



Agenda Report

Agenda of: October 28th, 2025

Department: Parks & Recreation

Subject: Parks Master plan Updates & Revisions

Recommended Motion:

Approve amendments to the Parks Master Plan regarding the development of the 134 Village Path Pocket Park and updates to the Lions Sports Complex Master Plan.

Background:

The Parks and Recreation Department is presenting two proposed updates to the Parks Master Plan, reflecting the City's ongoing commitment to expanding and improving public recreation spaces and meeting the community's needs.

1. 134 Village Path Pocket Park Master Plan Addition (June 2025):

- **Property Details:** The City of Castroville purchased the 0.49-acre (21,147.80 square feet) lot at 134 Village Path in Country Village in 2023.
- **Purpose:** The site is being designed for a stormwater drainage control structure. The proposal recommends classifying the site as a pocket park to serve the residents of Country Village, Country Villa Apartments, and the Heights of Castroville.
- **Benefits:** The park would address the lack of public recreation space in the area and be accessible by foot or bike. A walking trail is recommended to connect these three neighborhoods and the commercial district to the south.
- **Proposed Amenities:** Initial amenities include a landscape easy to maintain, durable benches, and a simple swing set, with potential later additions of a climbing structure and/or gaga ball pits. Native trees for shade are also recommended.
- **Specific Recommendations (Initial Phase):**
 - Swing set - 2 bays of 2 swings: \$7,000 (Grant)
 - Benches stone: \$1,000 (Operating Budget)
 - Walking trail material: \$1,500 (Operating Budget)
 - Landscaping - trees: \$500 (Grant)

2. Lions Sports Complex Master Plan Update (May 2025):

- **Recent Improvements:** The 11.4-acre sports park has seen recent additions, including irrigation, a sports field, a splashpad, trees, stone benches, parking, some lighting, and a new restroom in 2023. New lights were installed over the sports field in 2024.

- Needs/Gaps: While the park meets the standard for equity in park distribution, it does not fully meet the standard for equity in accessibility, specifically lacking universally accessible features for children.
- Top Priorities: A community survey conducted in August 2024 identified an inclusive playground and shade as top priorities, with 46% of participants prioritizing the playground.
- Overall Recommendations: The key additions recommended are an inclusive playground (including climbing structure and swings), multiple shade pavilions, a multi-sport hard surface court, and a water reuse system for the splashpad.
- Specific Recommendations (Capital Improvement Plan Focus):
 - Inclusive playscape including swings and climbing structure: \$365,000 (Grant)
 - Shade cover - Install one a year for 3 years: \$13,000 (Operating Budget)
 - Pavilion: \$50,000 (Bond Election)
 - Water reuse system at splashpad: \$4,000 (Operating Budget)
 - Multi-sport hard surface court (Install court, Fencing, Lights): \$65,000 total (Bond Election)

Fiscal Impact:

There may be a cost associated with these implementation & revisions. We have not contacted the document creator to see what these edits may cost.

☒ **Budgeted** ☐ **Requires Budget Amendment**

Source of Funding: Account Code 10-50904-413

Attachments:

City of Castroville Parks & Recreation Master Plan- CURRENT

Master Plan- Lions Park Update- May 2025

Master Plan- 134 Village Path- June 2025

Urgency (0-5 = Low Urgency to High Urgency): 3

Impact (0-5 = Low Impact to High Impact): 5

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