinking fountains, trash enclosures Enhance parking throughout the park including studying Olive Avenue

Timeline

- Should the City Council direct staff to begin working with the Community Services Commission and key stakeholder, staff is recommending the following timeline:
 - March through May 2023
 - In partnership with the Community Services Commission, staff will schedule various community meetings to gather feedback on the proposed enhancements
 - June 2023
 - Incorporate the feedback into a final concept for City Councils Consideration
 - July 2023
 - Seek Requests for Proposals to select a Landscape Architect to move the concepts into engineered plans and provide a construction cost estimate
 - Work with California Consulting on developing competitive grant applications

Question / Discussion