

Attachment B: Summary - New Park (5th St W & W MacArthur)



Overview of Proposed Park:

The proposed New Park at the intersection of 5th St W and W MacArthur is a strategic initiative to address community needs and enhance recreational opportunities in the area. Situated within a residential neighborhood characterized by dense housing, including mobile home parks, condos, a senior living development, and single-family homes, this City-owned lot has the potential to be developed into a community space for residents of all ages.

Project Description and Potential Scope:

The project entails the initial exploration of potential land uses and the commencement of the design phase for the new park. Through a comprehensive assessment process, the project aims to determine the most suitable park amenities and design aspects that align with the needs and preferences of the surrounding community. Given the site's history as an equipment staging area for infrastructure projects, there is an opportunity to transform it into a recreational space that enhances the overall quality of life for residents.

Identification in Needs Assessment Process:

The site for the proposed park was identified through the City's assessment process, specifically highlighted on the map titled "City Parks Showing a Radius of 0.25 Mile." This map, which appears at the end of this report, illustrates that the area surrounding 5th St W and W MacArthur lacks a park within that range, indicating an opportunity for the development of a new recreational facility in the neighborhood.

Estimated Measure M Fund Allocation:

While the current budget includes a \$25,000 allocation from Quimby funds for examining park possibilities, the estimated Measure M fund allocation for the design phase of the new park ranges from \$100,000 to \$250,000. This preliminary estimate accounts for the comprehensive design process, including public input sessions, feasibility studies, conceptual design development, and preliminary cost estimation.

Consideration of Proposed Measure M Funded Park Projects to be Recommended to City Council for Inclusion in the 2024/25 City Budget

Utilization of Measure M Funds in FY 24/25 Budget Cycle:

In the upcoming budget cycle, Measure M funds will primarily be utilized to assess potential land use options, conduct community engagement activities to gather public input on desired park amenities and features, and facilitate the design process in collaboration with city stakeholders and residents. These funds will ensure that the new park reflects the community's vision and priorities while adhering to budgetary constraints.

Additional Notes:

It's noteworthy that City staff and the Ad Hoc Committee recognized the longstanding interest of the surrounding neighborhoods in rehabilitating the site for recreational purposes. The strategic location of the proposed park, coupled with the dense residential population in the vicinity, underscores the importance of this initiative in enhancing the overall livability and well-being of the community.

