



Lakewood Park Renovation Project Concept

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Park Background

- Lakewood Park

- ♦ 11+ acres, established 1962
- ♦ “Outer Space” theme
- ♦ Various improvements over the years including:
 - New restrooms in 1995
 - Skate park and splash pad improvements in 2003

- Lakewood Branch Library and Learning Center

- ♦ New library building with community room ready for construction bidding



Park Boundaries

- Property is divided into parcels owned by:
 - ◆ City of Sunnyvale
 - ◆ Sunnyvale School District
 - ◆ City and County of San Francisco (the Greenbelt)



Project Budget and Goals

- Budget
 - Approved budget \$16.4M
 - Grant funds (County of Santa Clara) \$1.5M
 - Total budget for design and construction \$17.9M
- Design Goals
 - Enhance recreational opportunity
 - Reduce maintenance costs
 - Reduce water usage



Community Input Process - Timeline

**Park Pop-Up
(5/8/23)**

**Community Meeting #1
(1/12/23)**

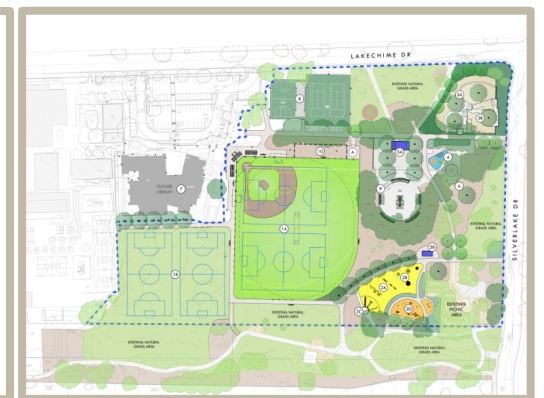
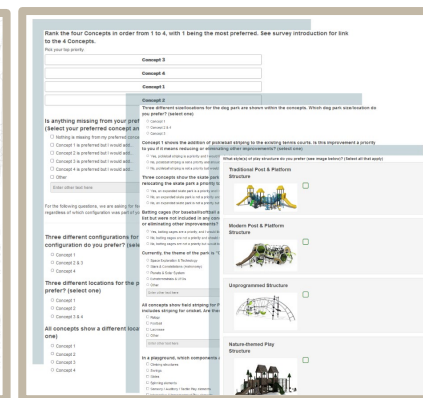
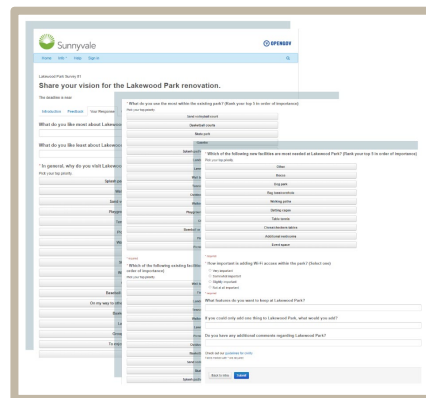
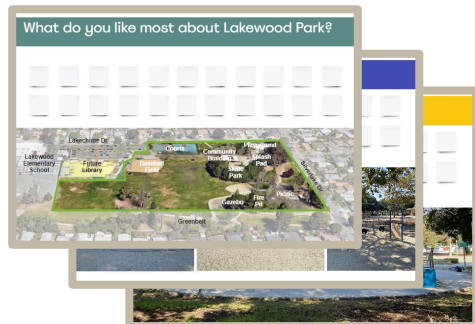
**Online Survey #1
(1/19/23-2/2/23)**

**Community Meeting #2
(5/4/23)**

**Online Survey #2
(5/5/23-5/22/23)**

**Community Meeting #3
(7/26/23)**

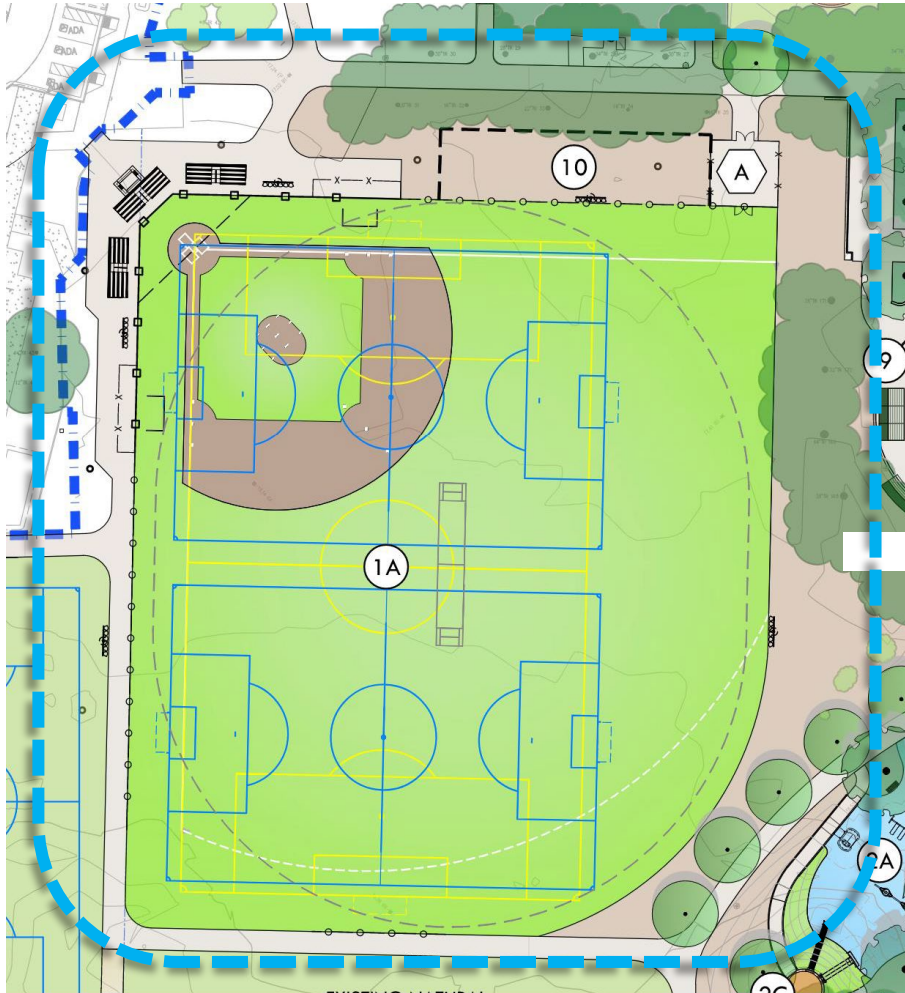
- Likes and Dislikes, Wants
- Use/demographic questions
- 4 concepts presented
- Feedback on program elements
- 1 site plan presented
- Feedback on layout and program elements



Preferred Site Plan



Multi-Use Synthetic Turf Field

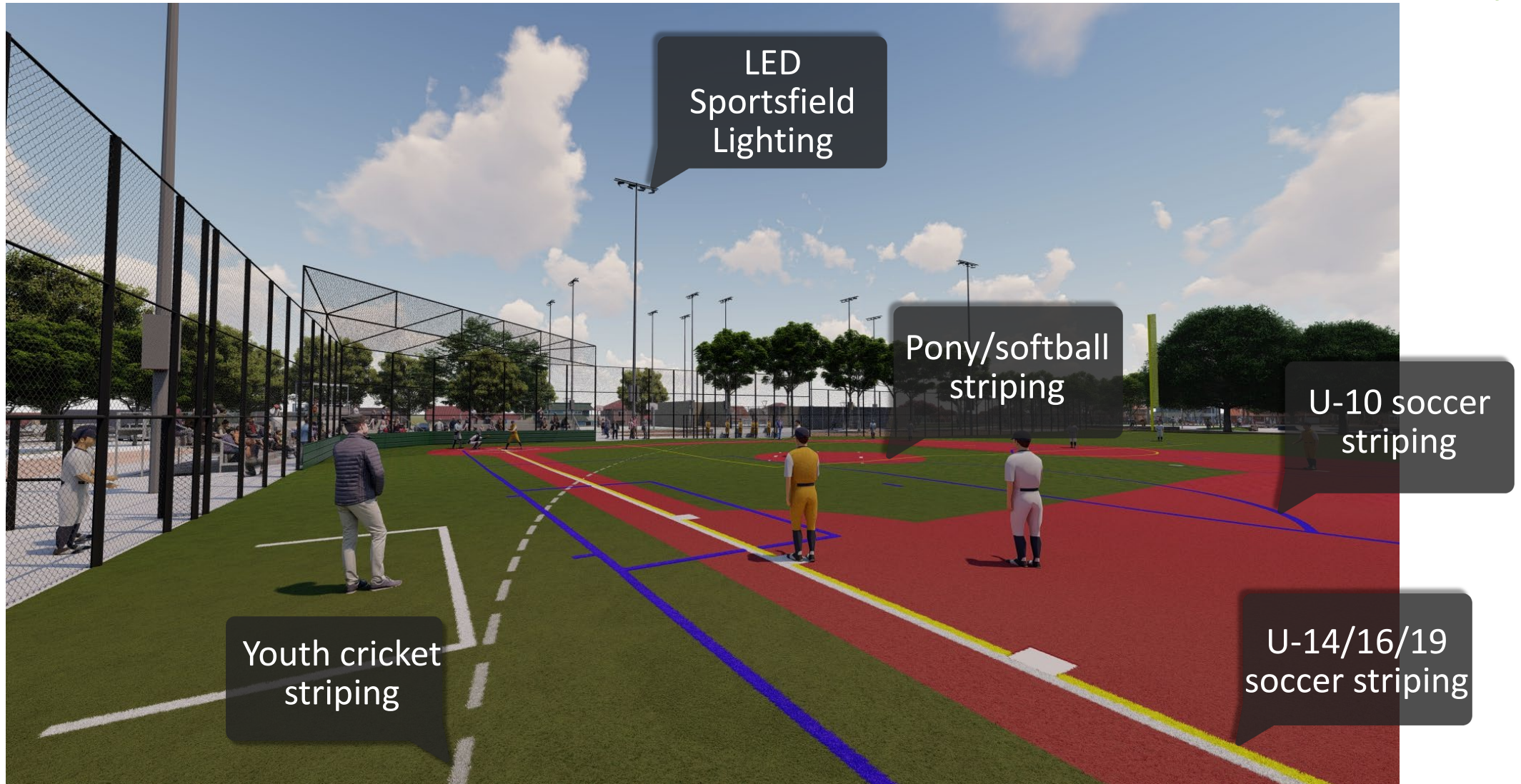


- Lined for Multiple Sports
 - ◆ Pony Baseball/Softball (265' foul, 315' center)
 - ◆ U-14/16/19 Soccer Field (60 x 100 yd) (yellow)
 - ◆ (2) U-10 Soccer Fields (45 x 65 yd) (blue)
 - ◆ Youth Cricket Field (90 x 110 yd) (grey)
- New LED Sportsfield Lighting
- Fencing
 - ◆ Hooded backstop
 - ◆ 20' & 16' fencing along 1st & 3rd base lines
 - ◆ Open (no fencing) at 50% of perimeter

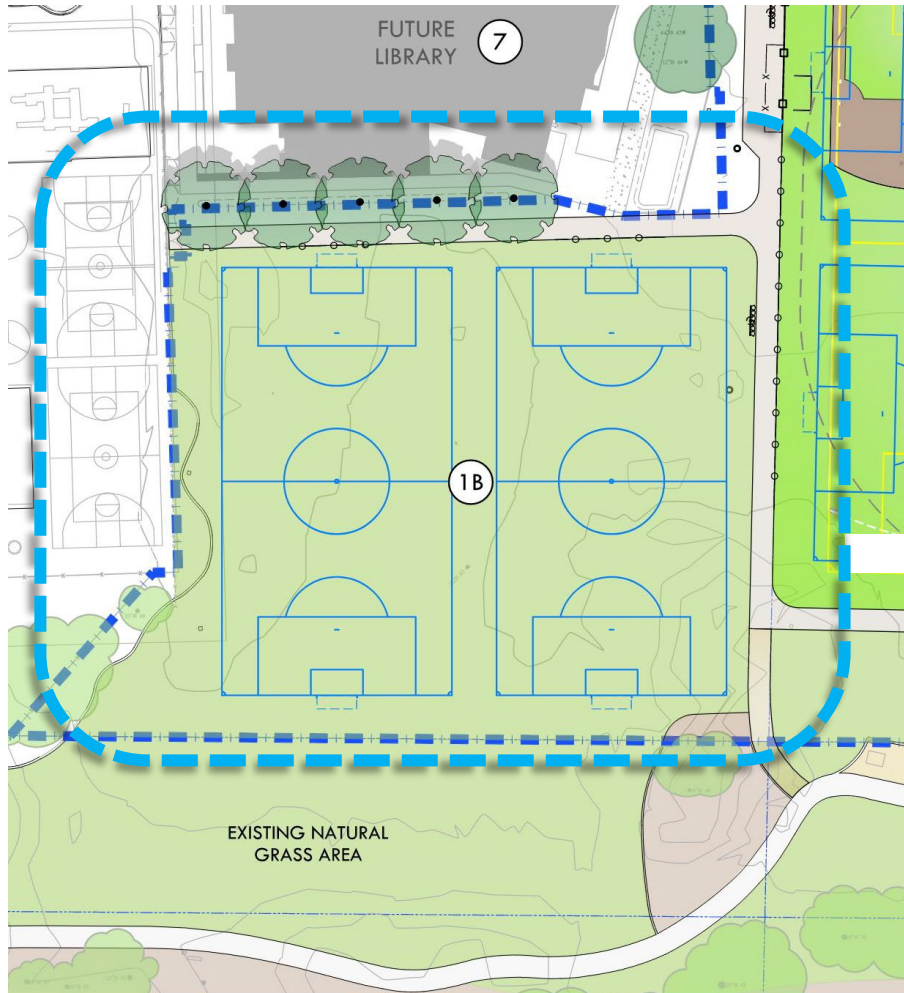
Multi-Use Synthetic Turf Field – Perspective 1



Multi-Use Synthetic Turf Field – Perspective 2



Natural Grass Field – SSD site



- Renovated Natural Grass Field
 - ◆ Space for (2) U-10 Soccer Fields (45 x 65 yd) (striping shown for reference only)
 - ◆ No LED lighting
 - ◆ 16' foot-tall fence behind soccer goal areas to block errant balls
 - ◆ Shade tree buffer between fields and new library building

Natural Grass Field – Perspective 1

Tree buffer
between field
and library

Space between fields
for spectators to
bring chairs and
canopies

Natural grass
fields with room
for (2) U-10
soccer fields



Natural Grass Field – Perspective 2

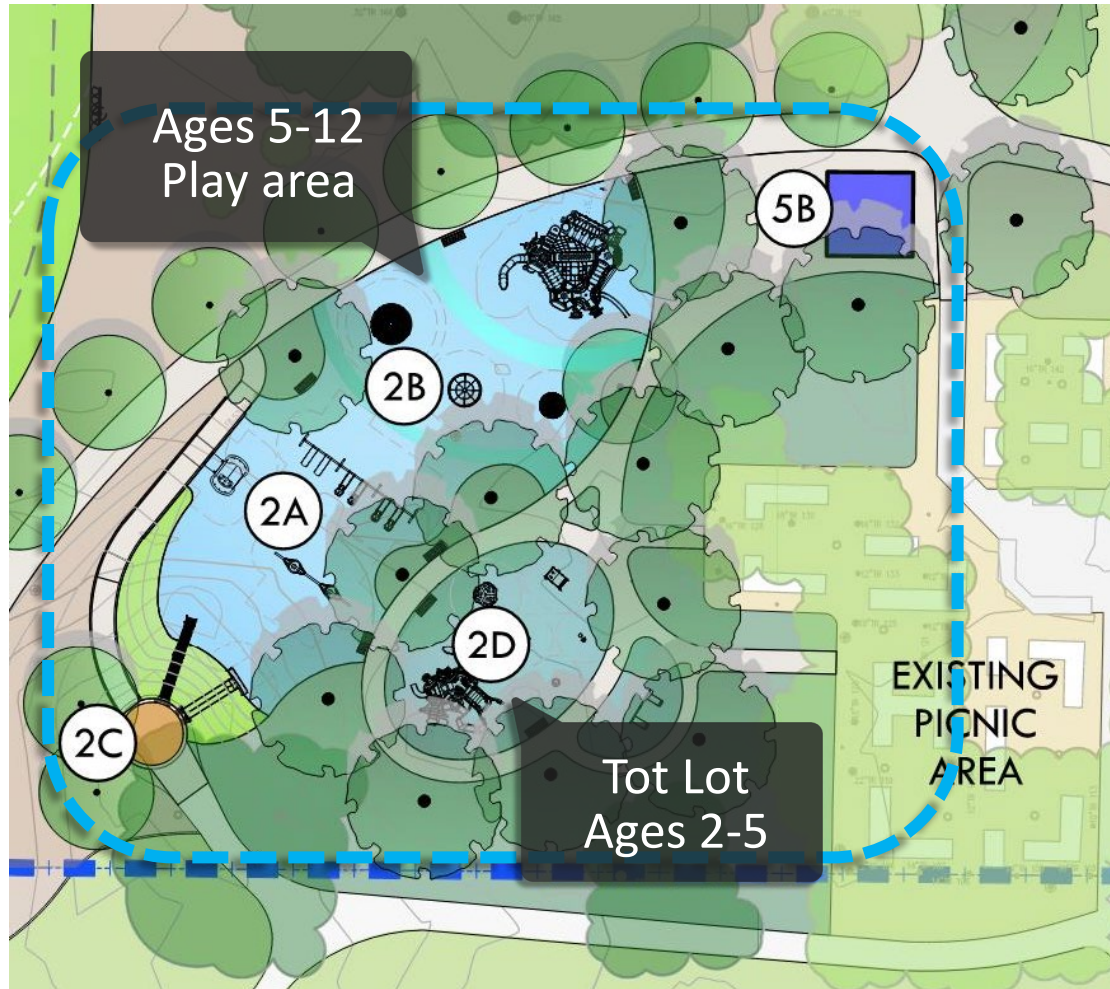


16' tall fencing
behind soccer
goals

16' tall fencing
between park
and school
multi-use field

Natural grass
fields with room
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All-Inclusive Playground Area



- Made possible by a grant from the County of Santa Clara's All-Inclusive Playground Grant Program
- Separate play areas for children aged 2-5 and 5-12
- Accessible poured-in-place surfacing
- Shade trees and planting buffer at edges to buffer from adjacent spaces
- Benches for parents and caretakers

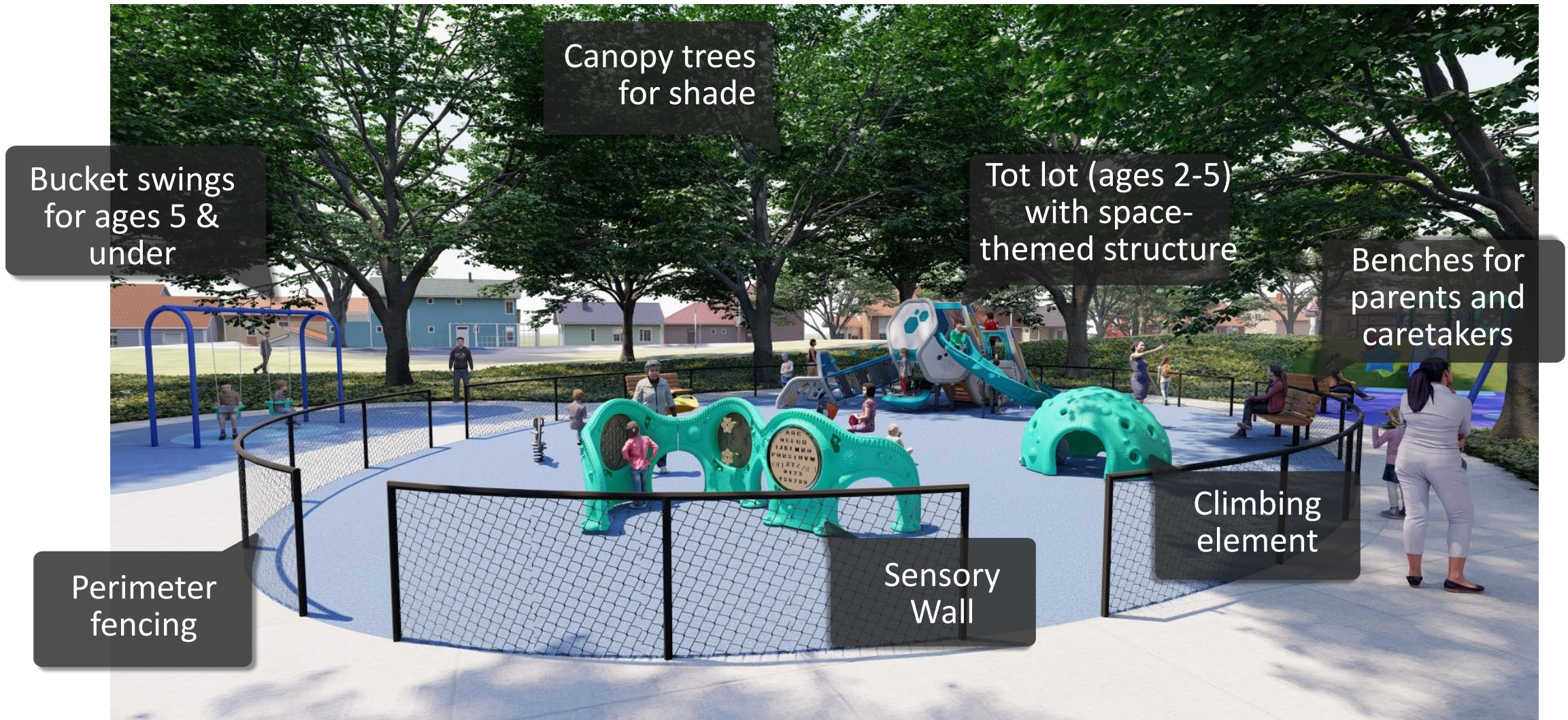
Playground Area – Perspective 1



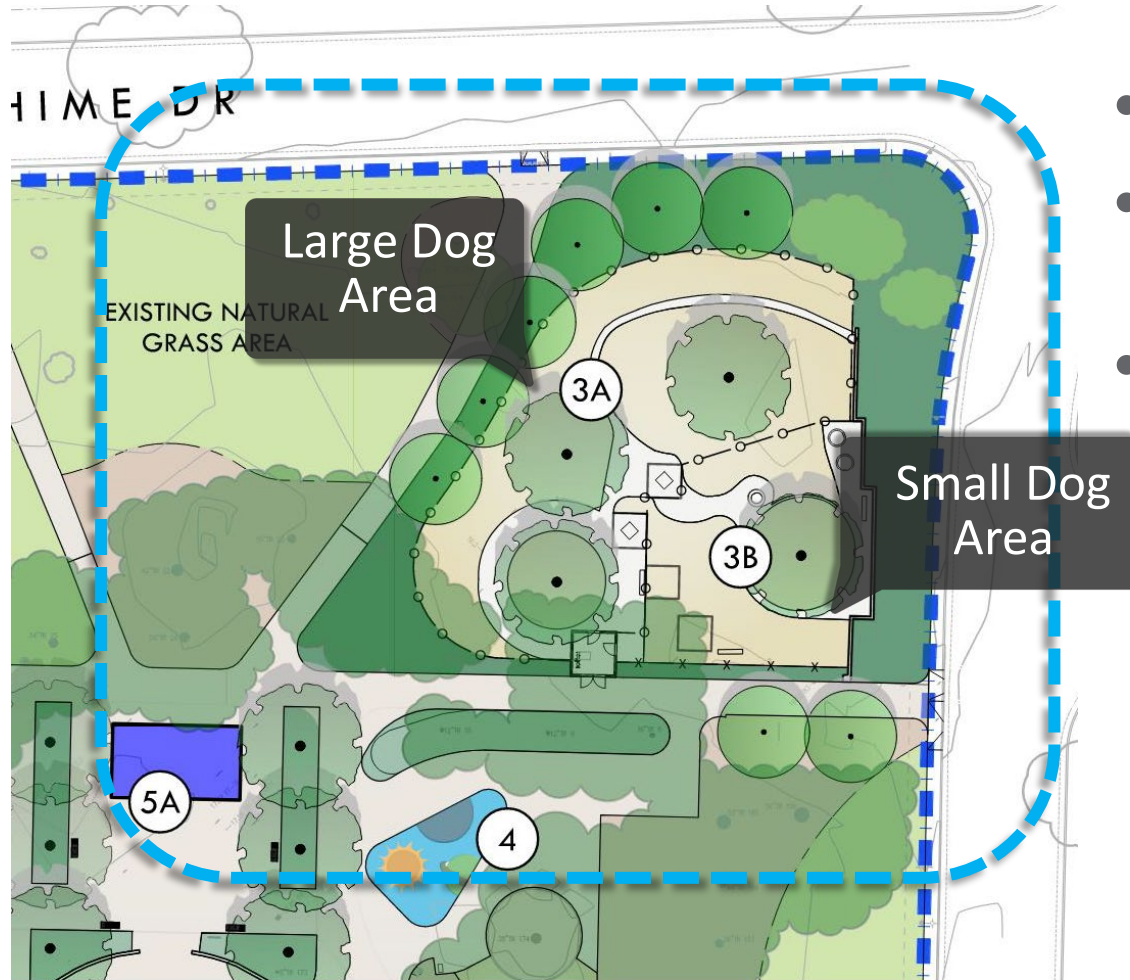
Playground Area – Perspective 2



Playground Area – Perspective 3



Dog Park

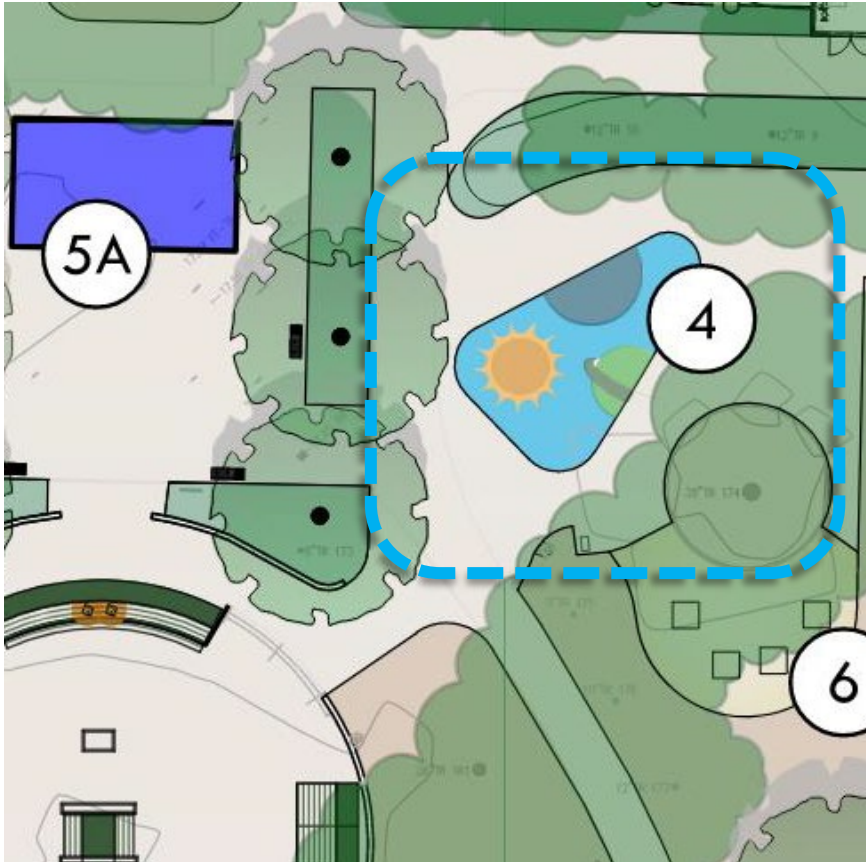


- Areas for Large & Small Dogs
- Reuse existing playground paving, stone wall, and site furnishings (arbors, tables, & benches)
- Additional shade trees, benches, and drinking fountain

Dog Park– Perspective 1



Splash Pad



- New splash pad equipment & surfacing that reflect the “Outer Space” theme
 - ◆ Misting element
 - ◆ Interactive spray elements
 - ◆ Ground spray elements
- Non-recirculating system
- Controlled on a timer

Splash Pad – Perspective

New restroom & concessions building

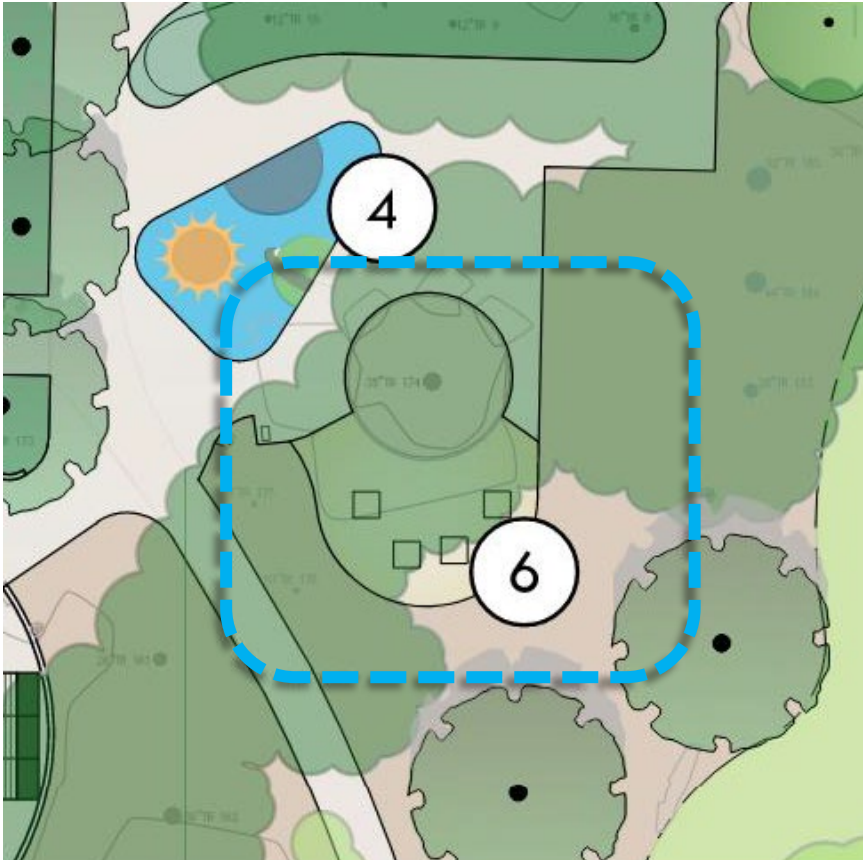
Misting Element

Ground sprays

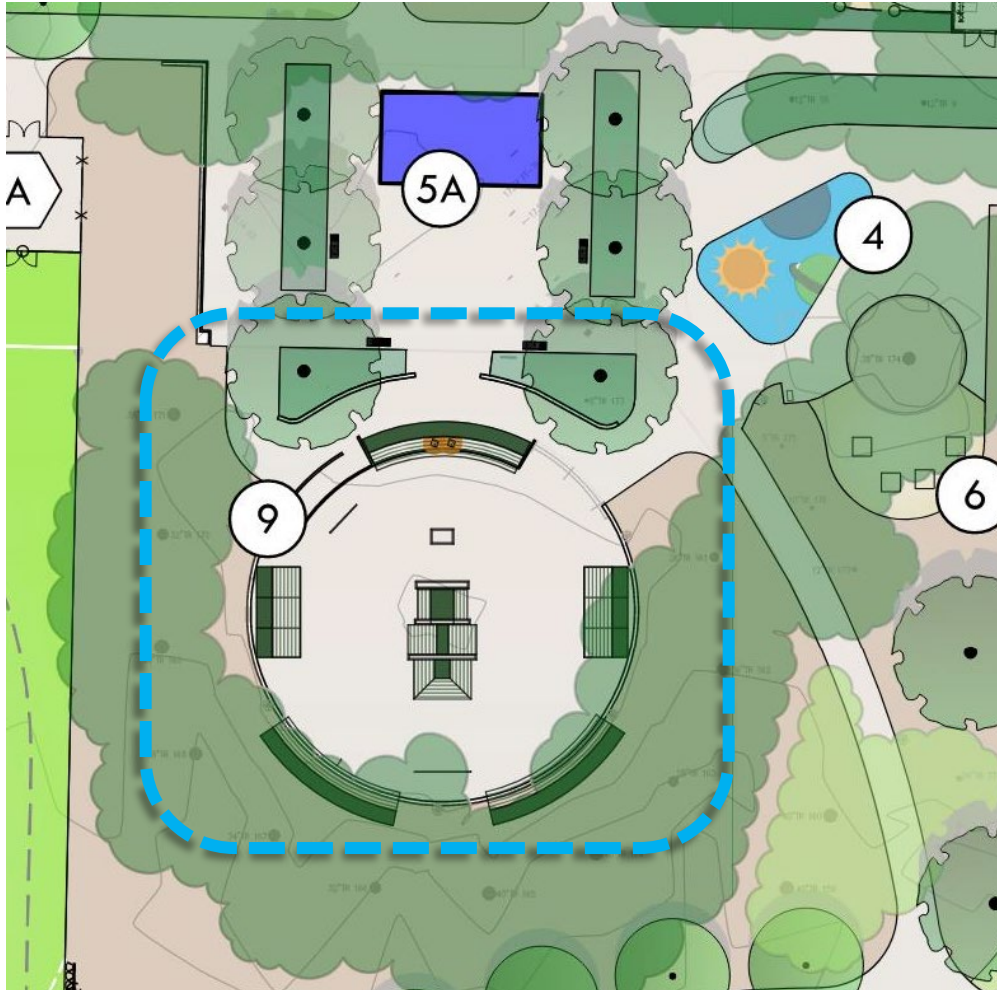
Safety surfacing with space theme

Picnic Area

- Replace existing picnic tables and surfacing



Skate Park



- Surface repairs to existing concrete
- Refurbished existing skate park features
- New quarter pipes at the perimeter

Skate Park – Perspective

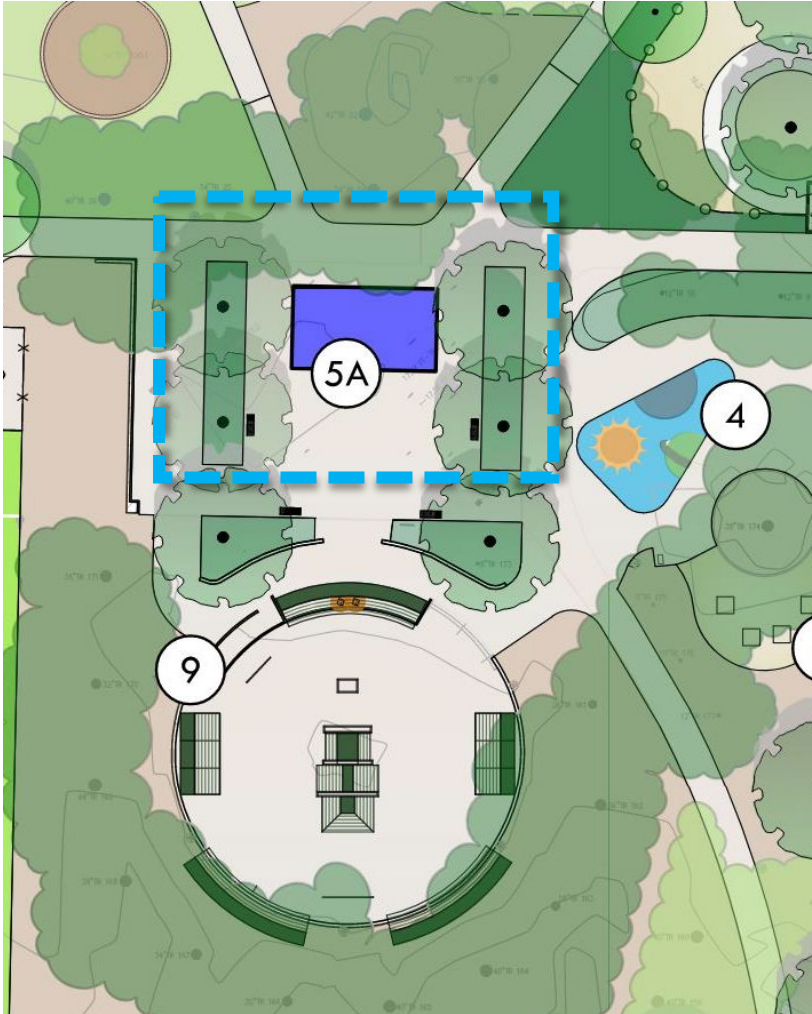


Court Lighting Improvements

- Retrofit of existing lighting at courts to energy-efficient LED
- Existing courts to remain



Restroom/Concessions Building



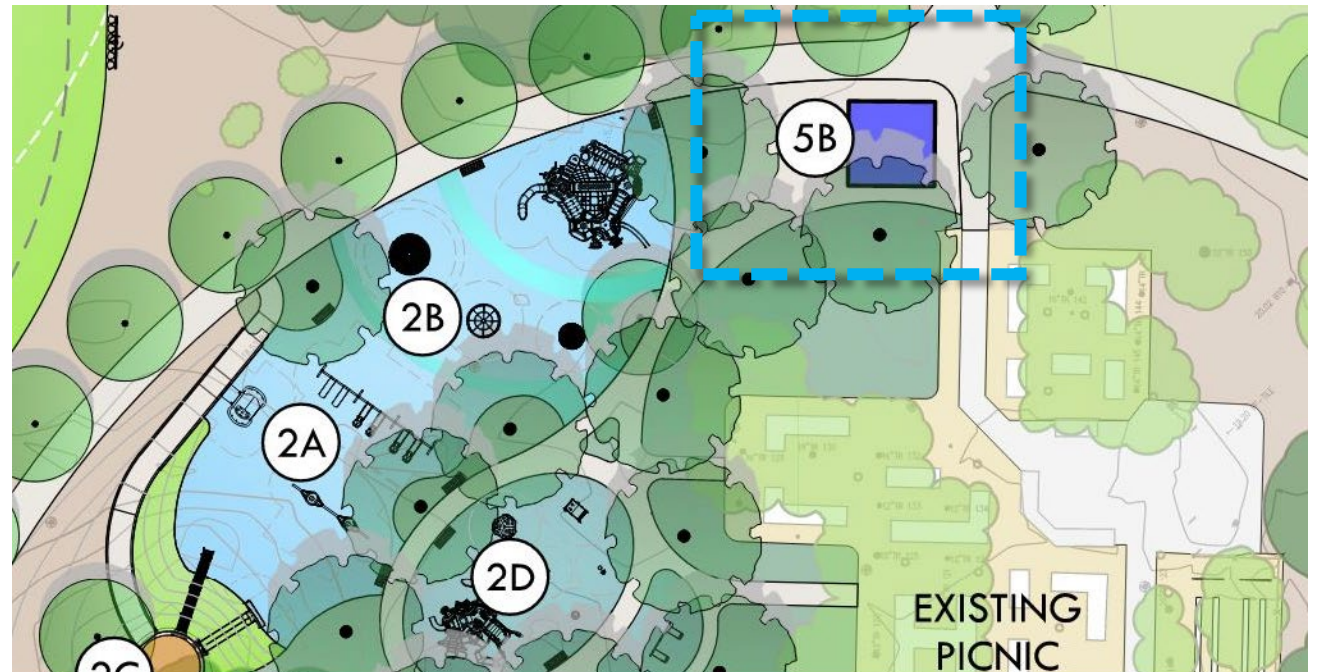
- Prefabricated building
 - ◆ Restroom
 - ◆ Concession Stand
 - ◆ Parks and LRS Storage
- Park Community Room will be within the Lakewood Branch Library and Learning Center

Restroom/Concessions Building– Perspective 1



Auxiliary Restroom / Maintenance Building

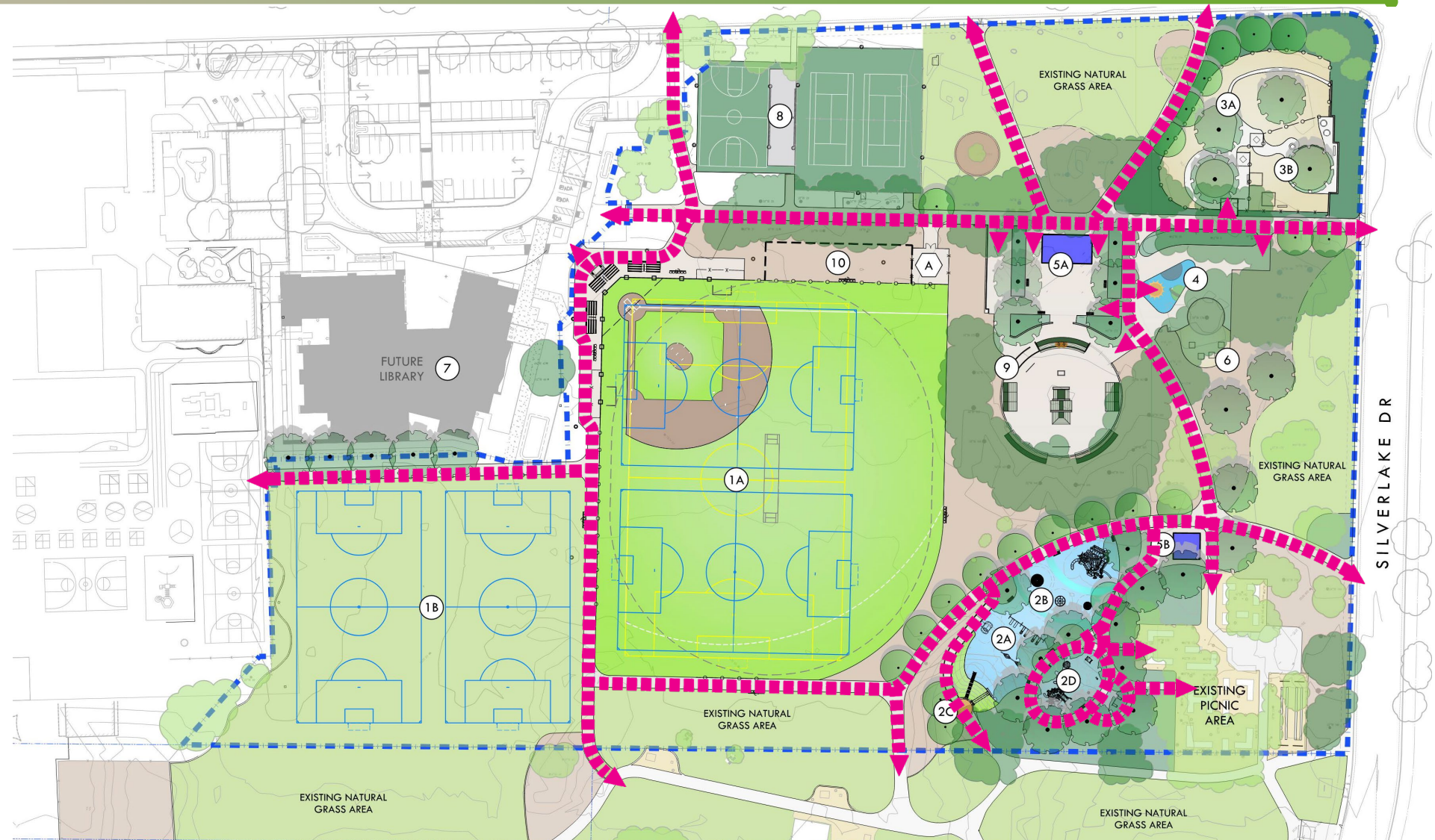
- Prefabricated building
 - ◆ Restrooms
 - ◆ Parks Maintenance Equipment Storage
 - ◆ Drinking Fountain with Bottle Filler



Auxiliary Restrooms / Mechanical Building – Perspective 1



Walking Paths / Circulation



Project Sustainability Goals

♦ Reducing water-use



- Increasing irrigation efficiency
- Reducing areas requiring irrigation
- Drought-tolerant planting
- Renovation of water play area

♦ Reducing high-maintenance areas



- Reduction of mowed grass areas
- Low-maintenance planting areas
- Drainage improvements

♦ Improving energy efficiency



- Lighting upgrades (includes sports lighting and pedestrian pathways)
- Electrical infrastructure upgrades

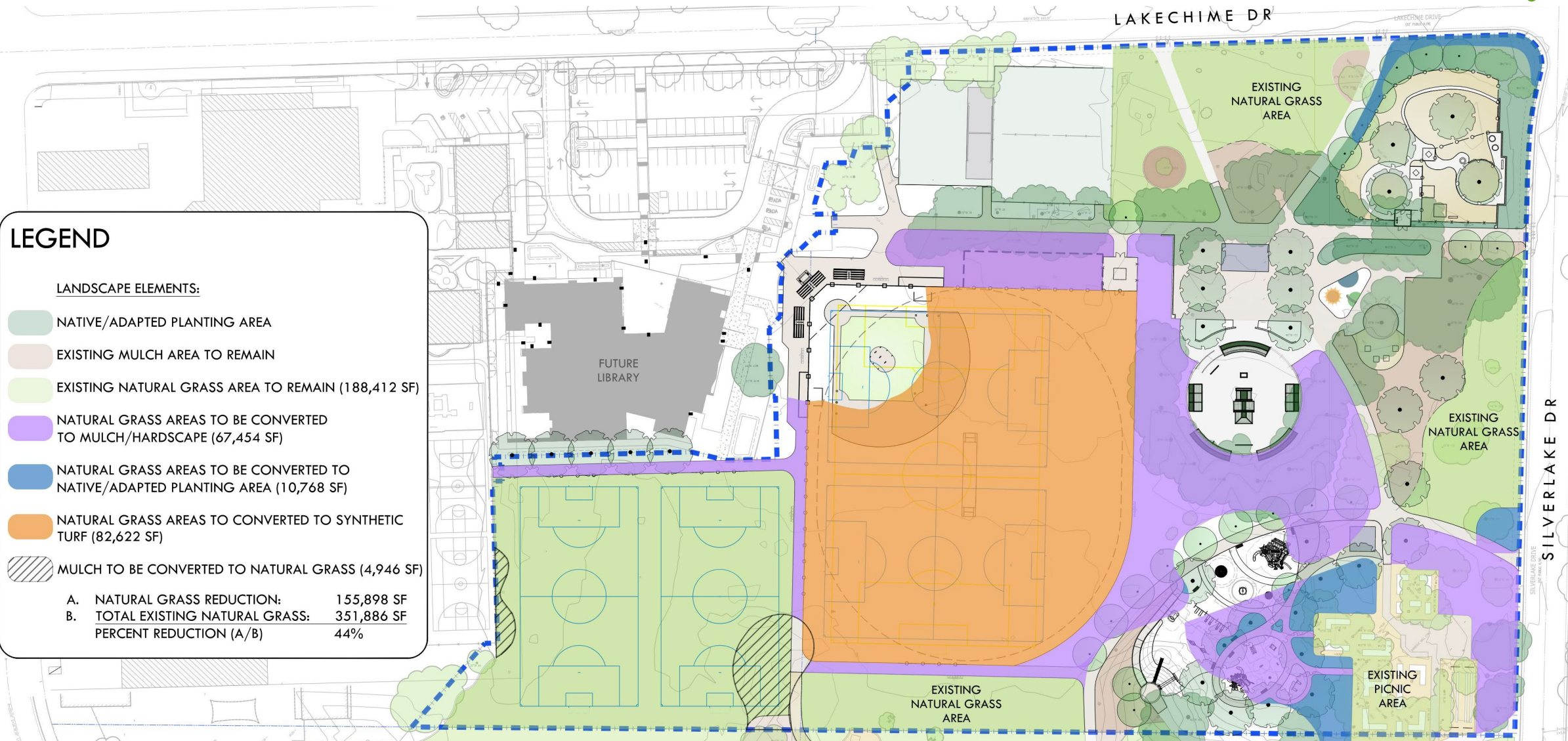
Proposed Achievements

- ✓ Efficient rotors in renovated grass
- ✓ Drip irrigation in new planting areas
- ✓ Reduced irrigation areas by 42%

- ✓ Mowed grass reduction of 44%
- ✓ 10,500 sf of low-maintenance planting
- ✓ Stormwater treatment and enhancement

- ✓ Conversion to efficient LED fixtures
- ✓ Updated wiring and lighting controls
- ✓ New & updated PG&E service

Natural Grass Reduction

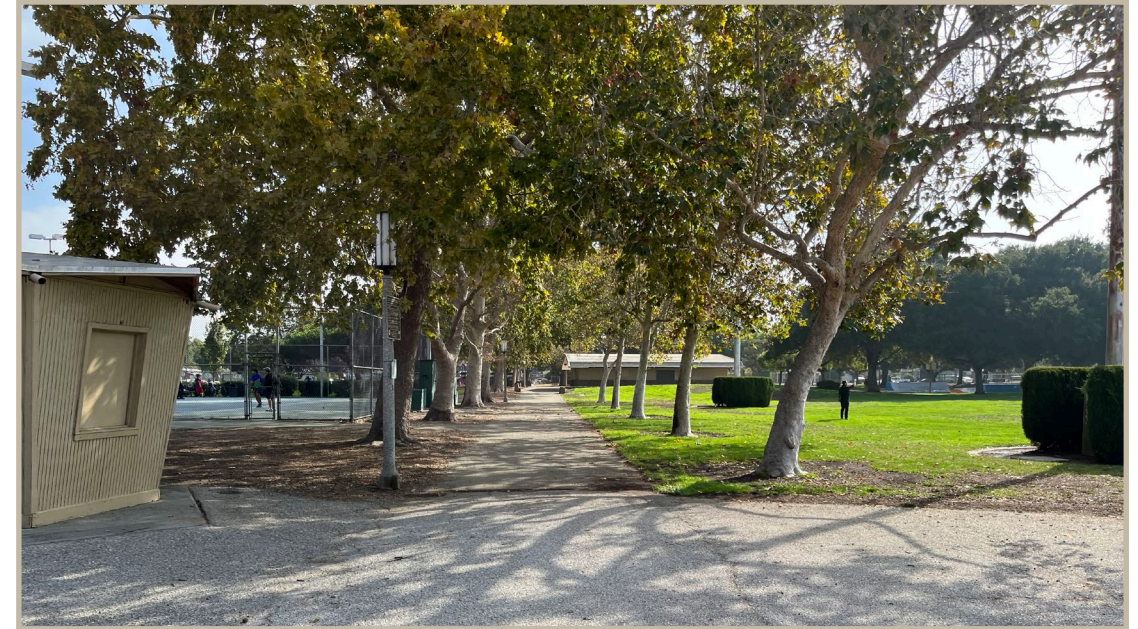


Pros and Cons: Synthetic Turf & Natural Grass

	Synthetic Turf	Natural Turf
Pros	• Year-round play with permanent sports striping • Less water usage • Less maintenance: fertilizer, mowing, etc.	• Easy and inexpensive to repair • Cooler than synthetic turf
Cons	• Hotter than natural turf • Special equipment needed to maintain • Concerns over chemical composition of the material	• Field closed 2-3 months each year for grass rejuvenation • Not drought-friendly • Maintenance intensive

Next Steps

- **City Council Review- Tonight**
- Construction Drawings – Spring 2024
- Bidding – Summer 2024
- Construction Phase – Summer 2024-Fall 2025

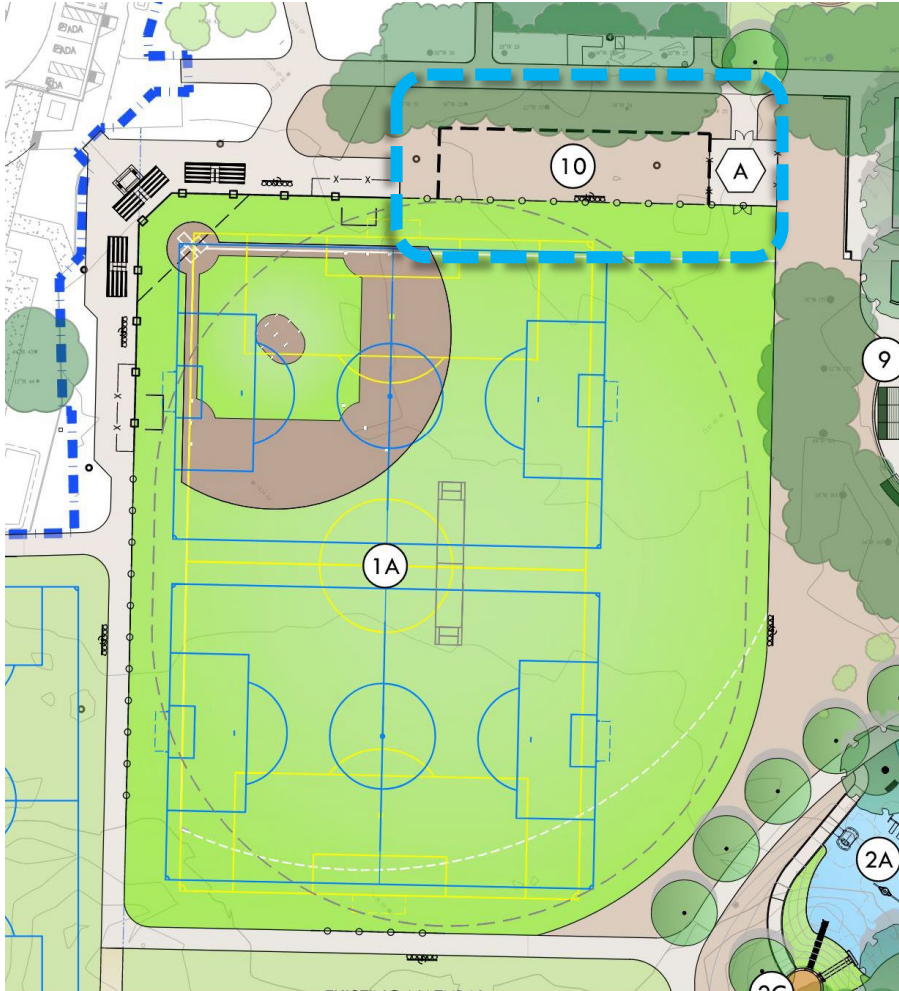


Parks and Recreation Commission Recommendation

Voted to recommend that City Council approve the Preferred Concept Plan with a friendly amendment to remove “potential” for the batting cage and include it into the preferred concept plans.

The vote was 4-0, with 1 Commissioner absent.

Multi-use Batting Cage



- Space Identified for Future Batting Cages
 - ◆ Sized for variety of user groups
 - Cricket
 - Baseball
 - Softball
 - ◆ Cost Estimate
 - Single Tunnel Design: \$405,000
 - Two-Tunnel Design: \$680,000
 - ◆ Not within scope of the Renovation Project
 - ◆ A separate CIP includes some matching funds to help an interested funding partner build batting cages

Preferred Site Plan



Staff Recommendation

Alternative 1:

Approve the Preferred Concept for the Lakewood Park Renovation Project and Find the Action is Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15301.

Questions?

