

Subject: Parks Needs Assessment Workshop Results

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The parks needs assessment workshop for the unincorporated area of Hacienda Heights was held on Thursday February 11, 2016 at the Hacienda Heights Community Center. Thirty nine (39) residents participated in a two hour session conducted by members of the Hacienda Heights Improvement Association. Representatives of Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation Department and County Supervisor's office were Michelle O'Connor, Olivia Perea and Mika Yamamoto of Parks and Recreation and Angie Valenzuela of Don Knabe's office.

In total, 25 potential improvement projects were identified and attendees voted to prioritize the projects. 362 votes were cast and the following top ten projects were determined. Those projects are:

1. **Construct a Dog Park** at Thomas Burton Park. This project was by far the highest vote getter with 158 votes buoyed by a large group of dog owners but supported by nearly all the attendees. The urgency of the project was supported by issues with loose dogs and leash violations at Thomas Burton Park.
2. **Construct an Indoor Aquatic Center** at a site to be determined. This project had broad support with 40 votes.
3. **Add Covered Picnic Areas** to existing parks especially the Community Center, Thomas Burton and Orange Grove Parks. Again, this project had broad support with 39 votes.
4. **Acquire Land for a New Park** at the La Subida ISC site and /or Wedgeworth-Highlander site. The general feeling that this was needed to provide for the Aquatic Center and Gymnasium. This project had 33 votes.
5. **Construct a Gymnasium** for general use for indoor sports and exercise. This project has 27 votes.
6. **Improve ADA Access** to the Community Center. It was felt that the ADA access points were poorly placed and marked. This project had 15 votes.
7. **Construct a Skate Park** at an undisclosed site. This project had 8 votes.
8. **Provide for a Community Garden.** This project did not have wide support but those requesting it were strong in their support. This project had 7 votes.
9. **Replace Wooden Picnic Tables** at all parks. This project did not have wide support but those requesting it were adamant in their views. This project had 6 votes.

10. **Provide Concrete Perimeter Paths** for used by cyclists, skaters and skate boarders. This project focused on the safety issues with walkers and joggers sharing the perimeter paths with cyclists etc. This project had 6 votes.

<u>Project</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>%</u>
Construct Dog Park at Thomas Burton Park	158	43
Construct Indoor Aquadic Center	40	11
Add Additional Covered Picnic Areas a several Parks	39	11
Aquire Land for New Park, ISC or Wedgworth Schools	33	10
Consruct Gymnasium	27	7
Improve ADA access to Community Center	15	4
Construct Skate Park	8	2
Provide Community Garden	7	2
Replace Wooden Picnic Tables at all Parks	6	2
Provide Concrete Paths for Bikes, Skates, etc.	6	2
Construct Volleyball Courts	5	1
Construct Fitness Aone at Pepperbrook Park	4	1
Improve access to Los Robles Park	4	1
Improve landscaping at Orange Grove Park	3	<1
Upgrade Facilities at Steinmetz Senior Center	3	<1
Construct Par Course at Manzanita Park	3	<1
Construct Community Room at Thomas Burton Park	2	<1
Provide Athletic Fields at Orange Grove Park	2	<1
Provide Electrical Outlets at Pepperbrook Park	2	<1
Upgrade Playgrounds at all Parks	2	<1
Build Basketball Courts	2	<1
Improvess Access to Manzanita Park	1	<1
Build Spashpad at Manzanita Park	1	<1
Increase Parking at Countrywood Park	1	<1