

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

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TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
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SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES COUNTY PARK NEEDS ASSESSMENT UPDATE

The County of Los Angeles is conducting a country wide assessment of the need for parks and recreation in both cities and unincorporated areas. The goal of the Park Needs Assessment is to engage all communities within the County in a collaborative process to gather data and input for future decision-making on parks and recreation. The Park Needs Assessment will increase the County's understanding of existing park and recreation assets, and help determine how to improve, expand, and make them more accessible. The final report will determine Study Areas and will identify, prioritize and outline the costs for potential park projects within each Study Area. The County is requesting that each individual city prioritize and present the list of potential projects.

On January 14, 2016, the City of Agoura Hills hosted a Park Needs Assessment Workshop at the Agoura Hills Recreation and Event Center. With the Department of Community Services directing the event, there were approximately twenty-five community members in attendance. The goal of the workshop was to cover such topics as park metrics, a profile of the community, already existing potential projects, and to develop a prioritized project list. Some of the suggested projects included adding more walking paths throughout the City, upgrading play equipment at Morrison Park, adding a bocce ball court, adding a park or gathering space in the Liberty Canyon area, and creating a Frisbee golf course. Included in this report is a full list of items that the community suggested at the workshop. Staff will incorporate the community suggestions into the overall existing project list within the Department of Community Services.

The Community Services Subcommittee has reviewed the information.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff respectfully recommends the City Council provide feedback on potential projects.

PARK NEEDS ASSESSMENT 2016 Final Prioritized Project List

Based on the results of the Park Needs Assessment and results from the online survey conducted by the County of Los Angeles, the Department of Community Services presents a list of prioritized park projects for the City of Agoura Hills. The projects are:

1. Dog Park
2. Walking path at Chumash Park
3. Bathrooms upgraded at all parks, but particularly Morrison and Sumac Parks
4. Fitness Station
5. Agoura Hills Recreation and Event Center - Phase II
6. Replace Play Equipment at Morrison Park
7. Replace Play Equipment at Forest Cove Park
8. Shade Sails or Shelter on all play equipment
9. Forest Cove Park Wall
10. Baseball Dugout Shade Covers

Other projects or, areas of concern that were suggested at the workshop that staff would like the City Council to consider are:

1. Park, or gathering space, in the Liberty Canyon area
2. Bocce ball court in one of the parks
3. Four square court in one of the parks
4. Frisbee Golf course in one of the parks

PARK NEEDS ASSESSMENT Prioritized Project List

To assist with the Los Angeles County efforts, the Department of Community Services held a Park Needs Assessment Workshop on Thursday, January 14, 2016 at the Agoura Hills Recreation and Event Center. A group of community members attended and offered feedback and suggestions on park improvements, possible park renovations, and new park amenities. The following is a comprehensive list that was a result from a large brainstorming session. The list includes ideas for each individual park, as well, as every park and overall city areas.

AMENITIES THAT APPLY TO ANY OF THE PARKS

Traditional equipment bars need to be added to playgrounds

Frisbee Golf Course

Splash pads

Outdoor Amphitheatre

Some type of park in Liberty Canyon, a place to gather and walk

Dog Park

Bocce Ball Court

Community Garden – there is one at the Reyes Adobe Historical Site

Pickle Ball Court – there is one at the Agoura Hills/Calabasas Community Center

Restrooms at ALL parks, especially Morrison and Sumac Parks need renovating

Four Square Court

Skate/Bike Park – City of Westlake Village has one at the new park

Swings for older kids

Fitness Stations

New park signage – this is included in the maintenance program

Shade sails on all play equipment

Create gathering/socializing areas in parks, by adding amenities like chess sets – this will be included in the yearly supplies list

AGOURA HILLS RECREATION AND EVENT CENTER

Phase II

CHUMASH PARK

Ballfields – permanent shade structures over the dugouts

Shade sails

Paint restroom

Replace restroom fixtures

Ballfield lighting

Dugout covers/shades

Sink repair/removal in storage

Add disabled play equipment at Chumash Park

ADA accessibility - Sand to fibar

Playground perimeter repairs – lower the turf

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SUMAC PARK

Bathroom – Replace/repair/plumbing and fixture upgrades
Paint Bathroom

FOREST COVE PARK

Ballfields - permanent shade structures over the dugouts
Wall – repair/re-engineer and staircase
Playground lower then upper, or combine into one super playground
Rubber pour n' play replacement
Painting bathrooms
Add ball diamond lighting
Add Upper ball diamond

MORRISON PARK

Restrooms need renovating (including painting)
V-channel on slope
Playground equipment/shade replacement
Paint basketball court

OLD AGOURA PARK

Footing
Railings
Paint rails
Dugout shades
Restroom painting
Playground equipment / shade sails
Basketball Court repaint
Lighting – Ball Diamond
Horse waterers

Reyes Adobe

Drainage
Painting bathrooms
Electrical upgrade for power at Reyes Adobe Days/Movies in the Park