

APPENDIX G

Recreation Facilities and Acres to Retain through Naylor Legislation

Schools play a critical role in the meeting the need for recreational facilities in San Rafael. Many neighborhoods that lack parks or have parks that are inadequately sized for local needs depend on neighborhood schools for open space, recreational facilities, and athletic fields. Nearly all schools in the San Rafael Planning Area include sports fields and athletic facilities. Both high schools provide specialized facilities that are largely unavailable elsewhere, including gyms, swimming pools and public tennis courts. Given the high cost of land and limited supply, it would be difficult to replace these facilities if they became unavailable.

The State passed the Naylor Bill (Education Code §17485 to §17500) to allow cities to purchase outdoor school recreation facilities at reduced prices in the event of school closures. To qualify, the City or another public agency must have an adopted plan identifying portions of surplus school sites it desires to retain for recreational use. The Naylor legislation is helpful in retaining school recreation facilities but is limited in scope. School gyms, multipurpose rooms, and child care facilities are desirable to retain but do not qualify for purchase under Naylor legislation, which limits purchases to land which is used for school playground, playing field or other outdoor recreation purposes and open space land particularly suited for recreational purposes.

Table G-1 identifies school acreage within the City limits that the City may wish to purchase through Naylor rights in the event any of these sites is offered for sale in the future. Acreage not designated in the table is land the City does not desire to purchase through Naylor rights. Purchase at market rates would only be considered if all other lease, dedication or joint maintenance agreements fail, or if this was the most economical option for the City. Although schools outside the City limits are shown, the City would not purchase these lands unless they were being annexed to the City.

The table includes a priority listing of recreation facilities. This is based on the variety of facilities, the site's importance to City sports programs, and the site's ability to meet neighborhood and other community recreation needs. The highest ratings generally apply to school facilities that are well used by the community and facilities in areas with exceptionally high recreational needs.

Designation of school facilities in Table G-1 means the City will, if possible, attempt to secure these facilities for future recreational use in the event a site is to be sold. As soon as the school district decides to sell the site, the City and district will work together to decide the most appropriate strategy for transfer. If purchase is necessary, the City would have the responsibility for securing funding in a timely manner, with the help and cooperation of the districts and interested neighborhood and organized sports groups. Prior to any purchase, cost benefit studies would analyze the ongoing maintenance costs to the City.

TABLE G-1: Recreation Facilities and Acres to Maintain Through Naylor Legislation

Priority	School	District	Surplus Site?	Total Acres	Recreation Facilities	Recreation Acres (est.)	Facilities (A)	Use (B)	Neighborhood Facilities (C)	Communitywide Facilities (D)	Cumulative Rating
High	Don Timoteo Elementary (Mark Day School)	Miller Creek	No	10	Playfields Hardcourts Parking Child care	3.82	3	3	1	1	8
Low	Laurel Dell Elementary	SRCS	No	1	0	0.37	0	1	0	1	2
Low	Davidson Annex	SRCS	No	1.2		N/A	0	0	1	0	1
Low	Nova Albion (MSCD District Offices)	Miller Creek	Yes	10.4	Community garden Playfield	3.85	1	0	1	1	3
High	San Pedro	SRCS	No	7.25	Playfields Parking	1.88	1	2	3	0	6
High	San Rafael High	SRCS	No	29.2	Football stadium Gyms Parking Playfields Swimming pool Tennis courts Track	15.92	3	3	3	1	10
High	Santa Margarita (leased to a variety of entities)	Miller Creek	No	11	Playfields Multipurpose room	N/A	2	2	2	0	6
Low	Short	SRCS	Yes	1	Child care	0.32	1	0	1	1	3
High	Terra Linda High	SRCS	No	30.2	Gyms Parking Playfields Tennis courts	16.60	3	3	2	1	9
Unincorporated Area											
High	Gallinas (old)	SRCS	No		Playfields	1.94	1	2	2	0	5
Low	Waldorf School	Miller Creek	Yes		Playfields Tot lots	3.65	1	1	1	0	3
High	Mary Silveira	Miller Creek	No		Playfields	3.83	1	2	2	0	5
High	McPhail	SRCS	Yes		Playfields	N/A	1	1.5	2	0	4.5
High	Lucas Valley	Miller Creek	No		Playfields	3.57	1	1.5	2.5	0	5

Evaluation Scale

A Variety of Facilities: 1 = few; 2 = some; 3 = many and/or significant

B Use by Sports Groups; 0 = no regular use; 1 = light use; 2 = medium use; 3 = heavy use

C Adequacy of Neighborhood recreational facilities in vicinity: 1 = adequate; 2 = marginal; 3 = inadequate

D Unique/Important Community-wide Public Facilities: 1=yes