



# City of Santa Clara

## Meeting Agenda

### Senior Advisory Commission

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**Monday, March 28, 2022**

**10:00 AM**

**Virtual Meeting**

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#### **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

**1.A 22-1028** [Senior Advisory Commission Minutes of February 28, 2022](#)

**Recommendation:** Approve the Senior Advisory Commission Minutes of February 28, 2022

#### **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

*[This item is reserved for persons to address the body on any matter not on the agenda that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the body. The law does not permit action on, or extended discussion of, any item not on the agenda except under special circumstances. The governing body, or staff, may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed, and appropriate body may request staff to report back at a subsequent meeting.]*

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

**2. 22-398** [Senior Advisory Commission Work Plan & Goals for FY2021/22](#)

**3. 22-432** [Update on the Patrick Henry Drive Specific Plan and Its Proposed Parks & Recreational Facilities and Amenities](#)

**Recommendation:** No action, other than to note and file the report.

#### **STAFF REPORT**

#### **COMMISSIONERS REPORT**

**ADJOURNMENT**

*The next scheduled meeting is on April 25, 2022.*

**MEETING DISCLOSURES**

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## Agenda Report

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22-1028

Agenda Date: 3/28/2022

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### **REPORT TO SENIOR ADVISORY COMMISSION**

#### **SUBJECT**

Senior Advisory Commission Minutes of February 28, 2022

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Approve the Senior Advisory Commission Minutes of February 28, 2022

Prepared by: Jennifer Herb, Recreation Supervisor  
Reviewed by: Kimberly Castro, Recreation Manager  
Approved by: James Teixeira, Director of Parks and Recreation

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Draft Minutes of the Senior Advisory Commission February 28, 2022



# City of Santa Clara

## Meeting Minutes

### Senior Advisory Commission

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02/28/2022

10:00 AM

Virtual Meeting

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#### **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

**A regular meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Nancy Toledo at 10:15 a.m.**

**Present** 5 - Commissioner Wanda Buck, Commissioner Judy Hubbard, Vice Chair Nancy Toledo, Commissioner Helen Narciso, and Commissioner James Hohenshelt

**Absent** 1 - Chair Grant L. McCauley

**A motion was made by Commissioner Buck, seconded by Commissioner Narciso to excuse Chair McCauley.**

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Buck, Commissioner Hubbard, Vice Chair Toledo, Commissioner Narciso, and Commissioner Hohenshelt

**Excused:** 1 - Chair McCauley

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

1.A [22-843](#) Senior Advisory Commission Minutes of January 24, 2022

**Recommendation:** Approve the Senior Advisory Commission Minutes of January 24, 2022

**A motion was made by Commissioner Hohenshelt, seconded by Commissioner Hubbard to approve the minutes of January 24, 2022.**

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Buck, Commissioner Hubbard, Vice Chair Toledo, Commissioner Narciso, and Commissioner Hohenshelt

**Excused:** 1 - Chair McCauley

### **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

None

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

2. [22-258](#) Senior Advisory Commission Work Plan & Goals for FY2021/22

Relating to Goal 1 - Advocate for Affordable and Convenient Housing:

1.a & b. - **Recreation Supervisor Herb** informed the Commission that the Community Development Department will schedule a public presentation on the Senior Housing.

1.c. - No report since the City Housing Commission hasn't been formed.

Relating to Goal 2 - Develop Opportunities to Promote Health, Wellness, and Nutrition:

2.a. - **Commissioner Buck and Narciso** reported that they would be reaching out to **Health & Wellness Coordinator von Kugelgen** to discuss different possibilities for the "Share Your Experience" activity at the Senior Center.

2.b. - **Vice Chair Toledo** updated the Commission on the Health & Wellness Fair, reporting 32 exhibitors have confirmed; exhibitors are excited and eager to be out in the community talking to the older adult population; Commissioners will be assigned to different areas to help with the event - including greeting, working Senior Advisory Booth, passing out and collecting evaluations, delivering lunches to exhibitors; Commissioners were also asked to spread the word and help publicize the event.

2.c. - No report since there was no ADA Committee meeting.

**STAFF REPORT**

**Recreation Supervisor Herb** updated the Commission on continued Senior Center programs and activities, sharing:

- The March Senior Center Newsletter is full of great resources.
- The Senior Center Health & Wellness Program is recruiting for an RN and Masters of Social Work position.
- The "Dining Out" Senior Nutrition Program has resumed indoor dining.
- The Senior Scam Stoppers presentation in February was well attended and full of great information and resources. Those who weren't able to attend can access the presentation on the Health & Wellness page of the Senior Center website.
- Stay tuned for wonderful March opportunities: Medication Disposal Envelope giveaway and a presentation by Breath California.
- The Senior Center is aiming to open the Woodshop, Lapidary, and Ceramics Lab in the next phase of the Senior Center reopening this summer.

**Recreation Manager Castro** informed the Commission that there will be a joint Cost Recovery Strategy planning meeting with the Parks & Recreation Commission, Youth Commission, and Senior Advisory Commission. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 2 at 6:30 pm. This meeting will be geared towards helping make a recommendation to City Council on the prioritization of programs to help develop a cost recovery policy for the City. A Zoom link will be emailed to the Commissioners.

**COMMISSIONERS REPORT**

**Commissioner Buck** inquired about the City Council Priority Goal Setting Session and if it's available to listen to online. **Council Member Watanabe** updated the Commission that the second half of the Priority Goal Setting Session has been canceled as a result of the City Manager dismissal. The Priority Goal Setting Session will be postponed until an interim City Manager is appointed.

**Commissioner Buck** shared that she attended the Kaiser COVID-19 presentation in February and appreciated the information on COVID-19 Boosters.

**Commissioner Narciso** shared that she attended the Kaiser COVID-19 presentation as well. She found the booster information helpful. She also shared that Kaiser members are eligible for eight (8) at-home-test kits each month.

**Commissioner Hubbard** informed the Commission that she would not be in attendance at the March meeting.

**Commissioner Narciso** shared that the Transportation Needs Analysis is on part 2 of the agenda for the Priority Goal Setting Session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Hubbard, seconded by Commissioner Narciso that the meeting be adjourned at 11:17 a.m.**

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Buck, Commissioner Hubbard, Vice Chair Toledo, Commissioner Narciso, and Commissioner Hohenshelt

**Excused:** 1 - Chair McCauley



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## Agenda Report

22-398

Agenda Date: 3/28/2022

### **SUBJECT**

Senior Advisory Commission Work Plan & Goals for FY2021/22

### **BACKGROUND**

Using the results from the 2017 Senior Needs Assessment and building upon the strategies that were suggested by focus group participants and partners, the Senior Advisory Commissioner continued to develop potential priorities and interests of older adult residents of Santa Clara aged 50 and over, using the eight (8) domains of the WHO Age-Friendly City guidelines. Age-Friendly City domains include: Economics and Employment; Community; Housing; Outdoor Spaces and Buildings; Transportation and Streets; Health, Wellness, and Nutrition; and Social and Civic Engagement. The goals and work plan were finalized at the August 23, 2021 meeting and adopted as follows:

#### **1. Advocate for Affordable and Convenient Housing**

- a. Provide two (2) presentations (January/May) and three (3) articles for the Senior Center Newsletter (October, February, May) updating older adults on current affordable housing projects in Santa Clara.
- b. Provide two (2) presentations (January/May) and three (3) articles for the Senior Center Newsletter (October, February, May) updating older adults on current rental assistance programs in Santa Clara.
- c. Send representative to attend Housing Commission meetings when they begin (*on hold*).

#### **2. Develop Opportunities to Promote Health, Wellness, and Nutrition**

- a. Educate and provide resources for older adults transitioning out of COVID-19 by offering two (2) presentations (December/April) on the topics of "Coping in a New Phase", and "The Affects to our Mental Health", and one (1) "share your experience" opportunities in March.
- b. Host the "Be Strong, Live Long" Health & Wellness Fair on Friday, May 20, 2022.
- c. Send representative to attend ADA Committee meetings (*on hold*).

### **DISCUSSION**

Each sub-committee will provide an update to the Senior Advisory Commission for discussion on the efforts and progress toward accomplishing the FY2021/22 Work Plan & Goals. The sub-committees will verbally present their status reports as follows:

1. The Affordable and Convenient Housing sub-committee will report out on the status of the Community Development Department virtual presentation about Housing Elements and how it benefits the older adult population in Santa Clara;
2. The Affordable and Convenient Housing sub-committee will report out on any City Housing Commission meeting(s) updates;
3. The Health, Wellness, and Nutrition sub-committee will report out on the details of the "share your experience" activity in March, at the Senior Center;

4. The Health, Wellness, and Nutrition committee will report out on the exhibitor updates, event layout, Commission responsibilities, and other progress of the Health & Wellness Fair;
5. The Health, Wellness, and Nutrition sub-committee for the City ADA Committee is on hold until further notice.

Commissioner assignments may be made to serve on sub-committees to work on the goals, objectives and activities, provided that subcommittees have less than a quorum of the Commission assigned to each subcommittee.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

The action being considered does not constitute a "project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(5) in that it is a governmental organizational or administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect changes in the environment.

### **PUBLIC CONTACT**

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Reviewed by: Jennifer Herb, Recreation Supervisor  
Approved by: James Teixeira, Director of Parks & Recreation



## Agenda Report

22-432

Agenda Date: 3/28/2022

### REPORT TO SENIOR ADVISORY COMMISSION

#### **SUBJECT**

Update on the Patrick Henry Drive Specific Plan and Its Proposed Parks & Recreational Facilities and Amenities

#### **COUNCIL PILLAR**

Promote and Enhance Economic, Housing and Transportation Development  
Enhance Community Sports, Recreational and Arts Assets

#### **BACKGROUND**

On March 22, 2022, Council adopted a resolution approving the Patrick Henry Drive Specific Plan (Specific Plan). The Specific Plan will support the development of a new high-density, mixed-use urban neighborhood in close proximity to jobs, retail, services and entertainment, and alternative travel modes based on its proximity to the Tasman VTA Light Rail line. The area is approximately 74 acres bounded by Mission College to the south, Great America Parkway to the east, the Hetch-Hetchy right-of-way to the north, and Calabazas Creek to the west. The Specific Plan includes a land use framework to develop the area into a transit-oriented neighborhood with up to 12,000 residential units and up to 310,000 square feet of non-residential uses.

The full draft Specific Plan is available at

<https://www.santaclaraca.gov/our-city/departments-a-f/community-development/planning-division/specific-plans/patrick-henry-drive>.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Dedicated public facilities, parks and recreational amenities are part of the Specific Plan and include spaces for a variety of recreational and community services that will support a “complete neighborhood.” The Santa Clara City Code 17.35 requires new residential development to dedicate parkland and recreational amenities at current City service levels of 2.6 to 3.0 acres of developed parkland per 1,000 new residents, and/or pay fees in lieu thereof. The proposed park sites and facilities will be reviewed by staff, and then go through a public input process as outlined below.

#### **Park Concept Proposals - Staff Level Review.**

The Parks & Recreation Department staff reviews each residential housing development application and proposal for conformance with the provisions of Santa Clara City Code 17.35. This assures that a variety of public parks and recreational amenities will be provided within each dedicated public park space, and that appropriate credit is given for on-site private recreational amenities. Generally, the public parks and private recreational amenities within a residential development are designed to work cohesively in order to serve the greatest number of residents and diversity of public recreational interests, whether indoor or outdoor, and organized for formal group use or more informal individual use.

During the staff review, specific attention is paid to the size, shape and location of the proposed park parcel(s), and within it, the appropriately sized amenities and features to serve the desired capacity. Design standards and principles are used in the review process, such as: code requirements (ADA, safety guidelines from the Consumer Product Safety Commission); research based best practices (physical development, elements of play, health and wellness across the lifespan); inclusion; environmental sustainability and support of natural habitats; shade and weather; trends and use patterns; compatibility of adjacent uses and amenities; lifecycle operation costs and maintenance frequencies, etc. Where there are multiple park parcels to be dedicated by different developers at different times, the park design(s) must provide a cohesive integrity such that they can be constructed and fit together in phases at different times, potentially by different developers, but still provide immediate service.

#### Public Schematic Design Process.

The Parks & Recreation Department staff work with the various developers to propose an initial/feasible Conceptual Site Plan for each parcel to be dedicated to the City and coordinate with adjacent property owners to achieve a cohesive Park Site Master Plan. The proposed Master Plan will move through an iterative public design review process inclusive of a community survey, public input and the Parks & Recreation Commission review, during which the Master Plan is refined and ultimately recommended to City Council for final approval. As residential developers initiate their specific development proposals the public will be able to participate in the public park schematic design process.

#### Patrick Henry Drive Public Parkland, Open Space & Desirable Amenities List.

The adopted Land Use Plan includes approximately 10 acres of parkland (Attachment 1) as summarized below. The descriptions provide park locations and a preliminary list of potential recreational amenities and features for discussion purposes only. The remaining private open space obligation of approximately 3 acres is provided in part through Privately Owned Publicly accessible Open Space (POPOS) to meet the Specific Plan's 22% open space target.

- A 5.25 acre Neighborhood Park at the center of the Plan Area shared across multiple properties including Menlo Equities, Marriott Center Owners Association, Z&L Properties, and Sares-Regis. Amenities on the southern two parcels: (a) Community Center includes program spaces to accommodate: library, community/classroom, activity spaces for seniors and youth, full size multipurpose gymnasium for indoor sports and fitness, staff offices, restrooms, custodial and storage; (b) underground public parking; (c) park site includes low water use landscaping, perimeter shade trees, small indoor/outdoor amphitheater space adjacent to Center, pathways, bench seating, wayfinding signage; (d) slow street frontage. Amenities on the northern three parcels: (a) off leash dog park 1 acre; definable setback & screening, water feature; (b) meandering pathways, arboretum, classic greenhouse/community garden; (c) playground with varying topography; (d) slow street frontage.

Staff has conducted preliminary analysis of a joint library-gymnasium-community center concept, to be located within the central neighborhood park. Given the anticipated population density of the Specific Plan, allowance for an approximate 47,000 square foot community facility is justified. A compact multi-level facility configuration with parking below grade is feasible and may require a smaller building footprint to preserve at grade park space and achieve desired program service levels that match the funding available from park in lieu fees.

However, further analysis and public input are necessary.

- A 0.57 acre Mini-Park located along the center southern portion of the plan area, with SummerHill dedicating 9,250 square feet (0.21 acres) of outdoor parkland adjacent to a 5,000 square foot indoor public visual arts center, and O2 Micro property dedicating 15,800 square feet of parkland (0.36 acres) adjacent to the Summerhill dedication, to create one contiguous park. Amenities: (a) Visual Arts Center accommodates program spaces for studio, classroom, temporary exhibits gallery, restroom, storage office, circulation; (b) Art Walk linear space adjacent to building for outdoor sculpture garden, class space, temporary exhibit/activities; (c) right of way or additional landscaped space to include bicycle/pedestrian pathway (contingent upon coordination and support of Mission College), wayfinding, shade trees and park benches, specimen trees.

As envisioned, the City Parks & Recreation Department would manage this indoor visual arts space and the related outdoor area for periodic/temporary art displays curated by the City.

- A 1.75 acre Neighborhood Park two parcels west side. Amenities: (a) bocce court, restroom, landscaping, access to adjacent development parking/restroom; (b) playground, meadow, multiuse sport court (TBD), picnic tables with game tops, possible trail access to the Calabazas Creek pedestrian bridge from the Plan Area.
- A 1.25 acre park in the southeast section of the Plan Area, split proportionally between properties owned by Dollinger and New Hope Church. Amenities: (a) playground with active play features, picnic tables, park benches, landscaping, (b) individual restroom.
- A 1.1 acre Neighborhood Park on the Pearlman property, to be developed if the property is redeveloped with residential uses.
- A North East Mini Park. Drawbridge on the northeast corner of the plan area has offered approximately 13,000 square feet of land (0.30 acres) that staff is analyzing for feasible park uses.
- Creek Trail head northwest corner. Amenities: (a) bike and pedestrian trail access, wayfinding/interpretation, bike/ped supporting amenities such as bike service and water fountain.

The Senior Advisory Commission expressed interest in residential developments that may serve and/or provide recreational amenities for the older adult population. There may be program opportunities in the Patrick Henry Drive Specific Plan aimed at service for an older adult population on the north side of Santa Clara. By way of this report, the Commission is informed of the various parks, recreational facilities and amenities including potential for a joint facility (conceptually a library-gymnasium-community center) and potential visual arts center within the Patrick Henry Drive Specific Plan Area. No action is required at this time.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

The action being considered is an informational item only and does not constitute a “project” within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines

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section 15378(a), as it has no potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no action required or sought by the Commission at this time and therefore, no additional fiscal impact to the project.

**COORDINATION**

This report was coordinated with the City Manager's Office and Community Development Department

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**RECOMMENDATION**

No action, other than to note and file the report.

Reviewed by: Kim Castro, Recreation Manager

Approved by: James Teixeira, Director of Parks & Recreation

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Patrick Henry Drive Specific Plan - Selected Sections 4.5 & 5.4



# PHD

SPECIFIC PLAN

## PATRICK HENRY DRIVE

*(This is a partial copy containing only select sections of 4.5 & 5.4 pertaining to Parks & Recreation.)*

February 2022



Prepared by:



with Hexagon Transportation Consultants, BKF Engineers and Economic and Planning Systems



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## 4.5 PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE

The PHD Specific Plan Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan include policies and requirements to create a diverse network of public parks, publicly-accessible green infrastructure, and private recreational spaces that support the physical, social and environmental health of the neighborhood while integrating with the community-wide City public parks and recreation system. This includes providing adequate park spaces of sufficient size, shape, and location within the PHD Specific Plan Area.

The public parks and private open space recreational amenities should allow for both individual and large group recreational activities, sustainable natural habitat, and opportunities for healthy living throughout the PHD Specific Plan Area (see Figure 4.5: Parks and Greenways).

The goal is to provide adequate park and recreational space to meet the needs of thousands of new residents in an urban, high-density environment while preventing the overburdening of existing parks and community facilities throughout the city. The PHD Specific Plan area will include a mix of traditional neighborhood parks, community facilities and recreational amenities while allowing for urban-style parks and plazas. Greenways and smaller specialized and programmed park spaces will support connectivity throughout the area.

The following policies establish the basis for providing parks, open spaces, and greenways in the PHD Specific Plan Area, including dedication requirements. Properties in the PHD Specific Plan Area are subject to City and Specific Plan requirements as described below. Design guidelines for the siting, sizing, design and programming of open spaces are included in Chapter 5: Design Guidelines.

*Table 4.5: Required Public Parkland and Private Open Spaces*

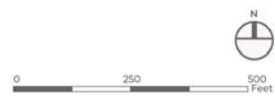
	<b>Gross Residential Area (Acres)</b>	<b>Net Residential Area (Acres)</b>	<b>Total Parks and Open Space</b>	<b>Dedicated Public Parkland</b>	<b>Private Open Spaces</b>
Scenario A	73.59	62.26	14.46	10.23	4.23
Scenario B	63.72	52.40	12.29	9.15	3.14



**FIGURE 4.5: PARKS AND GREENWAYS**

- Study Area
- Existing Parcel (City of Santa Clara)
- Existing Parcel (Study Area)
- Open Space
- ↔ Existing Trail/Greenway
- ↔ Proposed Trail/Greenway
- POPOs (Privately Owned Public Open Spaces only required with residential development) - subject to acceptance by City
- Private Open Space (50% Credit) - subject to SCCCI7.35
- Potential Trail and Landscape Dedication

- ✱ Conceptual location of a future Library/Community Center
- ✱ Public parkland only required with residential development
- ✱ POPOs exclude office development







**FIGURE 4.5-ALT: PARKS AND GREENWAYS**

Study Area	Existing Trail/Greenway	POPOs (Privately Owned Public Open Spaces only required with residential development) - subject to acceptance by City
Existing Parcel (City of Santa Clara)	Proposed Trail/Greenway	Private Open Space (50% Credit) - subject to SCCCI7.35
Existing Parcel (Study Area)	Potential Trail and Landscape Dedication	Conceptual location of a future Library/Community Center
Open Space		POPOs exclude office development
		Public parkland only required with residential development
		Potential future vehicle connection subject to the approval of the Mission College Board of Trustees

0 250 500 Feet

#### **4.5.1 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Policies**

- Require at least 22 percent of total residential developable land to be allocated for public parks or publicly accessible open spaces, including not less than 11 percent of land dedicated to the City in fee title as public parkland.
- Implement Santa Clara City Code 17.35 to provide public parks and indoor community facilities which may be connected by publicly accessible private greenways and open spaces that serve the neighborhood.
- Distribute and site public parks so all residents can easily access a neighborhood park within a five to ten-minute walk.
- Allow public parks to be jointly sited between two or more existing parcels. New public parks will be mapped and dedicated to the City in fee title as new parcels.
- Connect parks and plazas with publicly accessible private greenways to provide safe, comfortable access while supporting connectivity throughout the PHD Specific Plan Area. Plazas and greenways are subject to minimum dimensions and programming.
- Provide connections from public parks to existing and planned trails on the north and west of the PHD Specific Plan Area.
- Site and size public parks and indoor community facilities (e.g., library, gym), to serve a variety of populations and programs throughout the day, from dawn to 10 pm.

#### **4.5.2 Parkland Dedication Ordinance**

A minimum of 11 percent of the total developable residential land within the PHD Specific Plan Area is required to be dedicated to the City of Santa Clara for use as public parks. A total of 14.46 acres shall be dedicated under Scenario A or 12.29 acres in Scenario B. The approximate size and location of these parks (shown in Figure 4.5: Parks and Greenways) shall be improved and programmed prior to dedication to the City, except at the discretion of the City. Specific requirements for public parkland size and design are included in Chapter 5: Design Guidelines.

All development within the PHDSP area is subject to the City's Park and Recreational Lands Ordinance requirements. Per the policies established within City Code Section 17.35, each project will have a developed parkland obligation which may be met through a combination of land dedication, and/or payment of in-lieu fees. At the discretion of the City, qualifying dedicated private recreational amenities may be eligible for 50% credit against of the Plan's parkland dedication requirement.

The Director of Parks and Recreation Department shall determine the conditions necessary to comply with the requirements of City Code

Chapter 17.35 (e.g., parkland dedication, private open space, recreational amenities) per the criteria established within the Ordinance. Private open space within the project area may be able to meet part of the Ordinance requirements per the staff evaluation. Related to parkland dedication encumbered by an easement, the land value for such dedication may be reduced due to encumbrance and other items required in City Code. The value of dedicated land is determined through the Ordinance and the Supplemental Instructions adopted by Council on June 7, 2016.

### **4.5.3 Specific Plan Open Space Requirements**

Projects within the Specific Plan area are subject to these requirements:

#### **4.5.3.1 LAND DEDICATION**

Consistent with the Specific Plan Land Use Diagram – residential projects are required at a minimum to dedicate land areas identified in the Specific Plan as dedicated parkland as part of their fulfillment of the Park & Recreational Land Dedication Ordinance. This area totals 10.23 acres\* (or a reduced amount if the flex parcel is developed as commercial use), or more if the City accepts additional unencumbered public parkland dedicated in fee title adjacent to required parkland dedication.

#### **4.5.3.2 GREENWAYS**

Greenways are privately owned, publicly accessible linear open spaces that provide off-road connections for pedestrians, cyclists, scooter riders, and the like while providing additional green space throughout the PHD Specific Plan Area. Projects are required to incorporate publicly accessible greenways into their design consistent with the Land Use Diagram.

#### **4.5.3.3 OPEN SPACE**

Residential projects must provide at a minimum the specified amount of open space in addition to the minimum land use dedication. If the High Density Flex designated property is developed at residential, this open space is 4.23 acres, allocated on a proportional basis to each property so that it is provided when that parcel is developed. This requirement applies to both residential and commercial uses. This open space requirement may be satisfied through any of the following:

- Land dedicated specifically as public parkland in excess of 10.23 acres under Scenario A or 9.15 acres under Scenario B and adjacent to the minimum amounts depicted on the land use plan or of sufficient size, shape and acceptable location to be activated as public parkland as determined by City.
- Land designed and designated through easement as a publicly accessible Greenway, plaza, or other accessible open space.
- Private open space designed per criteria established within the Specific Plan. These areas, subject to in the requirements of SCC17.35, may also receive credit if it meets the Ordinance standards. Up to 50 percent of private space is eligible for credit towards the PHD Specific Plan requirements at the discretion of the Parks and Recreation Department.



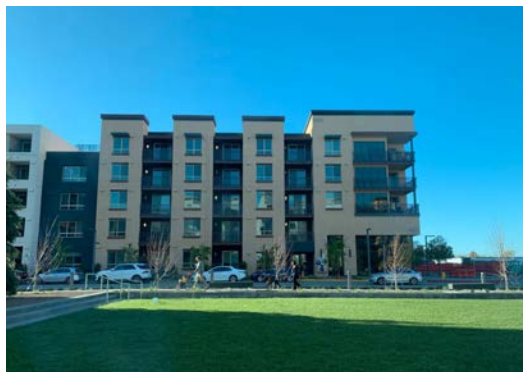
## 5.4 PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES

A robust network of parks and open spaces connected by pedestrian and bicycle pathways will support the PHD Specific Plan Area as it transforms into a high-density residential mixed-use neighborhood (see Figure 4.5: Parks and Greenways). The standards and guidelines in this section support the City's overarching parks, recreation and open space goals and serve future residents by providing diverse outdoor environments and experiences. The open space system includes the following types of facilities.

- **Publicly Dedicated Parkland**
- **Privately-owned public open spaces (POPOS)**
- **Community Gardens**
- **Plazas**
- **Greenways, and Trail Connections**



*Active Open Space with Games*



*Neighborhood Park*



*Activated Urban Plaza*



### 5.4.1 Parkland Dedication

**Intent: Public parks support the quality of life for all City residents and serve the day-to-day needs of those who work and live in the PHD Specific Plan Area.**

**Parks will be designed and programmed in consultation with the City Parks and Recreation Department and Parks and Recreation Commission with public input. Developers will enter into a park design and construction agreement with the City. Developers will also enter into a park maintenance agreement with the City or participate in a CFD or other mechanism to pay for ongoing maintenance and capital renewal of the parks.**

### Standards

5.4.1.1 Ensure all public parks are at least one acre in size to provide adequate space for seating and gathering areas, programming, and flexible use turf areas. Property owners may dedicate less than one acre in an instance where parkland straddles parcel lines and dedications are adjacent. The combined parkland dedication in these instances must be at least one acre.

- Programming for public parks may include courts, fields, seating, picnic tables, exercise equipment, off-leash dog areas and, other features appropriate to high-density residential neighborhoods and subject to Section 17.35.070
- Property owners can design and develop parkland for specialized uses (e.g., art park) with approval from, and in collaboration with, the City Parks and Recreation Department.

5.4.1.2 Ensure opportunities for public art in park and plaza design.



5.4.1.1A - Flexible Use Turf Area



5.4.1.1B - Open Spaces and Landscaped Plazas



5.4.1.2 - Public Art in Open Space

## Guidelines

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5.4.1.3 Design parks to be seamlessly connected to the PHD Specific Plan Area's network of greenways, streets, and trails, including the Calabazas Creek Trail and the planned trail along the Hetch Hetchy right-of-way.

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5.4.1.4 Plan, design, and program the public parks to be complementary and feature unique elements not found in other PHD Specific Plan Area open spaces and consistent with 17.35.070. Generally, the parks should be designed and programmed as follows:

- The neighborhood park near the middle of the PHD Specific Plan Area shall have pathways connecting east-west and north-south, include amenities that support the community uses along the park, and provide plentiful seating and play areas for all ages;
- The southwest park shall connect to the Calabazas Creek trail and provide facilities for active recreation, such as sports courts or fields; and

- The northeast park (in Scenario A only) shall connect to the Hetch Hetchy right-of-way and Great America Parkway and provide a hardscaped area with flexible seating and gathering areas.
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5.4.1.5 Include amenities in parks that support the comfort of users, including shaded seating areas, movable furniture, and water fountains/bottle filling stations.

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5.4.1.6 Ensure parks provide space and amenities for both passive and active recreation and encourage flexible spaces that can be used for multiple activities at different times.

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5.4.1.7 Use climate-appropriate and native tree and plant species for landscaped areas to minimize maintenance and water requirements.



5.4.1.3 - Open Spaces with Amenities



5.4.1.6 - Play Areas for all Age Groups

## 5.4.2 Privately Owned Public Open Spaces (POPOS)

**Intent: Property owners and residential developers are required to provide publicly accessible spaces on private parcels, as outlined in Chapter 4. These open spaces shall be privately owned and maintained and open for the general public access.**

### Standards

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- 5.4.2.1 Ensure all POPOS are at least 30 feet wide and 1,000 square feet in size.
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- 5.4.2.2 Require that any pedestrian path through the site be at least five feet wide.
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- 5.4.2.3 Use climate-appropriate and native tree and plant species for landscaped areas to minimize maintenance and water requirements, consistent with the City's Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance.

### Guidelines

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- 5.4.2.4 Site or connect POPOS to the street level to provide easy public access.
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- 5.4.2.5 Site and design POPOS to ensure direct sunlight at least four hours per day and to minimize shadows from adjacent buildings.
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- 5.4.2.6 Design spaces to provide space for outdoor social activities and amenities suited to high-density residential development, such as play spaces and off-leash dog areas.



5.4.2.4 - Open Space with Access to Direct Sunlight



5.4.2.6A - Open Space with Seating



5.4.2.6B - Off-leash Dog Area



### 5.4.3 Community Gardens

***Intent: As an added amenity for high-density residential neighborhoods and developments, the City and/or property owners may provide community gardens for residents' use. These guidelines outline recommended community garden siting, design, and maintenance.***

#### ***Guidelines***

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- 5.4.3.1 Incorporate community gardens or planters in public parks and POPOS throughout the neighborhood.
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- 5.4.3.2 Design planter beds to be at least three feet by six feet. Consider the use of raised beds for ideal draining.
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- 5.4.3.3 As space allows, include a mix of planter bed sizes to accommodate different user needs and preferences.
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- 5.4.3.4 Site garden beds and plots to have sun exposure six to eight hours per day.
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- 5.4.3.5 Set back any planter beds along amenity zone or in bulbouts at least two feet from the curb face to allow safe gardening and room for car doors.
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- 5.4.3.6 Provide easy access to water to irrigate planting beds.



5.4.3.1 - Planter Beds Along Sidewalk

#### 5.4.4 Plazas

***Intent: Plazas are hardscape urban open spaces that serve as neighborhood activity nodes and provide spaces for social gatherings, small events, and commerce. These spaces complement parks and other landscaped and turf areas and can activate the ground-floor urban environment.***

#### Standards

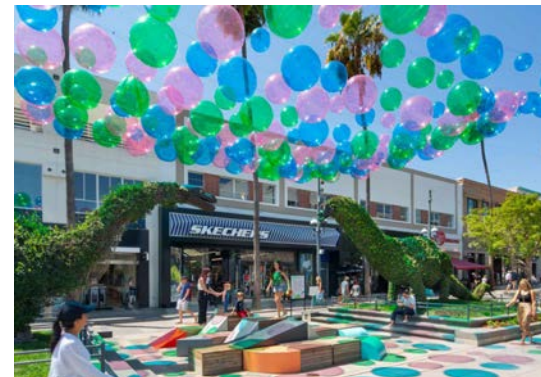
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- 5.4.4.1 Site plazas along pedestrian zones, and active corridors; at activity nodes; gateways; adjacent to ground-floor retail, flex, or community uses; and within setbacks and/or over existing utility easements.
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- 5.4.4.2 Provide for plazas to connect to adjacent streets, paths, and greenways.
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- 5.4.4.3 Provide amenities that encourage informal, flexible, and creative use of plazas and that support user safety. Amenities may include pedestrian-scaled lighting, benches or flexible seating, shade structures, trees and landscaping, water features, and public art.



5.4.4.1 - Plaza Adjacent to Ground-floor Retail



5.4.4.2 - Landscaped Plaza with Seating



5.4.4.3 - Plaza Amenities

## Guidelines

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- 5.4.4.4 Use special pavement design or treatment to increase plaza visibility and identity.
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- 5.4.4.5 Encourage use of permeable interlocking concrete pavers as part of stormwater management.
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- 5.4.4.6 Design plazas to be places for community gathering, programming, performances, and commerce.
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- 5.4.4.7 Ensure that adjacent ground-floor uses open onto the plazas and allow their uses to spill out into the space, including outdoor dining and retail.



5.4.4.4 - Plaza with Flexible Seating



5.4.4.6 - Community Gathering in Plaza



5.4.4.7 - Active Ground Floor Uses



### 5.4.5 Greenways

***Intent: Greenways will be created throughout the PHD Specific Plan Area to improve connectivity and access and to create a human-scaled setting. These pathways facilitate pedestrian and bicycle access to parks, trails, and activity nodes. Located along alleys and new development, these greenways also create opportunities for on-site stormwater filtration.***

#### Standards

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- 5.4.5.1 Site greenways as shown in Figure 4.5A of the Open Space Framework to provide pedestrian and bicycle connections through large blocks, to link destinations, and to enhance required spaces between buildings.
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- 5.4.5.2 Use greenways to connect parks and open space and improve access to trails, transit stops, activity nodes, and other community amenities.
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- 5.4.5.3 Create greenways that are at least 40 feet wide, with a preferred width of 40 to 60 feet to allow for paths of travel, buffers, and emergency access.
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- 5.4.5.4 Ensure clear pathways within greenways are at least five feet wide.
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- 5.4.5.5 Provide pedestrian-scaled lighting along greenways for user safety and comfort.
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- 5.4.5.6 Provide seating, refuse/recycling receptacles, and other basic amenities along greenways.
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- 5.4.5.7 Provide 10-foot setbacks for all buildings fronting on to the greenways.



5.4.5.1 - Pedestrian Connection Between Buildings



5.4.5.2 - Greenway Connecting Community Amenities



5.4.5.5 - Pedestrian-scaled Lighting Along Greenway

**Guidelines**

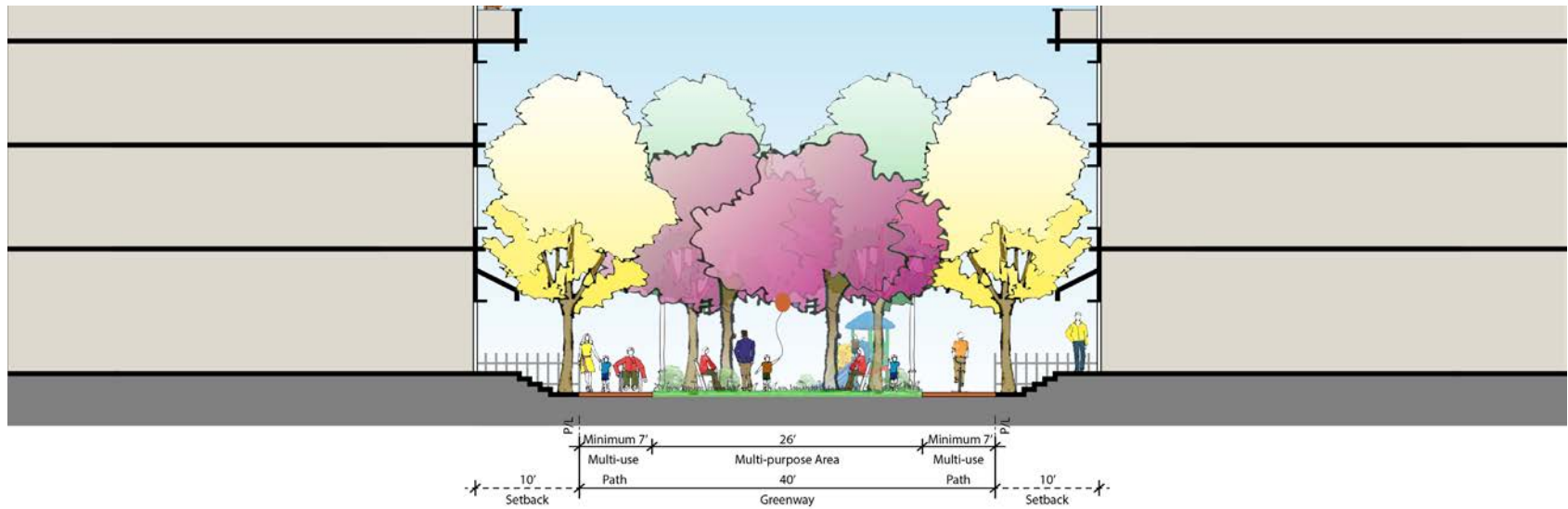
5.4.5.8 Encourage the use of bioswales along the greenways to attenuate surface run-off.

5.4.5.9 Incorporate landscaping, trees, and community gardens along greenways.

5.4.5.10 Require that design of buildings and setbacks along greenways contribute “eyes on the street” for safety to activate these spaces.



5.4.5.9 - Well Landscaped Pedestrian Path



5.4.5A - Greenways - Proposed Prototypical Option