ORDINANCE NO. 2068

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE HENRY SCHMIDT PARK MASTER PLAN UPDATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CITY CHARTER SECTION 714.1

WHEREAS, the Henry Schmidt Park ("Park"), located at 555 Los Padres Blvd. was dedicated as 8.50 acres of parkland (APN 294-05-018) in 1977;

WHEREAS, in 2018 the Facility Condition Index Report rated the Park site as "critical', the building as "poor", and the playground was given a rating of "D";

WHEREAS, the Park was prioritized for rehabilitation and funding for the Henry Schmidt Park Playground Rehabilitation Project #3195 ("Project") was approved by Council in the City's Biennial Capital Improvement Program (CIP) FY2022/23;

WHEREAS, the Park Master Plan Update will include renovation, expansion, relocation, new construction, and preservation of existing park amenities;

WHEREAS, the voters of the City of Santa Clara passed Measure R in 2016, which added section 714.1 to the City Charter, which prohibits substantial building, construction, reconstruction, or development of parks and recreation facilities except pursuant to ordinance subject to referendum;

WHEREAS, the Park Project improvements constitutes as substantial building, construction, reconstruction and/or development, and is subject to Measure R; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to approve the Park Project improvements by ordinance in accordance with City Charter section 714.1.

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: That the City Council hereby approves the building, construction, reconstruction and/or development in accordance with the Henry Schmidt Park Master Plan Update and the Playground Schematic Design, attached hereto and incorporated by this reference, and in accordance with City Charter section 714.1.

SECTION 2: **Savings clause.** The changes provided for in this ordinance shall not affect any offense or act committed or done or any penalty or forfeiture incurred or any right established or accruing before the effective date of this ordinance; nor shall it affect any prosecution, suit or proceeding pending or any judgment rendered prior to the effective date of this ordinance. All fee schedules shall remain in force until superseded by the fee schedules adopted by the City Council.

SECTION 3: This Ordinance shall not be codified in the Santa Clara City Code.

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SECTION 4: Effective date. This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its final adoption; however, prior to its final adoption it shall be published in accordance with the requirements of Section 808 and 812 of "The Charter of the City of Santa Clara, California."

PASSED FOR THE PURPOSE OF PUBLICATION this 9TH day of April, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:	COUNCILORS:	Becker, Chahal, Hardy, Jain, Park, and Watanabe, and Mayor Gillmor
NOES:	COUNCILORS:	None
ABSENT:	COUNCILORS:	None
ABSTAINED:	COUNCILORS:	None

ATTEST:

NORA PIMENTEL, MMC
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK
CITY OF SANTA CLARA

FINALLY PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA this 23RD day of April, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:	COUNCILORS:	Becker, Chahal, Hardy, Jain, Park, and Watanabe, and Mayor Gillmor
NOES:	COUNCILORS:	None
ABSENT:	COUNCILORS:	None
ABSTAINED:	COUNCILORS:	None

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Attachments incorporated by reference:
1. Henry Schmidt Park Master Plan Update
2. Playground Schematic Design

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Henry Schmidt Park – Master Plan Update

1. NEW ENTRY PLAZA (PERMEABLE PAVERS) WITH ORCHARD GRID
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City Council Meeting

Item. RTC #24-1519

Action on the Park Master Plan and Schematic Design for Henry Schmidt Park Playground Rehabilitation Project and Related Budget Amendments

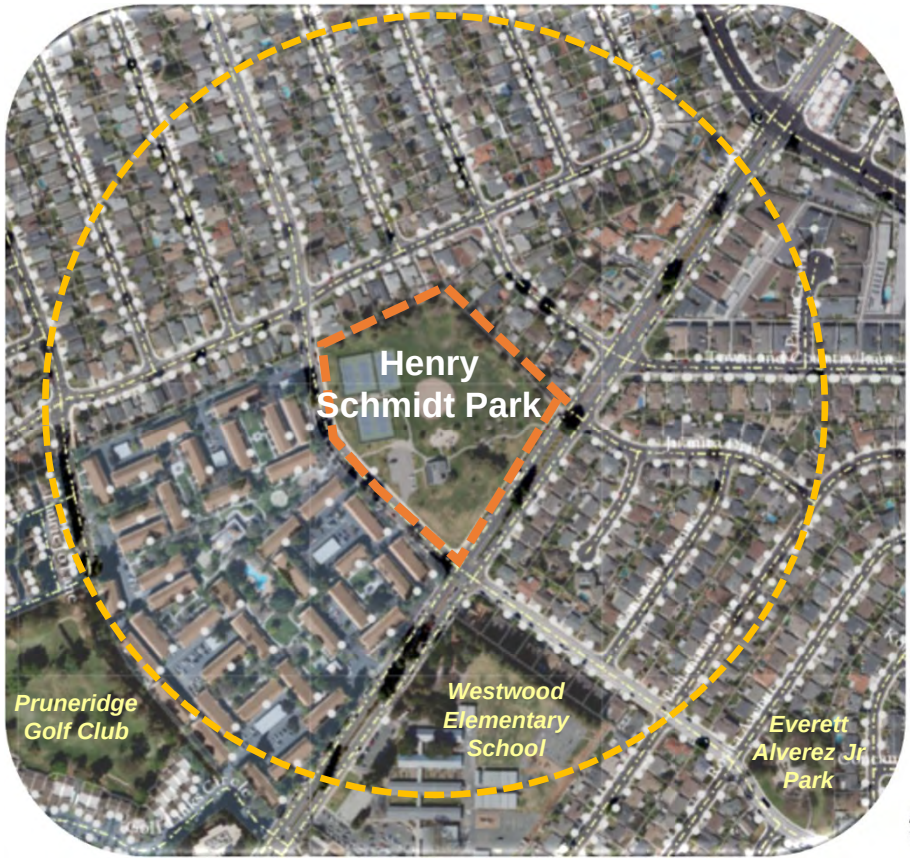
April 9, 2024

Purpose of Presentation

- Review Existing Henry Schmidt Master Plan
- Present Summary of Community Input
- Introduce Preferred Playground Schematic Design
- Update Henry Schmidt Park Master Plan
- Recommend Approval of the Updated Henry Schmidt Park Master Plan with the Preferred Playground Schematic Design

Background

- September 2013 – Council Established Goal to Enhance Community Sports, Recreation and Arts Assets
- January 2018 – Facility Condition Assessment Report
- February 2023– Gates + Associates Design Contract
- April 2023 – Project Kick-off
- July 18, 2023 – 1st PRC Meeting
- July 19 to August 14, 2023 – Online Survey
- August 4 & 11, 2023 – Pop-up Events
- November 21, 2023 – 2nd PRC Meeting



Project Objectives and Guidelines

- Use research-based best practices in playground design and comply with all current codes.
- Incorporate principles of inclusive playground design in the individual elements and the overall site plan.
- Incorporate seven elements of play (balancing, swinging, sliding, climbing, brachiating, spinning, and running/free play) at the beginner, intermediate and advanced levels of play.
- Increase playground capacity while maintaining historical train theme of the existing park.
- Provide “age-friendly” (multigenerational) spaces.
- Integrate nature and habitat (California native, drought resistant plants) into play environments.
- Provide outreach/education and master planning with residents and community partners.
- Address safe routes to parks (system connectivity) and American Disability Act (ADA) requirements within the park.
- Be sustainable (in materials, construction, life cycle, operations, and maintenance).

Existing Master Plan

1. Community Room & Public Restroom Facility
2. Play Area
3. Picnic Area
4. Parking Lot
5. Park Lighting
6. Site Furnishings
7. Tennis Court
8. Basketball Court
9. Softball Field
10. Loop Path
11. Multi-use Meadow
12. Fitness Station
13. Existing Tree Grove
14. Existing Grassy Berm

Community Input

What do you enjoy doing when you visit the park?

Top 5 Activities:

- Walk (52%)
- Play on the Playground (46%)
- Picnic at the Park (38%)
- Enjoy Nature (36%)
- Group Gatherings/Celebrations (30%)

Community Input

What park areas are important to you for the rehabilitation of the project?

Top 5 Areas:

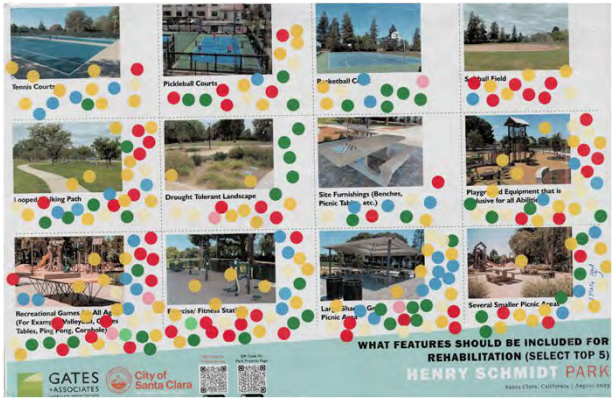
- Shade (64%)
- Playground – Renovate and Expand (60%)
- Picnic Areas (48%)
- Seating Areas (47%)
- Lighting (45%)

Community Input

Which features should be included for the rehabilitation?

Top 5 Features:

- Playground Equipment (57%)
- Looped Walking Path (51%)
- Site Furnishings (50%)
- Large Shaded Group Picnic Area (48%)
- Several Smaller Picnic Areas (46%)



Community Input

Train Theme:

Train Depot Theme

1. Train Depot: 35%

Woodland Train Theme

2. **Woodland** Train: 31%

Whimsical Train Theme

3. **Whimsical** Train: 34%

Community Input – 7 Elements of Play

Balancing Play - a

Balancing Play - b

Balancing Play - c

Balancing "c" – 48%

Brachiating Play - a

Brachiating Play - b

Brachiating Play - c

Brachiating "b" – 65%

Climbing Play - a

Climbing Play - b

Climbing Play - c

Climbing "c" – 54%

Community Input – 7 Elements of Play

Sliding Play - a

Sliding Play - b

Sliding Play - c

Sliding "b" – 63%

Spinning Play - a

Spinning Play - b

Spinning Play - c

Spinning "b" – 62%

Swinging Play - a

Swinging Play - b

Swinging Play - c

Swinging "b" – 40%

Community Input – 7 Elements of Play

Sensory Play - a

Sensory Play - b

Sensory Play "b" – 80%

Music Play - a

Music Play - b

Music Play - c

Music Play "b" – 45%

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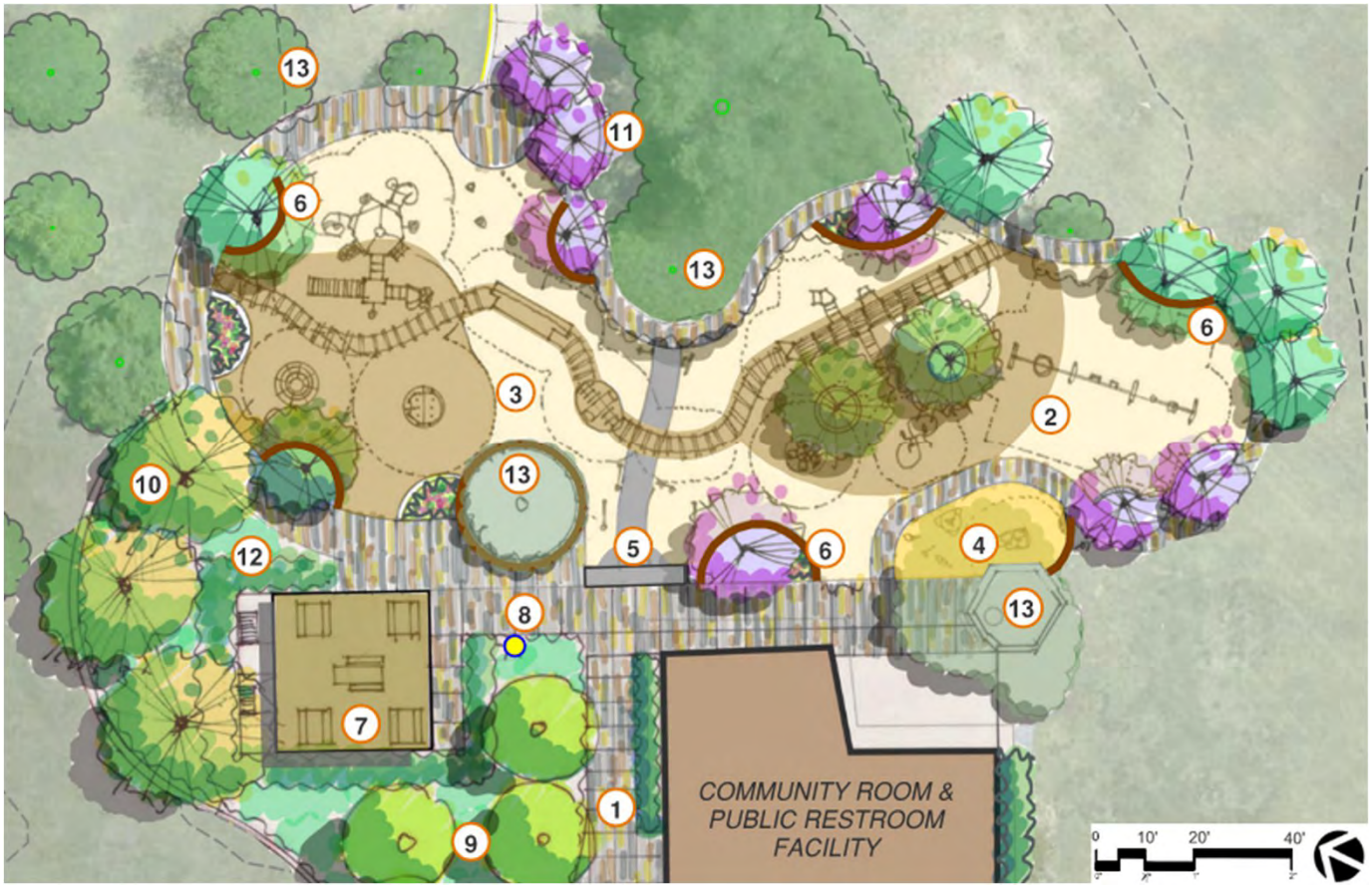
Playground Schematic Design – Train Depot



1. ENTRY CORRIDOR
2. PLAY AREA - AGE 2-5
3. PLAY AREA - AGE 6-12
4. SAND PLAY
5. ENTRY PORTAL
6. TREE CUT-OUT WITH SEATING AND ACCENT PLANTINGS
7. COVERED GROUP PICNIC AREA WITH BBQ
8. PLAZA WITH PERMEABLE PAVERS
9. ORCHARD GRID
10. SHADE CANOPY TREES
11. ACCENT TREES
12. NEW DROUGHT TOLERANT PLANTINGS
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Train Depot Playground: Age 2-5

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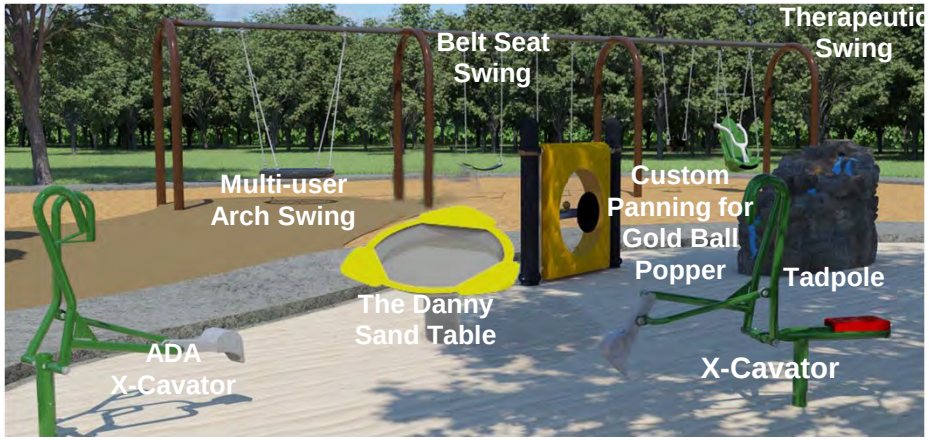
Train Depot Playground: Age 2-5

"Henry Schmidt Park" Depot Station Archway



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Train Depot Playground: Age 6-12

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Playground Option 2: Age 6-12

Custom Water Tower
w/ "City of Santa Clara" & City Seal

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Playground Option 2: Elements of Play

#1 Sliding

#2 Balancing

#3 Brachiating

#4 Spinning

#5 Climbing

#6 Swinging

#7 Running

Playground Play Value Comparison

Elements of Play	Ages 2-5					Ages 6-12					Total Capacity	
	Quantity		Level of Play	Proposed Capacity		Quantity		Level of Play	Proposed Capacity			
	Existing	Train Depot Theme	Train Depot Theme	Existing	Train Depot Theme	Existing	Train Depot Theme	Train Depot Theme	Existing	Train Depot Theme	Existing	Train Depot Theme
Balancing	0	2	B / I	0	12	1	1	A	4	12	4	24
Sliding	0	1	B	0	2	1	3	B / A	2	6	2	8
Brachiating	0	1	I / A	0	4	0	1	A	0	12	0	16
Spinning	0	1	B / I	0	10	0	2	B / I	0	23	0	33
Climbing	0	6	B / I / A	0	18	1	7	I / A	8	26	8	44
Swinging	2	5	B / I	2	8	0	4	B / I	0	7	2	15
Running/ Free Play	3	2	N/A	12	20	1	1	N/A	12	17	24	37
Total:	5	18		14	74	4	19		20	103	34	177
Inclusive Play Elements:	0 not accessible	11	B = 3 I = 4 A = 2		26	0 not accessible	9	B = 5 I = 2 A = 2		43	0	69

Level of Play: B = Beginning I = Intermediate A = Advanced

Project Funding

Budget Amendment FY 2023/24

	Current	Increase/ (Decrease)	Revised
Parks and Recreation Capital Fund			
Fund Balance			
Mitigation Fee Act	$21,859,302	($275,000)	$21,584,302
Expenditures			
Henry Schmidt Playground Rehabilitation	$235,000	$275,000	$510,000

* Construction remains unfunded

Next Steps/Recommendations

1. Determine that the proposed actions are exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15301 (Existing Facilities); Section 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures); Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land); and Section 15304 (Replacement of Existing Landscaping with Water Efficient Landscaping) of Title 14 of California Code of Regulations;

2. Recommend that Council approve the updated Henry Schmidt Park master plan with preferred playground schematic design;

Next Steps/Recommendations

3. Approve the FY 2023/24 budget amendment in the Parks & Recreation Capital Fund to increase the Henry Schmidt Playground rehabilitation project appropriation by $275,000 and decrease the Mitigation Fee Act fund balance by the same amount **(five affirmative Council votes required for the use of unused balances)**; and

4. Waive first reading and introduce an ordinance authorizing the substantial building, construction, reconstruction and development of Henry Schmidt Park in accordance with the Henry Schmidt Park master plan.