

Parks & Recreation Department

Marie Widman Memorial Park Park & General Development Plan (GDP) Update

San Diego Black Arts + Culture District Advisory Committee

Informational Briefing – September 17, 2024



Introductions

The City of



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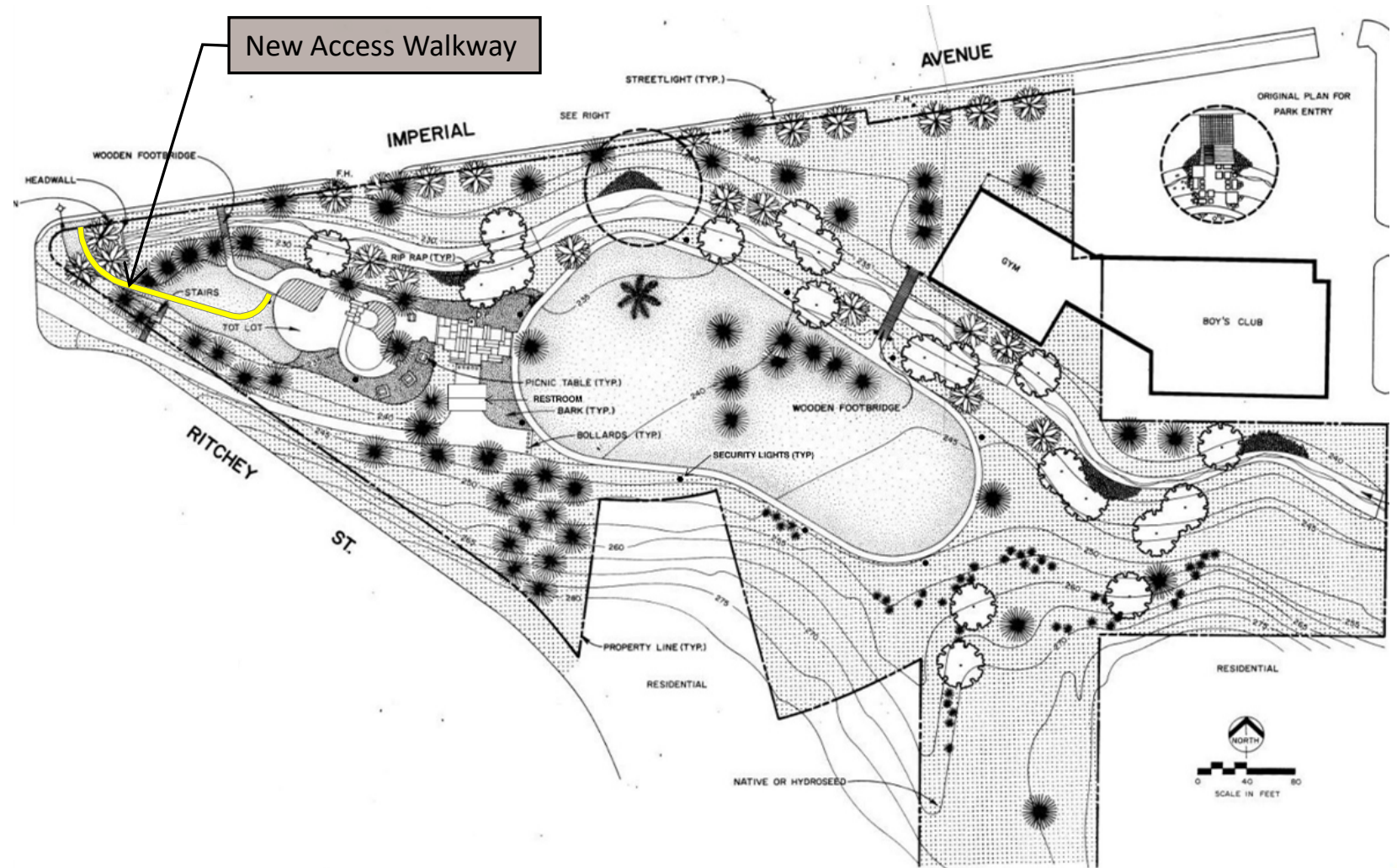
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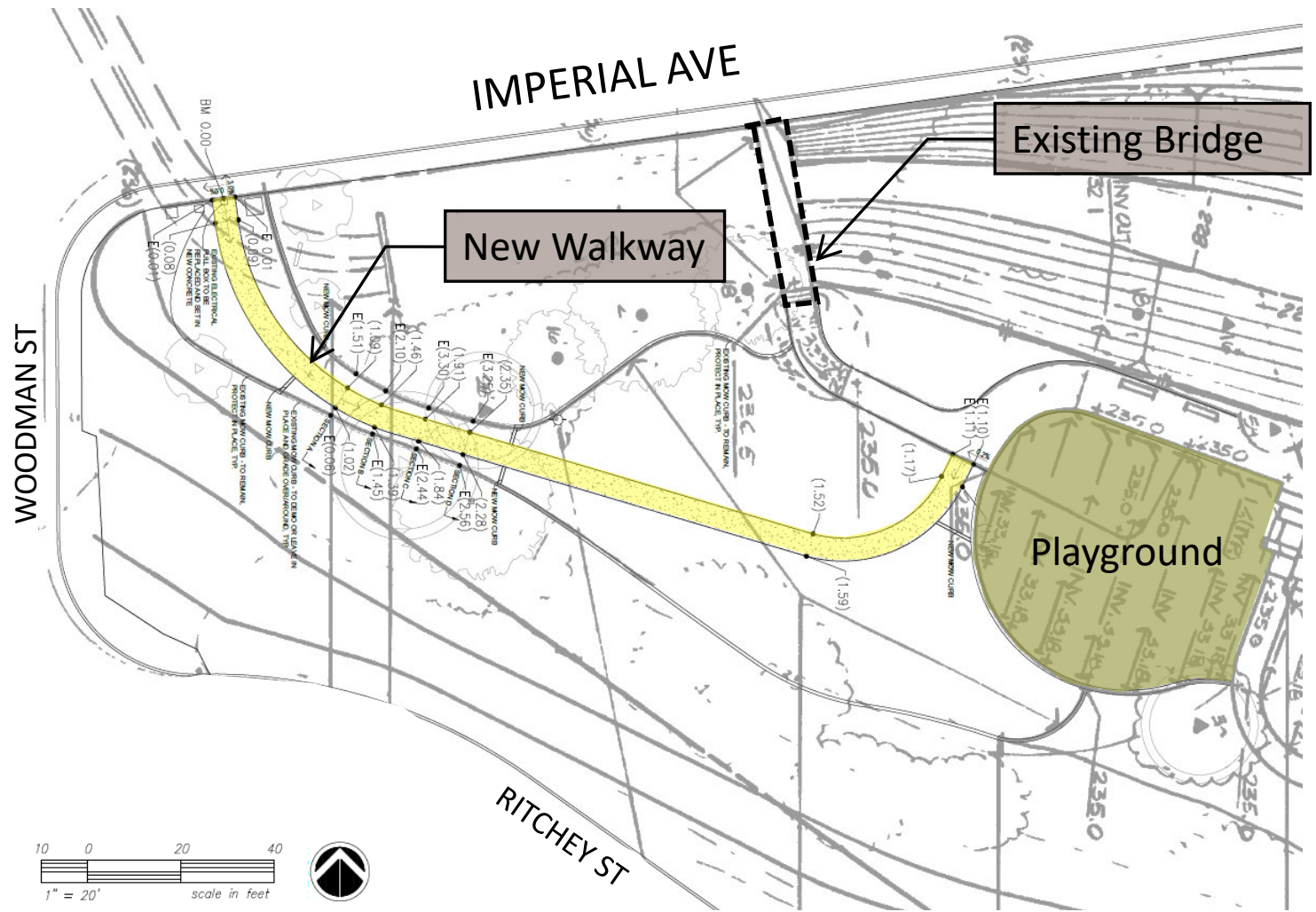
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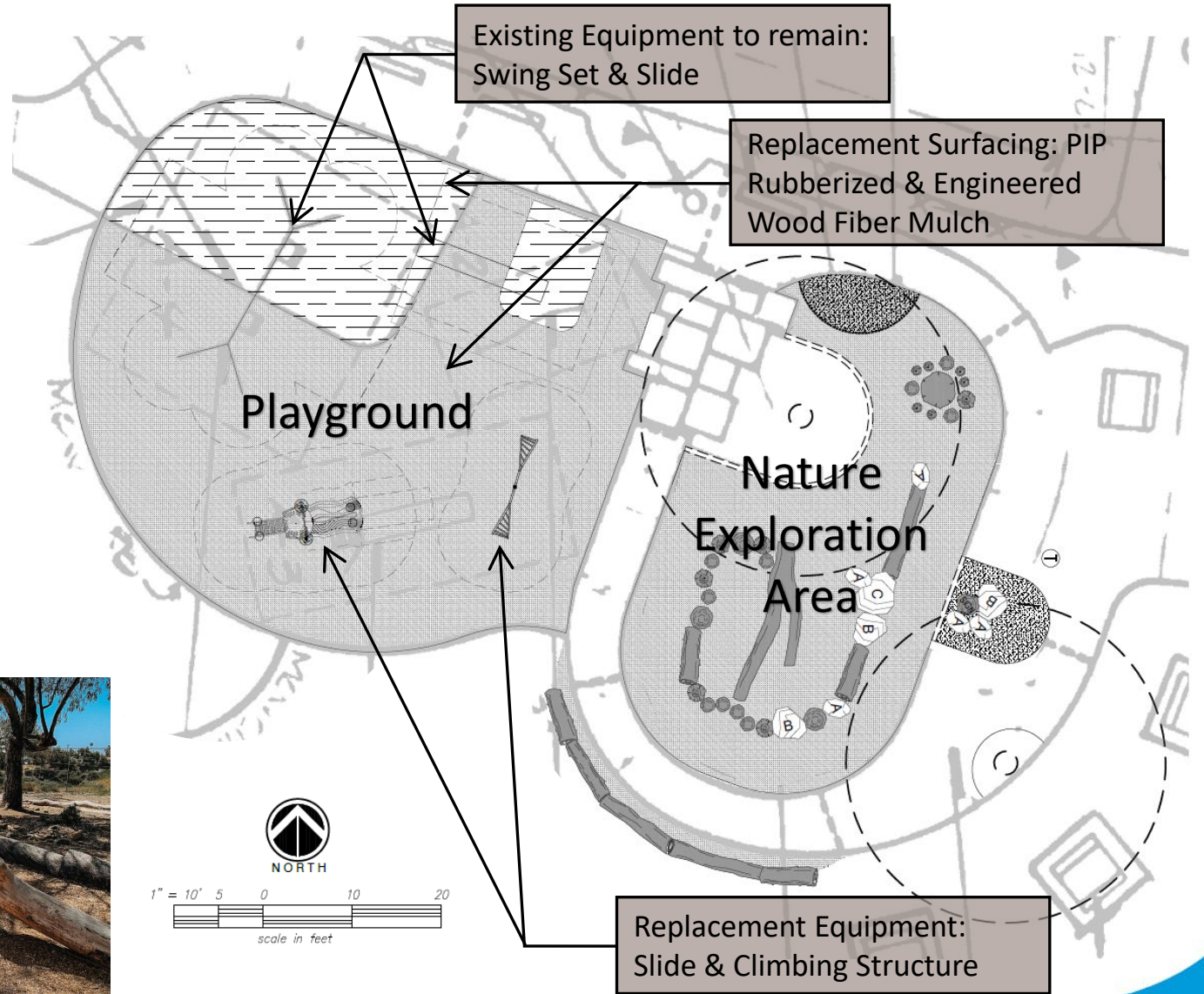
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- Playground Equipment & Surfacing Replacements
- New Nature Exploration Area



- General Development Plan (GDP) Update:
 - GDP Process Schedule & Public Outreach
 - Project Notification
 - Project Background
 - Site Overview
 - Park Programming
 - Community Feedback
 - [GDP Workshop #2 – Fall 2024](#)





GDP Process Schedule & Public Outreach

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Project Notification

- **Mailers** – for Workshops #1 & #2
 - Geographic boundaries for mailers:
 - North – Wunderlin Avenue (1200-ft)
 - South – Benson Avenue (1400-ft)
 - East - 69th Street (530-ft)
 - West - 65th Street (1000-ft)
 - # addresses: **607**





Project Notification

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- **Project Fliers**

- Encanto & Martin Luther King Jr. Rec Centers
- George L. Stevens Senior Center
- Valencia Park/Malcolm X & Skyline Hills Libraries

Learn More About Marie Widman Memorial Park GDP Project



The City of San Diego encourages you to visit the General Development Plan (GDP) website for Marie Widman Memorial Park GDP project where you can learn more about potential amenities, project information and sign up for future updates.



Marie Widman Memorial Park through community
development into community of Council District 4.
sandiego.gov/mariewidmanGDP

Obtenga más información sobre el Proyecto GDP del Marie Widman Memorial Park



La Ciudad de San Diego lo invita a visitar el sitio web del Plan General de Desarrollo (GDP, por sus siglas en inglés) para el proyecto GDP del Marie Widman Memorial Park, donde puede obtener más información sobre las posibles comodidades, información del proyecto y suscribirse para recibir futuras actualizaciones.



Este proyecto ofrece una reinversión del Marie Widman Memorial Park mediante la extensión comunitaria. Este proyecto está ubicado en el 6727 Imperial Avenue en la comunidad de Encanto del Distrito 4 del Concejo. Para obtener más información, visite el sitio web de GDP en sandiego.gov/mariewidmangdp.



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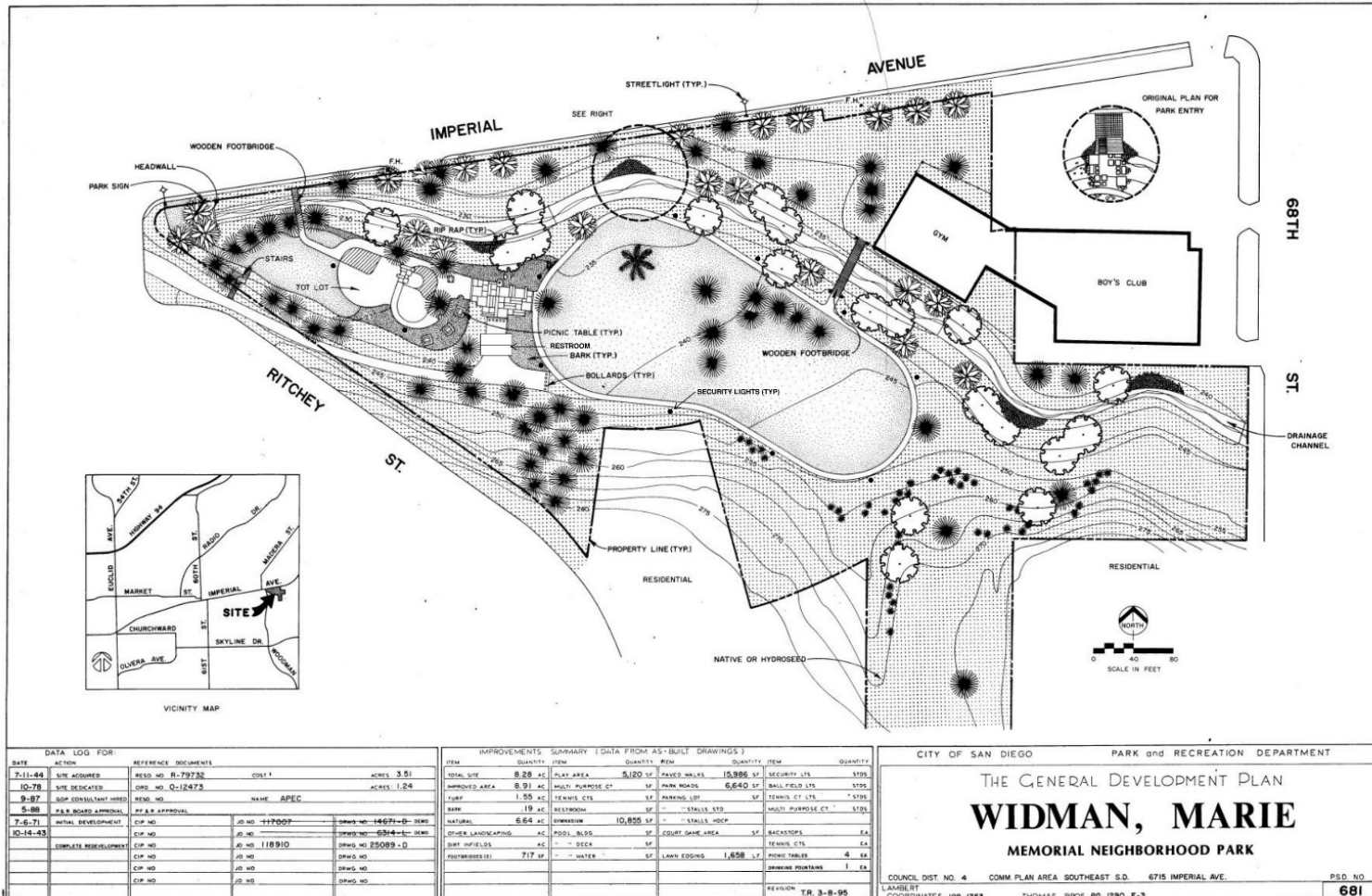
Project Notification

• Website & Email List

- Council District 4
- Commission for Arts & Culture
- CRGs (Encanto, MLK, Skyline Hills)
- CPGs (Skyline/Paradise Hills, Chollas Valley)
- Emerald Hills Neighborhood Council
- SD Black Arts + Culture Advisory Committee
- Groundwork San Diego – Chollas Creek
- Website sign up for mailing list

The screenshot shows the City of San Diego website's Capital Improvements Program (CIP) page for the Marie Widman Memorial Park GDP. The page includes a navigation menu with categories like Leisure, Resident Resources, Doing Business, Library, Public Safety, and City Hall. The main content area is titled 'Marie Widman Memorial Park GDP' and contains sections for 'Project Background', 'Scope of Work', 'Project Schedule', and 'Upcoming Community Meetings'. A sidebar on the right features a 'Frequently Asked Questions' section with a sign-up form for the CIP mailing list, including an 'Email Address' field and a 'Search for a Continuation Project' button. The 'Project Background' section states that the park is planned for re-envisioning with updates to existing amenities. The 'Scope of Work' lists various improvements such as new or renovated lot lots, playgrounds, special activity parks, recreation buildings, outdoor amphitheaters, ADA-accessible walkways, sports courts, comfort stations, shade structures, repurposing of the existing gymnasium, security lighting, accessibility improvements, and signage upgrades. The 'Project Schedule' indicates that the consultant was on-boarded in Winter 2023, community workshops occurred from Summer 2024 to Winter 2025, and the GDP is anticipated to be completed in Spring 2025. The 'Upcoming Community Meetings' section lists a meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2024, at 6 p.m. at the SD Black Arts + Culture District Advisory Committee meeting location.

Project Background – Current GDP & Community Requests

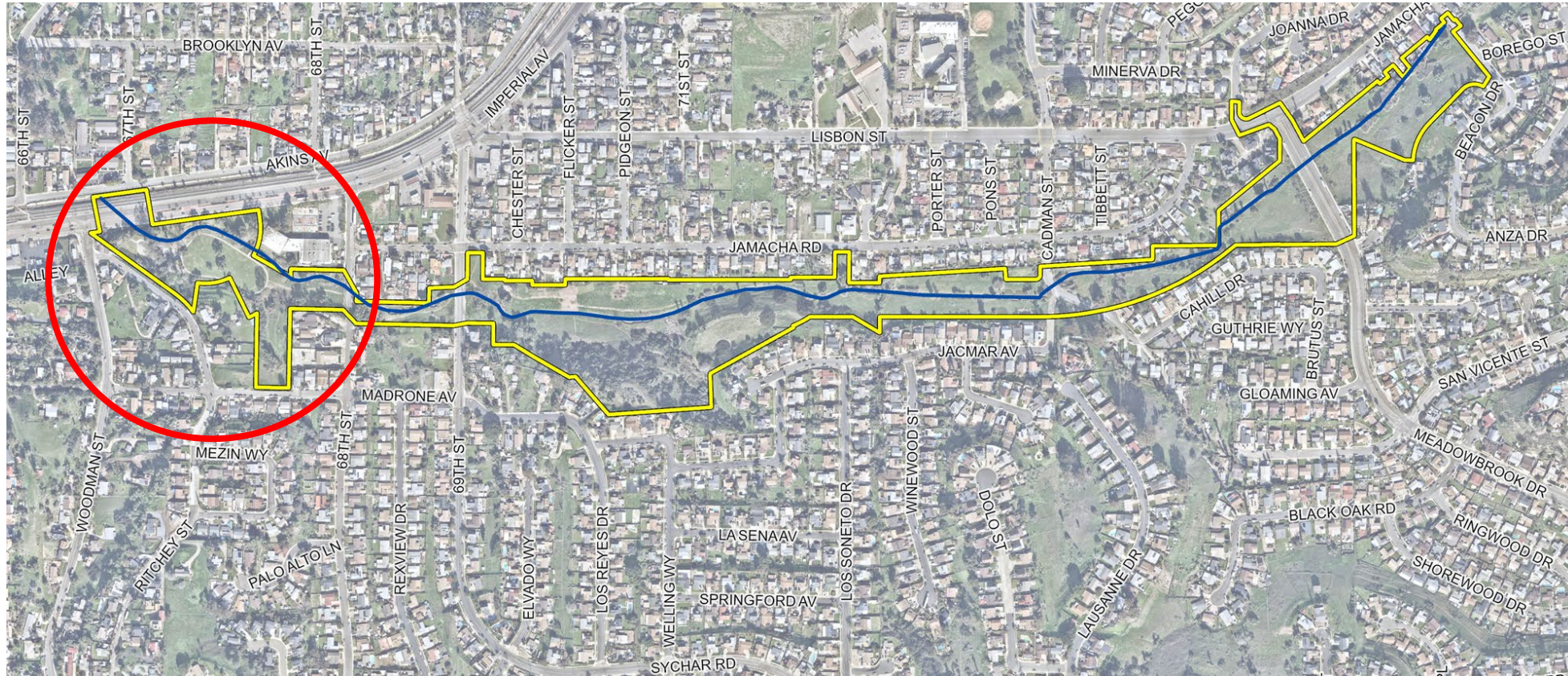


Feedback prior to GDP Amendment Outreach:

- New or renovated tot lots or playgrounds
- New special activity park, for example a skate park, dog park, nature play area, etc.
- New or renovated recreation building
- New or renovated outdoor amphitheater or stage
- New ADA-accessible walkways and park access points
- New sports courts
- New or renovated comfort station
- New picnic shade structures
- Future use of existing gymnasium
- Accessibility improvements
- Signage upgrades



Project Background



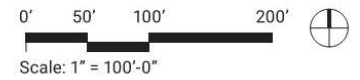
-  Marie Widman Memorial Park
-  Stormwater Department's B-14078 Jamacha Drainage Channel Upgrade Project Limits
-  Chollas Creek

Representatives from the Stormwater Department will be available for questions at the GDP Workshops.

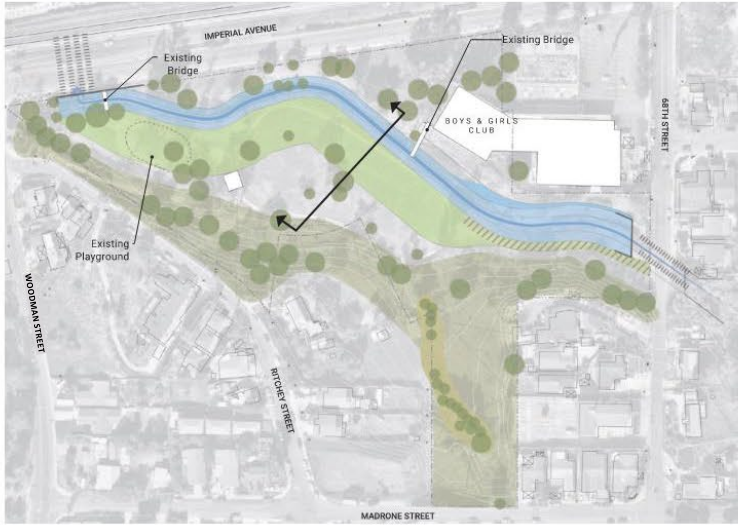
Channel Realignment



- Legend**
- Flow Line
 - Channel
 - Terraced Bench
 - Steep Slope
 - Disturbed / Willow Sage Area
 - Maintenance Access
 - Culvert
 - Retaining Wall
 - Property Line
 - Existing Trees



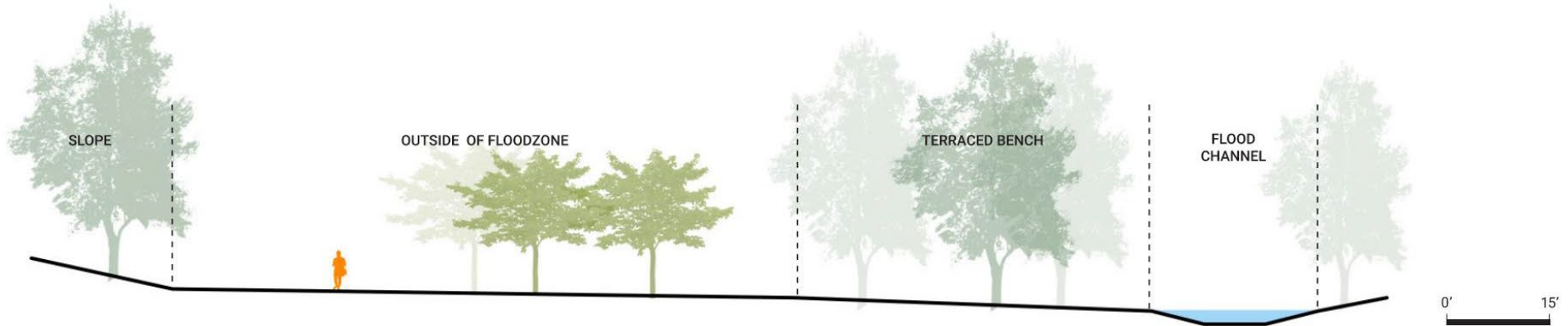
Channel Realignment - Section



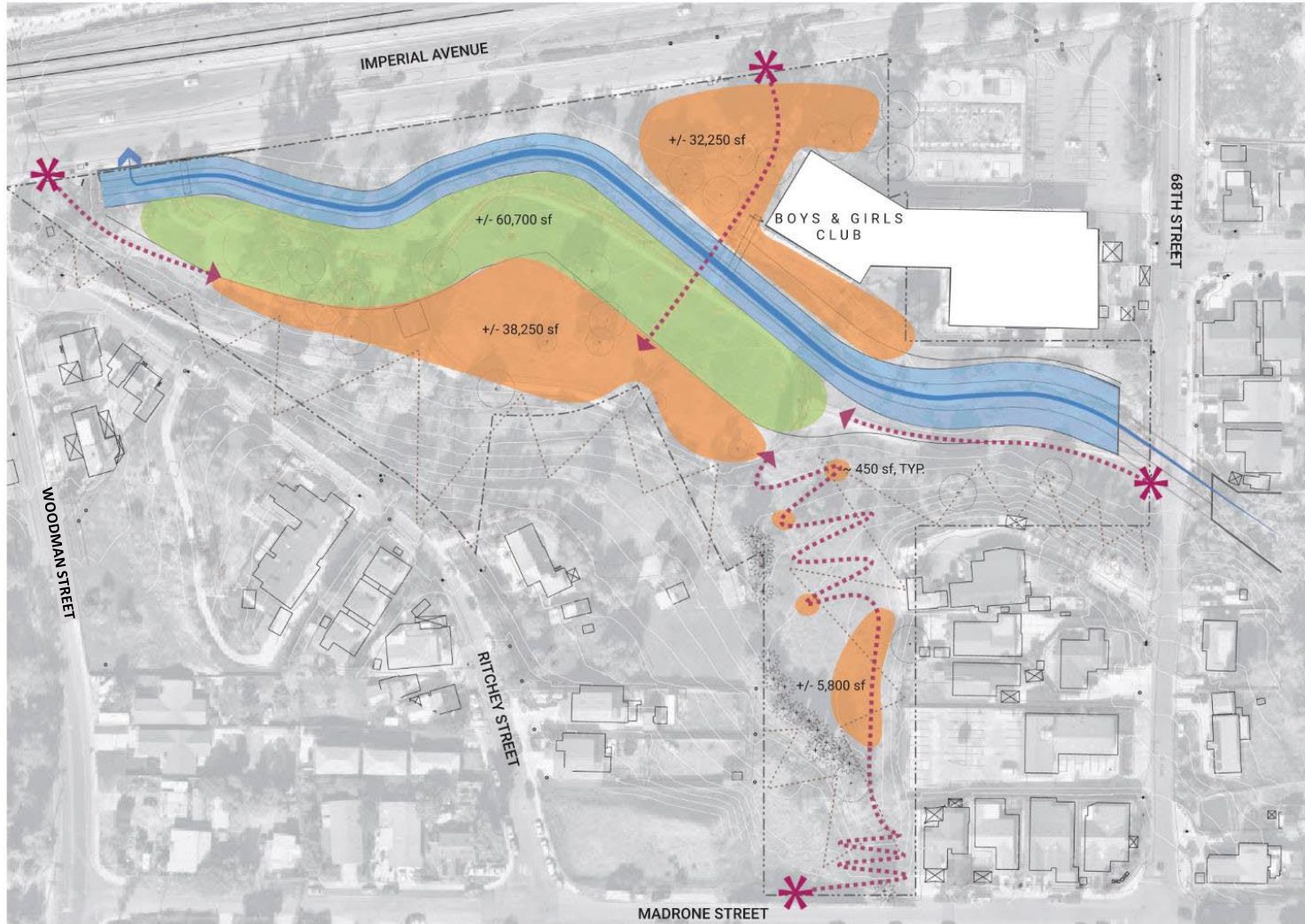
Key Map



Channel Section



Program Opportunities

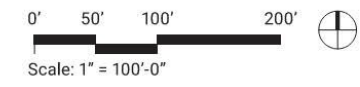


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- Flow Line
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 - Usable area in floodzone
 - Usable area out of floodzone
 - Proposed Circulation
 - Site Entry Points
 - Slope
 - Property Line

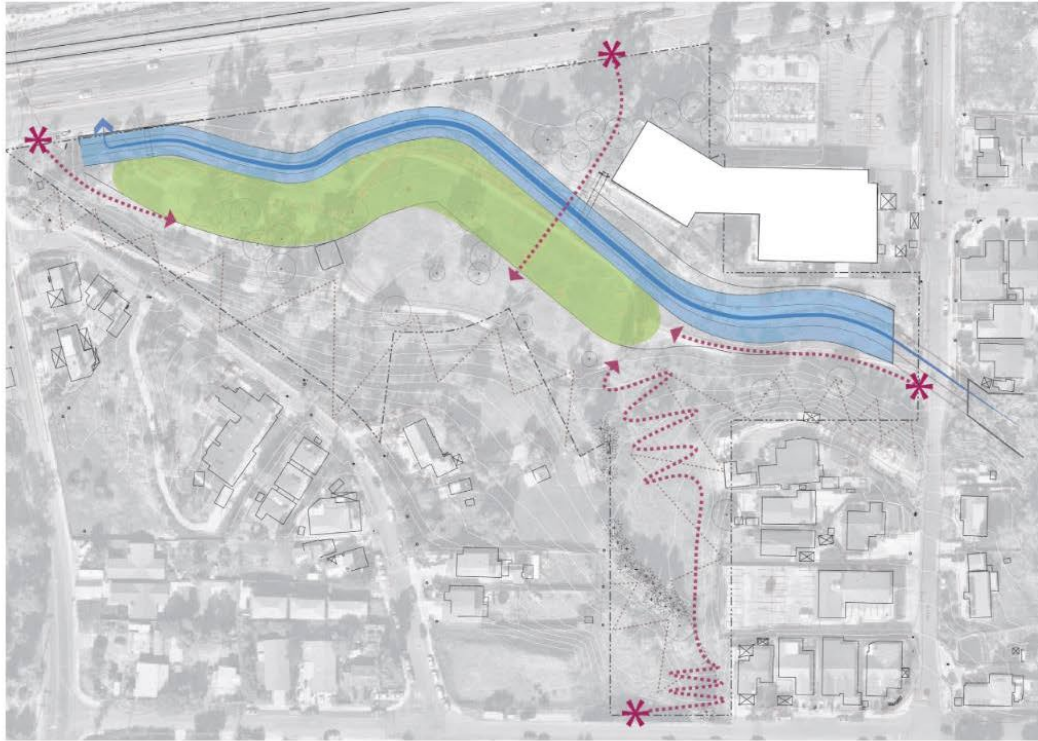
Existing
 Total Site Acreage = 5.48 ac
 Usable Area = 2.96 ac
 Sloped/Other Area = 2.52 ac


Proposed
 Total Site Acreage = 5.48 ac
 Usable Area = 3.17 ac
 Sloped/Other Area = 2.31 ac

Net gain increase of usable area = .21 ac



Program Opportunities Within Floodzone



0' 75' 150' 300' 
Scale: 1" = 150'-0"

CRITERIA

- Limited vertical elements (doesn't obstruct flow during floods)
- Permeable surfaces (allows drainage)
- Withstands periodic flooding



Seating



Nature Exploration

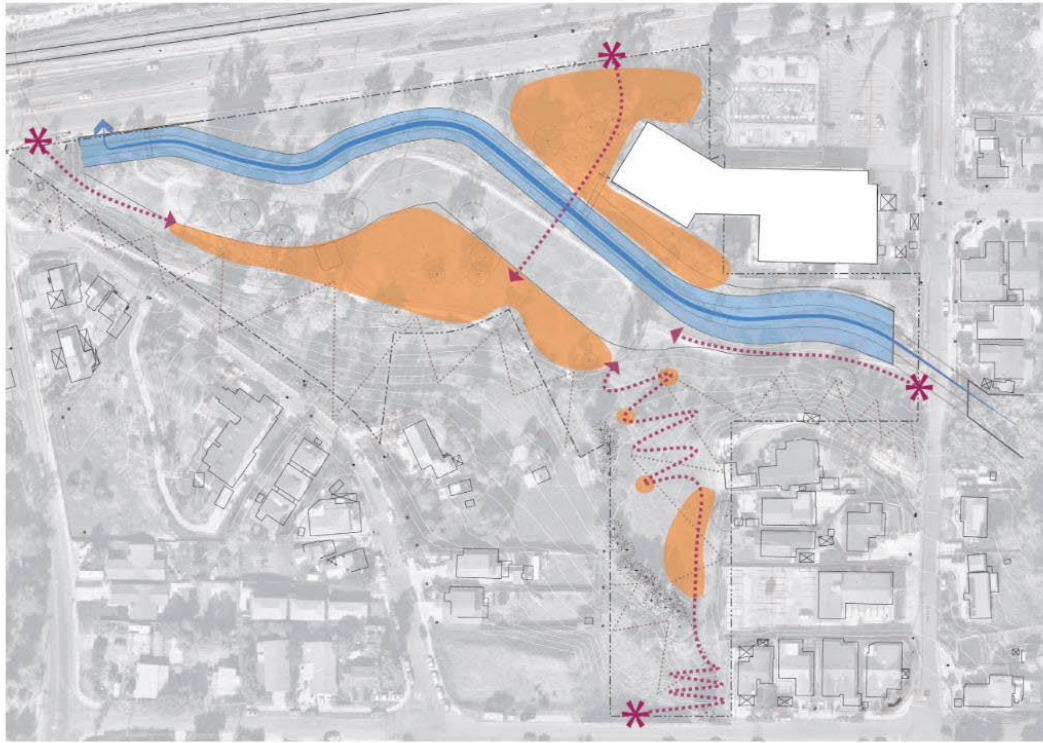


Trails and Exercise Routes



Open Lawn Recreation

Program Opportunities Outside of Floodzone



CRITERIA

- Fixed structures / Vertical elements
- Impermeable surfaces
- Comfort Station
- Performance Pavilion



Playground



Picnic Area with seating



Fitness Area



Off-leash dog area

Workshop #1: Encanto CRG 7/31/2024

National Night Out: Gompers 8/6/2024

PARK AMENITIES
 What would you like to see added to the park?

Handwritten notes: Tennis Court, Water park, Community Pool, Place for vendors, Amphitheater, Training, Lighting

Nature exploration • Meandering trails • Interpretive signage • Viewing area • Outdoor fitness • Events space • Multipurpose lawn / Free play • Playgrounds • Picnic / BBQ areas • Shade structures & seating • Informal seating • Off-leash dog area

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Handwritten notes: Soccer, PICKLEBALL

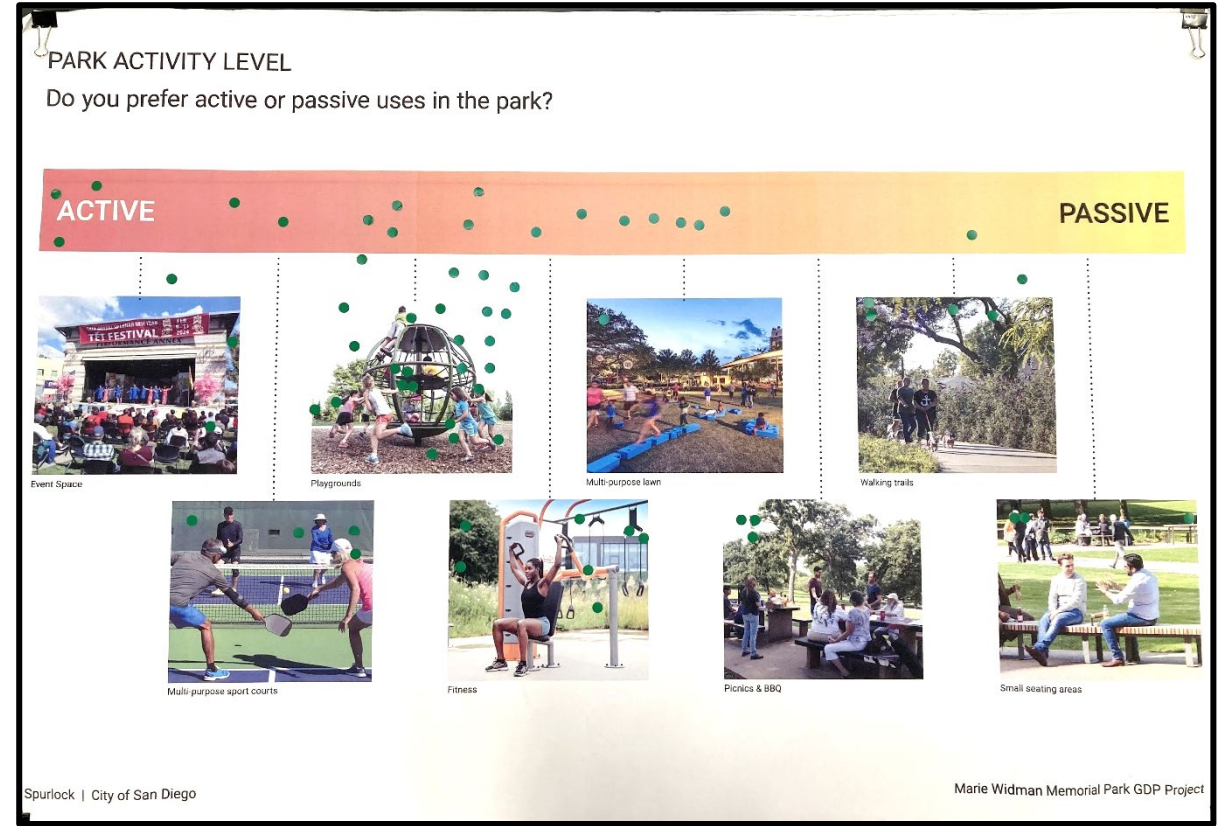
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SD Community Feedback – Park Activity Level

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Community Feedback – Survey



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1. What do you like about the park?

2. What would you like to see improved in the park?

3. How often do you use the park? (Select one)

- Multiple times a week
- Once a week
- Once every 2 weeks
- Once every month
- Once every few months
- Less frequently

4. How do you use the park? (Select one)

- Playground
- Exercise/Sports
- Walking Dog
- Small Gatherings (i.e. play groups, picnics, exercise groups, etc.)
- Large Gatherings (i.e. parties, events)
- Enjoying nature
- Other (please specify): _____

5. Park Features and Amenities: Which existing features of the park do you value the most? (Select all that apply)

- Green spaces/lawns
- Walking paths
- Playground equipment
- Picnic areas
- Restrooms
- Natural Areas
- Trees
- Other (please specify): _____

6. What would you like to see added to the park? (Select all that apply)

- Fitness equipment
- Small sports courts
- Expanded playground
- Multi-purpose event/gathering areas
- Off-leash dog area
- Nature trail
- Overlook/Interpretive signage
- Shade structure
- Picnic areas
- BBQ
- Shaded seating
- Walkway/Trail connections to the adjacent community
- Culture & Arts Center
- Other (please specify): _____

7. Community Activities and Events: What community activities or events would you like to see held in the park? (Select all that apply)

- Farmer's markets
- Festivals (i.e. Music, Arts, Culture, Dance, etc.)
- Outdoor concerts
- Fitness classes
- Art and craft fairs

Survey

108 total surveys collected from:

- San Diego Black Arts & Culture District Music Festival
- Encanto CRG Workshop #1
- National Night Out at Gompers
- MLK Recreation Center
- Skyline Hills Library
- Online



How to Stay Informed



Join the Email List!

Visit the Marie Widman Memorial Park Project page for more information and to sign up for future updates, meeting dates, and online surveys.

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<https://www.sandiego.gov/cip/projectinfo/featuredprojects/mariewidmanmemorialparkgdp>



Sign up to stay in touch!

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 - Project Updates: Georgia Street Bridge Rehabilitation
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 - Project Updates: Marie Widman Memorial Park GDP
 - Project Updates: Meadow Lark Dr/Health Center Dr Water Main
 - Project Updates: Mission Bay Navigational Safety Dredging
 - Project Updates: Mission Beach Water & Sewer Replacement
 - Project Updates: Mission Gorge Road Settlement Emergency Repair Project



Next Steps

Next Steps for Marie Widman Memorial Park GDP Project:

- What: Public Workshop #2
- Who: All Interested Parties. PLEASE ATTEND!
- When: Fall 2024 ([Join the Email List to receive Updates & Notifications](#))
- Where: Black Arts + Culture District Advisory Committee Meeting
Second Chance, 6145 Imperial Ave, SD, CA 92114
- Why: Contribute to the park's design, ensuring it reflects community needs and aligns with local priorities.

THANK YOU!