



City of Woodland

Meeting Agenda

City Council

City Hall
Council Chambers
300 First Street
Woodland, CA 95695

December 9, 2021
6:30 PM

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

6:30 PM

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A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC COMMENT

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E. REPORTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

1. SUBJECT: Spring Lake Neighborhood Discussion

RECOMMENDATION FOR ACTION: Staff recommends that the City Council receive a presentation and invite input from the community on several topics pertaining to Spring Lake including Rick Gonzales, Sr. Park Master Plan, the Sports Park, and the proposed second pool complex.

F. ADJOURN

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Ana B. Gonzalez
City Clerk

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TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA: Special City Council Meeting
DATE: December 9, 2021
ITEM #: E.1
SUBJECT: Spring Lake Neighborhood Discussion

Recommendation for Action: Staff recommends that the City Council receive a presentation and invite input from the community on several topics pertaining to Spring Lake including Rick Gonzales, Sr. Park Master Plan, the Sports Park, and the proposed second pool complex.

Fiscal Impact:

No fiscal impact. This item is informational only.

Background:

This past summer, the City conducted a community outreach process to solicit input on the amenities and park designs for the neighborhood parks in Spring Lake. At its October 19th meeting, the City Council approved the updated Master Plans for Spring Lake and Jack Slaven Parks in Spring Lake. Also, considered at this meeting was an amendment to the master plan for Rick Gonzales, Sr. Park (attached). The proposed Master Plan included an area of approximately 2.0 acres to allow for evaluation of potential expansion of Spring Lake Elementary School. During the City's public outreach for the park designs this past summer, the School District participated in a public meeting to discuss concerns with Spring Lake residents regarding growing enrollment needs in the neighborhood. In response, the District inquired regarding the City's interest to explore potential expansion of Spring Lake Elementary, which could necessitate the need to expand the school site north onto the park property in order to accommodate needed facilities.

To allow improvements at the park that would be unaffected by the outcome of the potential school expansion concept to proceed concurrently with the other park improvements, staff presented Council with an updated Master Plan that incorporated a tennis court and landscape improvements on the east and west sides of the park. The approximately 2.0 acres along the south edge of the park were shaded to reflect the area to be evaluated for potential school expansion.

Due to concerns expressed by residents, the City Council deferred action on the amended Master Plan for Rick Gonzales, Sr. Park and directed staff to seek further public input and return to City Council for reconsideration. This Special Meeting of the City Council is being held to provide additional discussion and opportunity for neighborhood input on the merits of dedicating some of the park in support of the school site expansion.

The City has also received questions regarding the Spring Lake Community Facilities District for the Sports Park maintenance, as well as, the City's proposal to build a new pool complex in Spring Lake. Given the interest and connection of these three topics, the City Council decided to hold a special meeting to provide Spring Lake residents an opportunity to receive a presentation and provide input on these projects. Additional materials are being prepared and will be provided prior to the special meeting.

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Ken Hiatt
City Manager

Attachments:

1. Spring Lake Community Meeting Supplemental Staff report
2. Updated_RickGonzalesBoard



TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA: City Council Special Meeting
DATE: December 9, 2021
ITEM #: E.1 – Supplemental Staff Report
SUBJECT: Spring Lake Community Discussion – Supplemental Staff Report

Recommendation for Action: Staff recommends that the City Council receive a presentation and invite input from the community on several topics pertaining to Spring Lake including Rick Gonzales, Sr. Park Master Plan, the Sports Park, and the proposed second pool complex.

Report Summary:

This report supplements the staff report posted with the Special City Council Meeting Agenda on December 3rd. Included below is additional background and information pertaining to; 1) the Master Plan for Rick Gonzales, Sr. Park and consideration to reserve up to 2-acres for potential expansion of Spring Lake Elementary School, 2) the Spring Lake Park requirements in relation to the Community Center / Sports Park, and 3) funding for the new aquatic facility.

Background and Discussion:

1) Rick Gonzales, Sr. Park Master Plan

The Spring Lake Specific Plan includes three neighborhood parks and a central park. Rick Gonzales Sr. Park is the southerly most neighborhood park and is located at the southeast corner of Mickle Avenue and Centennial Drive and is adjacent to Spring Lake Elementary School. This park, like the other three neighborhood parks, was originally planned as an 8-acre park in the original Spring Lake Specific Plan. Each of these parks had a 2-acre commercial site designated adjacent to them.

In 2014, the City received an application from the landowner of the park and commercial site requesting to rezone the commercial site for single-family residential housing. Based on input during the public review process, the City Council instead negotiated with the landowner to acquire the 2-acre commercial site along with the 8-acre park site to create a 10-acre park. To advance the timeframe for construction of the park the City also negotiated financing terms for the land purchase such that the Spring Lake Park Fees collected through building permits could be prioritized toward improving the first phase of the park. This resulted in the initial phase of park improvements occurring 2-3 years earlier than would have otherwise occurred.

Prior to the first construction phase of Rick Gonzales, Sr. Park the City prepared a draft master plan informed by neighborhood input received during a series of public meetings. The first construction phase of Rick Gonzales, Sr. Park was completed in 2018 and included:

- Seven acre improvement area
- Multi-use turf area to accommodate a youth soccer field and a T-Ball size baseball field
- Playground area and equipment for 2-5 aged and 5-12 aged children
- Benches, pathway lighting, drinking fountains
- Paved and decomposed granite paths with connections to adjoining greenbelt network and fitness stations
- Group and small picnic shelters
- Restroom and maintenance building
- Low water use landscaping

With the significant rate of home building activity in Spring Lake over the past several years, the City has collected sufficient fees to pay off the land purchase and is projecting sufficient Spring Lake Park Fee revenue

to complete improvements at the three neighborhood parks over the next year.

In anticipation of this, city staff initiated a public outreach process this past summer to reassess desired park amenities at each of the three neighborhood parks to determine if the original master plans met the current needs of the neighborhood and inform design of the remaining unimproved areas of the parks. The following summarizes the public outreach and community engagement process:

- June 5 - July 7, 2021: Online Parks Amenities Survey (Summary of results for Rick Gonzales, Sr attached)
- August 26, 2021: Public Open House to summarize survey results and get feedback on draft master plan updates
- September 21, 2021: Presentation to the Parks Subcommittee
- September 27, 2021: Parks Commission Report on updated master plans

At the October 19th City Council Meeting, staff presented an updated master plan for Rick Gonzales, Sr. Park for approval prior to proceeding with preparation of construction drawings. The Master Plan changed from the original plan as a result of input received during the public outreach process, most notably the elimination of the parking lot and basketball court. The parking lot did not rank high among the amenities presented in the recent survey. In addition, construction of onsite parking is relatively costly and would divert funding from other higher-ranked amenities. The parks in Spring Lake are designed primarily as neighborhood parks that nearby residents can access easily by bicycle or on foot, reducing the need for parking lots. The basketball court was removed assuming it would be provided as part of the outdoor courts built with the school or added back in if potential school expansion area remained as park land.

In response to growing school enrollment needs in the neighborhood, the Woodland Joint Unified School District reached out to the City during the public outreach phase to explore the potential to expand the Spring Lake Elementary School site. The City and the District are evaluating the feasibility of expanding the school site by approximately 2-acres in order to accommodate the increased school facility needs and to meet state requirements. The area under evaluation is shown shaded on the updated master plan.

If this concept were to move forward, proceeds from a transfer of park land to the District would be returned to the Spring Lake Parks fund and reserved for remaining improvements to Spring Lake Parks. Discussions between the City and the School District also include the possibility of public access to the fields and court facilities on the elementary school site during non-school use hours.

As the concept of expanding the school had only recently surfaced and additional time is needed to evaluate the concept, as well as, solicit input from the neighborhood, staff recommendation at the October 19th meeting was to approve the updated master plan to include a tennis/pickle ball court and completion of landscaped areas outside of the shaded area under consideration for expansion of the school site. This recommendation would allow these additional improvements to the park to proceed concurrently with the improvements at the other two parks and provide for needed time to determine the best approach to expanding enrollment capacity to serve Spring Lake and future growth needs.

The City Council deferred action on the amended Master Plan for Rick Gonzales, Sr. Park and directed staff to seek further public input and return to City Council for reconsideration. This Special Meeting of the City Council is being held to provide additional discussion and opportunity for neighborhood input on the merits of dedicating some of the park in support of the school site expansion.

Attached to this report are copies of e-mail comments that the City has received pertaining to the Special Meeting and have been requested to be read into the record. The following is a summary of the key themes expressed in the comments that the City has received to date:

- Concern regarding the impact to the existing and planned improved areas of the park

- Costs associated with removing and replacing existing park and school improvements
- Concerns with ensuring public access to school fields/courts during the non-school hours
- Traffic and parking impacts
- Adequacy of the recently constructed school facilities (MPR) to meet increased enrollment
- Substantiation of the need for additional land to satisfy the state requirements for school facilities
- Need for the District to provide a more comprehensive plan for accommodating current and projected enrollment
- Concern for any land sale proceeds being allocated to the pool project as opposed to completing neighborhood parks

2) *Community Center / Sports Park*

Within the originally adopted December 18, 2001 Spring Lake Specific Plan, a 34-acre sports park was assumed and shown to be located outside but adjacent to the Specific Plan boundary, within the area referred to as the master plan remainder area (Attachment 2.c). Of the 34-acres, 28.39 acres was to be satisfied by the Spring Lake Park obligation. In March 2005, the City Council amended the Spring Lake Specific Plan to approve the relocation of the Sports Park to the west side of SR 113. This action created a combined 80-acre Community Center / Sports Park facility along East Street. The City acquired the 80-acres which included the Spring Lake obligation of 28.39-acres and completed the initial phases of construction of both the Community Center and Sports Park. These improvements include:

Community Center (Phase 1- 16.5 acres improved)

- Community and Senior Center Building (approximately 50,000 SF)
- (1) Lighted All-Weather Joint Use Baseball/Softball/Soccer Fields
- Dog Park
- Parking Lots

Sports Park (Phase 1 – 21.7 acres improved)

- (3) Lighted All-Weather Joint Use Baseball/Softball/Soccer Fields
- (1) Lighted All-Weather Soccer Field
- Concession and Restroom Building
- Playground
- Storm Drainage/Detention Facility

The Sports Park Master Plan was updated in 2018. Changes include the replacement of five future sports fields with three dedicated softball fields, two soccer fields, a combination storm drainage/sports fields area, a park site/skate park area, pickleball courts and modifications to parking locations. Initial and updated Sports Park Master Plans are attached to this report.

Spring Lake residents have inquired regarding Spring Lake's obligation to contribute to a community serving park facility. Like all new residential development, Spring Lake was anticipated to generate a range of park needs from informal park space such as neighborhood parks to active use park space such as sports fields and swimming pools. The Specific Plan park requirements reflect this range of park needs.

Spring Lake Specific Plan has a total park obligation of 56.39-acres paid through the Spring Lake Infrastructure Fee. The acreage requirement was determined based on the City's General Plan park standard of 6 acres per 1,000 persons for new development. The following table breaks down the required Spring Lake Park acreage by type of park facility as stipulated in the Specific Plan.

Neighborhood Parks (3 @ 8 acres/ea.)	24.0 acres
Central Park	4.0 acres
Sports Fields	28.39 acres
Total Park Requirement	56.39 acres

Due to legislative changes in California, particularly over the past several decades, cities have seen a declining share of property taxes allocated to cover service costs. In order to maintain service levels, many municipalities now rely on supplemental assessments on new development to cover the costs of maintaining added amenities. Policies in the City's General Plan require new development to offset impact on limited general resources by implementing these various assessment districts.

In Spring Lake, the annual cost of maintaining the neighborhood parks and other public facilities is paid for through a lighting and landscaping (L&L) district. Similarly, the ongoing maintenance associated with Spring Lake's obligation for the Sports Park acreage is funded through a community facilities district (CFD). The CFD pays for costs associated with maintenance and irrigation of the sports fields and related facilities; while the City's general revenues pay for parking lot maintenance and replaced the turf on all fields. As new development occurs, the City will continue to require special districts to be implemented to cover new maintenance costs, and these other developments will also be annexed into the Sports Park CFD to assist with annual costs.

3) Proposed New Community Aquatics Facility

The City currently operates one municipal pool, the Charles Brooks Community Swim Center, located adjacent to Woodland High School. This facility includes a 50-meter pool and a small youth pool. In 2017, an aquatics feasibility study was conducted, to include a series of public meetings, and draft design concepts were presented at a public workshop in March of 2018.

In September, 2018, the City Council authorized the City Manager to execute a Joint Use Agreement with WJUSD to reserve 2.5-acres of property on Pioneer Avenue, adjacent to Pioneer High School, for a future aquatic facility. Execution of the Joint Use Agreement committed the City to an up-front payment of \$250,000 (Measure J funds) for the reservation of the land. The agreement has a term of up to 80 years, including (1) WJUSD's reservation of the land for the City for up to 10-years; (2) a 50-year term for the City's construction and operation of the pool; and, (3) the option to extend the term for up to an additional 20-years.

Commencement of the Joint Use Agreement for the property adjacent to Pioneer High School was tied to the close of escrow for the City's purchase of the Willow Spring parcel which occurred on June 14, 2019. In July of 2019 the City Council provided feedback and direction on the features to be included with the project.

The City Council has identified completion of a second community pool as a priority goal. The preliminary cost estimate for the design and construction of the proposed aquatics facility is approximately \$10 million. To date, the Council has set-aside \$2 million for the acquisition of the property and design/construction of the project, of which \$250,000 has been expended on the agreement for reservation of the pool site from Woodland Joint Unified School District.

At the August 19, 2021 City Council meeting staff presented the following potential funding plan to identify the remaining funds needed to construct the project.

		Potential Funding Sources	Estimated Funding Available by 2023
Estimated Design / Construction Cost (updated Nov. 2021)	\$10,000,000		
Measure J Allocation (existing set-aside)		\$1,750,000	\$1,750,000
Development Agreement Payments		\$3,900,000	\$3,000,000
Spring Lake Parks - Sports Park Phase II		\$3,735,000	\$500,000
Community Fundraising		\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Total*		\$10,385,000	\$6,250,000

The potential funding plan outlined above includes \$3,735,000 of future anticipated Spring Lake Park Funds. These funds are fees paid by the homebuilders to go towards acquisition and improvement of the parks required to be built as part of the Spring Lake Specific Plan. This amount is allocated within the Spring Lake financing plan as the amount needed to improve the Spring Lake Infrastructure Fee share of the remaining 10.6-acres of Sports Park necessary to fulfill the Specific Plan's park obligation.

Questions have been raised by residents regarding this potential funding approach, specifically how it would effect the timing of completion of the neighborhood parks. In response, it is staff's recommendation that the reprioritization of these funds to the pool project be considered under the following presumptions:

1. The Spring Lake Park Fee revenues would be prioritized first toward the completion of the three neighborhood parks and the central park.
2. The City would assume responsibility to secure other funding approaches to complete the remaining phases of the Sports Park.
3. The operations and maintenance of the pool facility would not be funded by Spring Lake Landscaping and Lighting Assessments or Springlake Maintenance CFD funds.

The City Council appointed a subcommittee to work with staff to bring back a recommended project scope and funding plan. As part of that process, the City is interested in hearing from residents in Spring Lake regarding the project and the potential reprioritization of the Sports Park funding toward the pool. The Council invites comments, questions, and input from Spring Lake residents on this topic during the Special Meeting.

Attachments:

1. Rick Gonzales, Sr. Park
 - A. 2016 Master Plan
 - B. Survey Results
 - C. Proposed Updated Master Plan
2. Community Center / Sports Park
 - A. Original Master Plan
 - B. Updated Master Plan
3. New Community Aquatics Facility Location Map and Conceptual Plan
4. E-mail comments for December 9th Special meeting

PARK N3 MASTER PLAN

CONCEPT PLAN

06/14/16



RESULTS ARE IN!

¡LOS RESULTADOS ESTÁN EN!



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RESPONDENTS FROM RICK GONZALES SR. PARK
RESONDANTS DE RICK GONZALES SR. PARK

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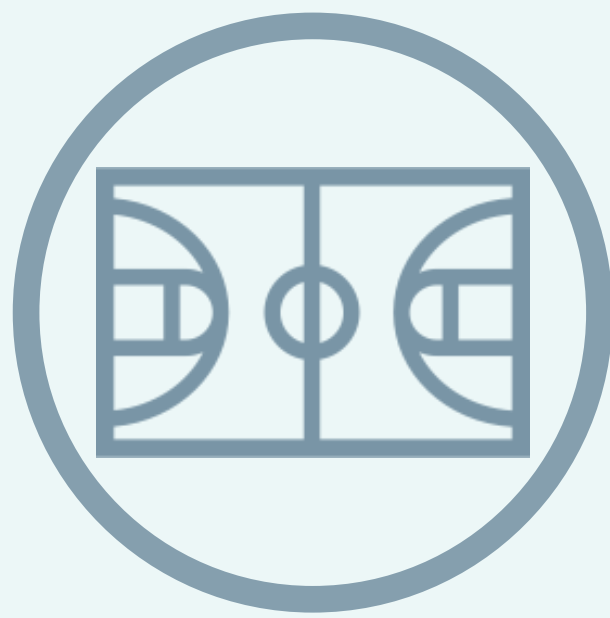
Basketball pickleball court Jack Slaven Park fountains playground better picnic areas
larger Water play area benches Swimming pool Walking
Water feature lot needed put small sand Splash pad splash
Water area adjacent Somerset area play structure shade grass
park parking lot trees adjacent Somerset Circle Pool structures
one PLEASE kids feature Water play picnic shade trees running
Dog park another Community pool Swings COURT covered
shade structures Basketball Court play area Skate park dogs Community



WATER PLAY
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SPORT COURT
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TRASH CANS
carrera de perros



DOG RUN
carrera de perros



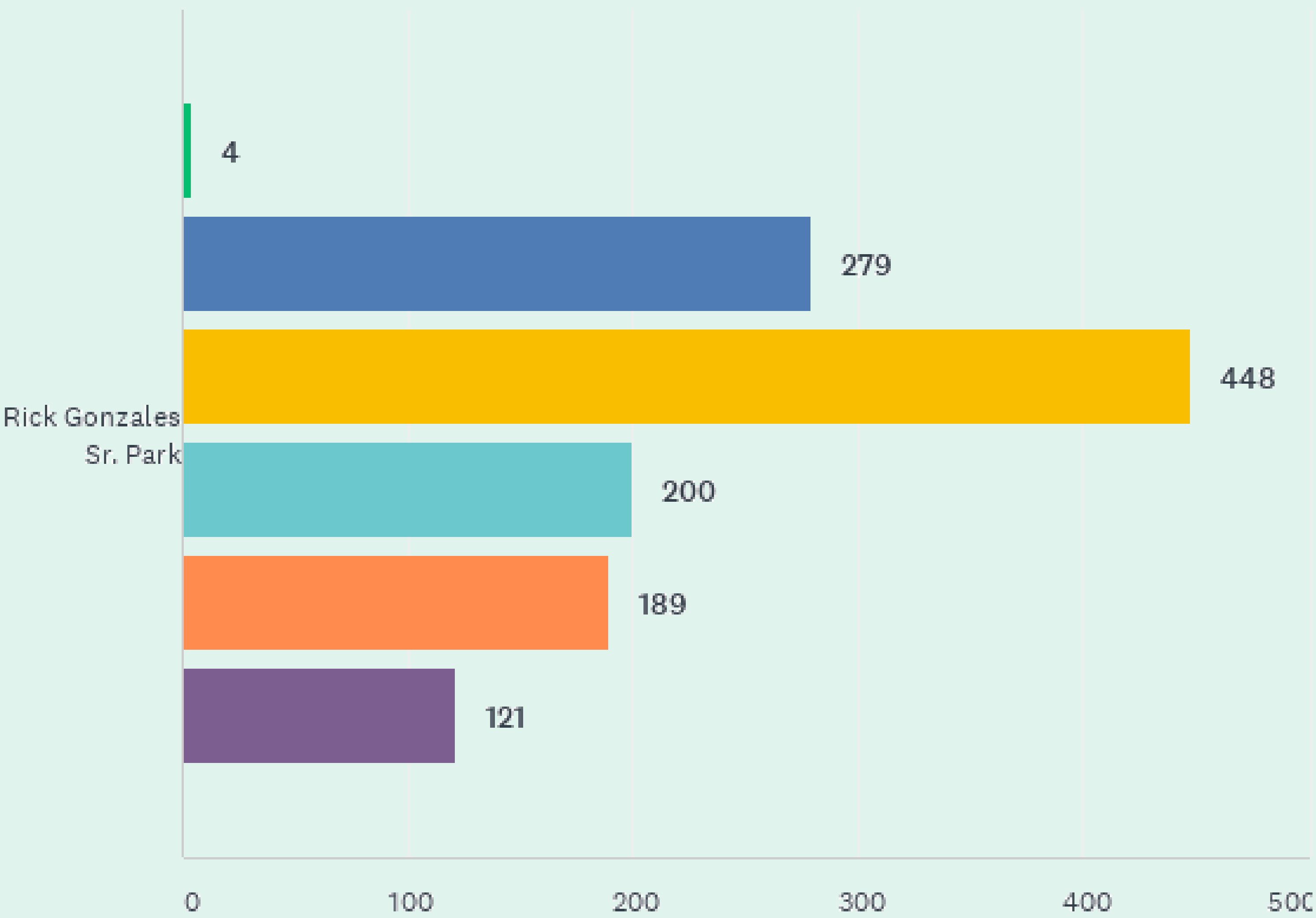
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TYPE OF SPORTS FIELDS PEOPLE WANT:

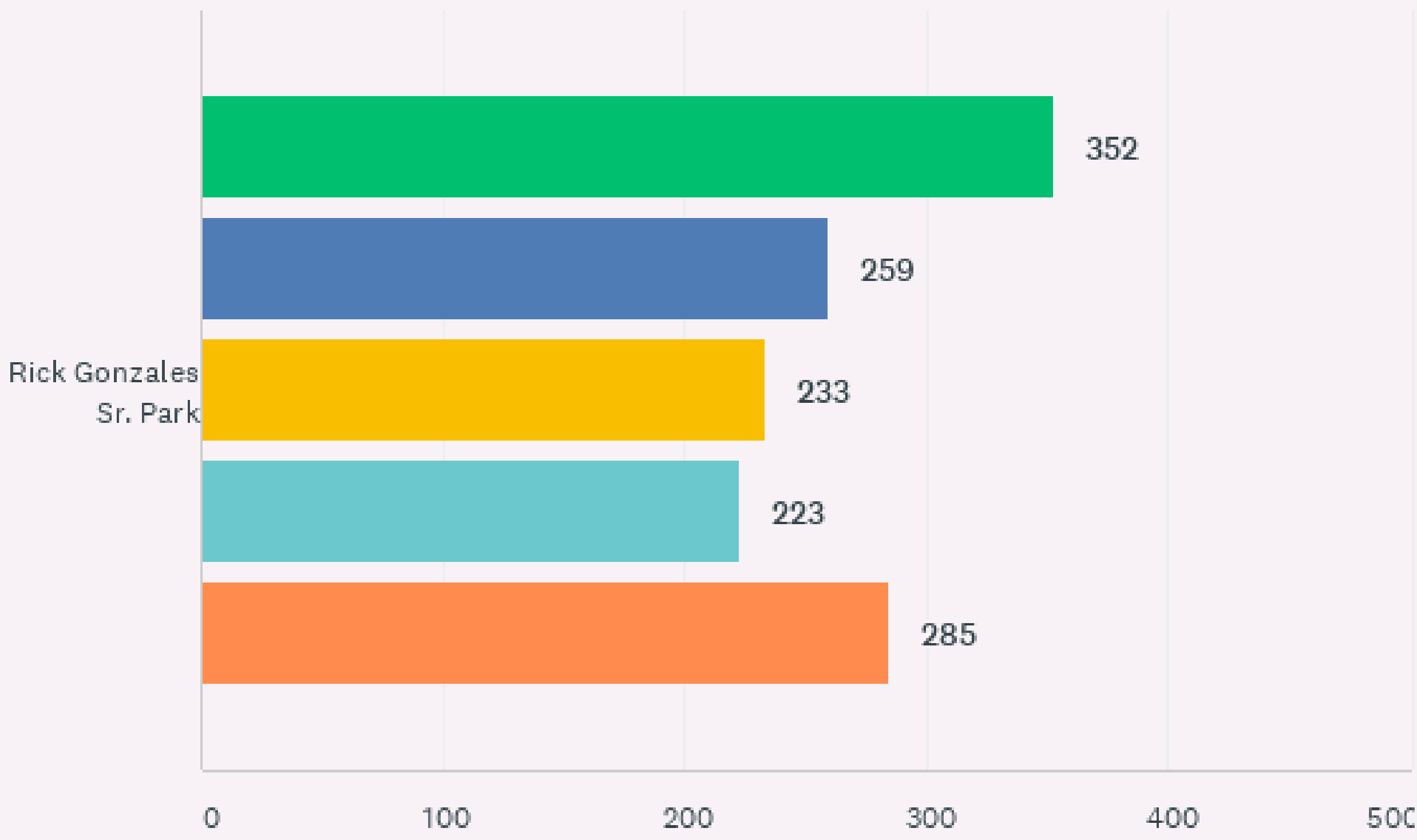
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Tennis Court (pista de tenis) Pickleball Court (cancha de pickleball)
Bocce Ball Court (cancha de bochas) Futsal Court (cancha de fútbol sala)

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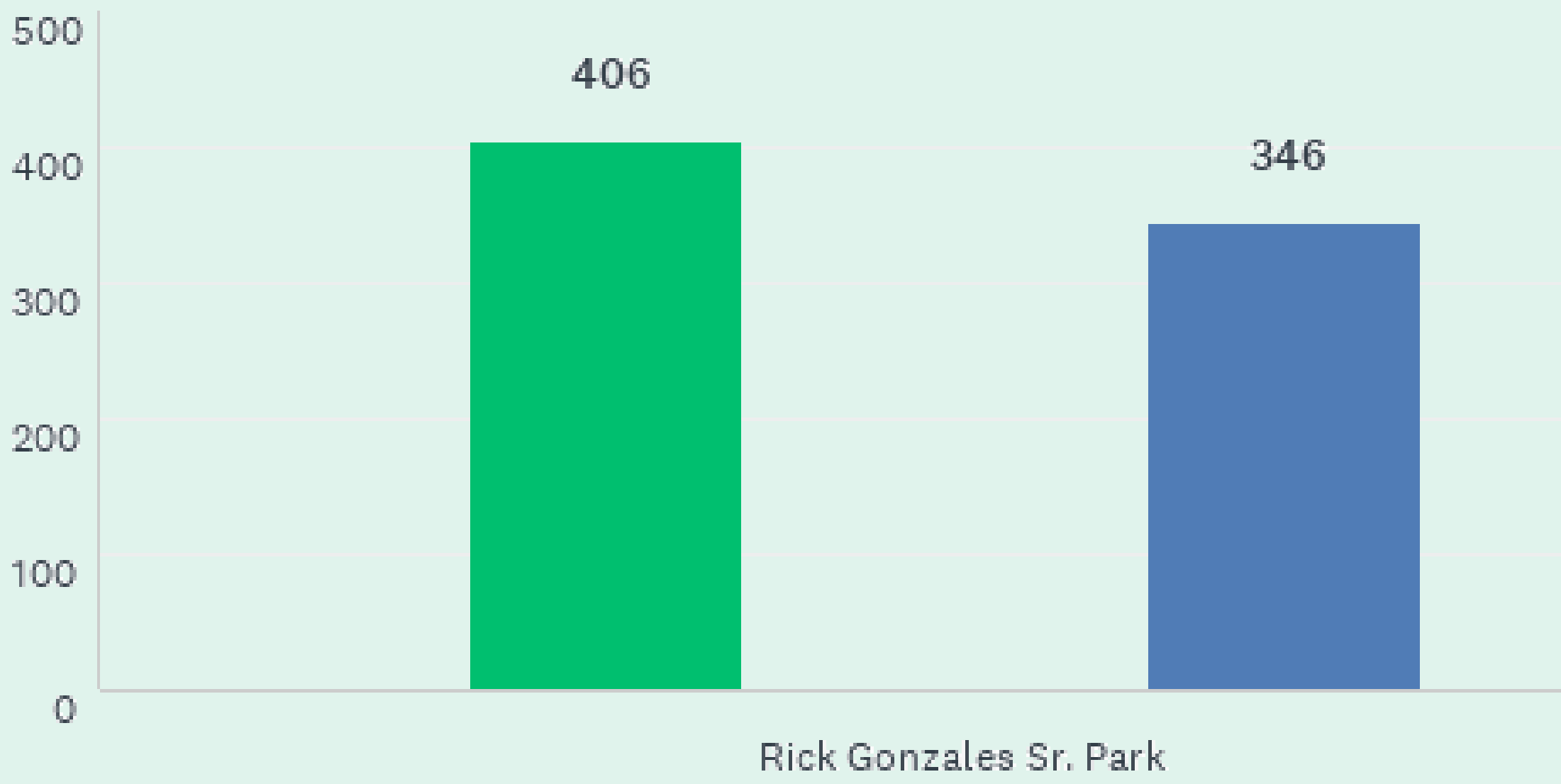
Sports Court (pista deportiva)
Non-Traditional Court Activities (Actividades de cancha no tradicionales)
Recreation Games (juegos de recreación)
Small Stage / Amphitheater (pequeño escenario/anfiteatro)
Informal Nature Play Area - (Jardin para jugar)

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FOR AMENITIES: COMENTARIOS ADICIONALES PA RA LAS COMODIADES:

weeds soccer field lots add dog run make water since parking lot
maintained shade love trees Woodland area people park
nice need Keep Please dogs grass great use soccer better existing
Dog park play

DOG RUN OR PARKING LOT?

¿PARQUE PARA PERROS O ESTACIONAMIENTO?



Dog Run (Pista de correr para perros) Parking Lot (Estacionamiento)

RICK GONZALES SR. PARK SUMMARY RESULTS

RESULTADO RESUMIDO DE RICK GONZALES SR. PARK

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RICK GONZALES, SR. PARK – UPDATED MASTER PLAN



PROPOSED AMENITIES

- TENNIS COURT (WITH PICKLE BALL COURT LINES)
- LANDSCAPING OF SWALE ALONG SOMERSET CIRCLE

EXISTING AMENITIES

- YOUTH SOCCER FIELD
- (3-5, 5-12 AGE) PLAY STRUCTURES
- GROUP PICNIC AREA
- WALKING PATH
- MULTI-USE FIELD
- INFORMAL BALLFIELD
- RESTROOM
- NATURE PLAY AREA
- FITNESS STATIONS



RICK GONZALES SR. PARK PROPOSED AMENITIES





FACILITY INVENTORY

QTY	ITEM
12	SOCCER (SYNTHETIC TURF, LIT)
8	SOFTBALL (LIGHTED)
10	LITTLE LEAGUE
8	TENNIS COURTS (LIT, 1 STADIUM)
1	INTERACTIVE WATER PLAY AREA
2	PLAYGROUNDS
6	PICNIC AREAS
3	RESTROOMS
	LAKE WITH BOATS & DECKS
1	RESTAURANT
2 MI.	CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING TRAIL
10 MI.	BIKE/WALK/JOG TRAILS
1	MAINTENANCE BUILDING
5701	PARKING STALLS
2	TEE WEE BASE BALL
1	DANCE/AEROBICS FACILITY

CITY OF WOODLAND
 A MASTER PLAN FOR:
WOODLAND COMMUNITY SPORTS PARK
 RUN DESIGN GROUP INC SCALE: 1" = 100' N DEC. 2006

PHASING DIAGRAM

Woodland Community Sports Park

Master Plan
02/14/2018

1. Tennis Courts, 11

2. Possible Pickleball Courts, 2 (60' X 30' EA)

3. Parking, Typ.

4. Softball Field (200' Outfield)
5. Possible Restroom/Concessions/Storage Building

6. Optional Softball Field (150' Outfield)

7. Shade Structure
8. Skate Park

9. Geothermal Soccer Field

10. Soccer Field

11. Detention Basin (Top of Slope)

12. Future Parking
13. Future Clubhouse (2,350 sf)

14. Mini Tennis Courts/Possible Pickleball court location

15. Temporary/Mobile Office (Dashed line)
16. Possible Parking

17. Maintenance Drive



NEW AQUATIC FACILITY

LOCATION MAP



NEW AQUATIC FACILITY

CONCEPT PLAN



AQUATIC FACILITY INFORMATION

- **Site Program: 2 Acres**
- **Building Program: 6,200 SF**
 - Office
 - Locker Dressing Room
 - Staff / Lifeguard Room
 - Mechanical Room
 - Chemical Storage
 - Custodial Closet
- **Swimming Pool Program: 5,737 SF**
 - 10 Lanes Lap Swim
 - 8 Lanes Competition Swim
 - Shallow Learn to Swim
 - Recreation Swim Area
 - ADA Accessible
 - Depths: 3'-6" to 13'-0"
- **Activity Pool Program: 3,996 SF**
 - Zero-Depth Beach-Type Entry
 - Interactive Water Play
 - Instructional Stairs
 - Fitness Class
 - Learn to Swim
 - Recreation Swim
 - Depths: 0'-0" to 3'-6"



To Woodland City Council and Woodland Joint Unified School District:

My husband and I reside in Spring Lake near the corner of Marston and Miekle, very close to the school. We are concerned about the plans to expand the physical area of the school property, given the unresolved concerns that the city expressed in their (attached) letter to the school district, dated May 23, 2016. These unresolved concerns will be exacerbated, if enrollment is expanded.

We see a significant amount of traffic and backups from parents dropping their kids off (or picking them up) from the school. And yet, we understand that it isn't even fully enrolled under current plans, let alone any sudden, proposed expansion that has not been fully vetted with the community.

In addition, we are very concerned about the plan to compromise the size and amenities of Rick Gonzales park. Almost daily, we walk around the peripheral path as a warm-up, before heading out onto other paths. We really appreciate the effort that went into planning Rick Gonzales park, and do not wish to see it compromised.

Recently the City gathered input from the neighborhood regarding Rick Gonzales and other neighborhood parks and their planned improvements. There was no mention of the proposal the City is now presenting to shrink Rick Gonzales Park, removing a well-lit, pleasant, paved, curving walkway with irrigated plantings on both sides, by selling some of that acreage to the school district.

We are strongly opposed to this proposal.

There was a Zoom presentation about the technology park that is planned between Highway 113 and Spring Lake that was touted as a somewhat "self-sufficient village with shops, green space, with **1600 high density homes** and tech compatible businesses."

Space for a school was shown at the north end of the project.

How ideal for parents to have their children walk to school!

A state of the art elementary school needs to be included in the plan, which would also help ensure that the developer will have no problems selling or leasing the residential units, and that business would have the qualified reliable work force they need.

Funding for that school needs to be part of the requirement for construction of that cutting-edge project. The City and the School District should not short-cut that.

At previous meetings, requests have been made for the City and School District to provide justification for the proposal that they both seem to strongly support. However, no justification has been provided regarding this proposed, significant change to both the school and the park.

This plan should not be approved until many questions are answered by the School District as well as the City.

Parks are hard to come by, don't shrink them especially when they are/were paid for by Spring Lake residents. **Don't shrink Rick Gonzales park.**

In addition, Spring Lake Elementary's infrastructure - including the playground, new multipurpose room, administration space and parking lots are not designed for a significant expansion.

Do not add more classrooms, especially in lieu of (or delaying) an onsite school at the technology park, or meeting school needs in other areas.

The technology park is going to have a big impact on the neighborhood; even more so if a school is not built there in a timely manner. It is not reasonable to expect Spring Lake Elementary to accommodate the need for 1,600 additional homes, or the other homes recently-built or planned within Spring Lake. Spring Lake itself is massive in size and footprint, and can hardly be considered a "neighborhood", itself. We understand that several schools were initially planned within the Spring Lake development, but were abandoned by the school district.

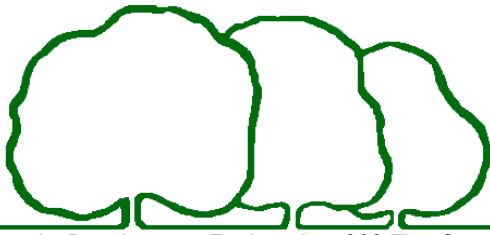
The residents of Spring Lake deserve more information from the City and the School District regarding what its overall plan is to meet the needs of ongoing and planned development, without compromising the park and its amenities that the neighborhood already paid for.

We urge the city and school district to put an immediate end to all efforts to expand Spring Lake Elementary into the adjacent park site, and ask the city to complete the landscaping that the neighborhood already paid for.

I would like my comments to be entered into the record of the Dec. 9th meeting.

Thank you for your consideration and the work you do for the citizens of the City of Woodland.

Mary Helen and John Seeger
2379 Marston Drive
Woodland, CA 95776



City of Woodland

Community Development Engineering 300 First Street, Woodland, CA 95695 (530) 661-5820 www.cityofwoodland.org

May 23, 2016

Via Electronic Mail
Board of Trustees
Woodland Joint Unified School District
435 Sixth Street
Woodland, CA 9595

Dear WJUSD Board of Trustees,

On the May 23, 2016 Special Board Meeting agenda, item E.1.a. is a review of the plans for the new elementary school in the Spring Lake Area of Woodland. The City wishes to express our continued concerns about the currently proposed site plan and the negative traffic impacts we believe it will have to the neighborhood adjacent to it.

On March 10, 2016, the City was notified that the site plan had been completed and was going that evening to the Board for approval. As we were not included in the site design process until after the Facilities Committee selected their preferred plan, we have reached out to District staff to voice our concerns which are outlined below:

1. Primary access to the school being placed on Banks Drive.
 - a. Banks is a local road, not designed to be the primary school access. It has homes fronting the street with driveways every ~50 feet which are a point of pedestrian/vehicle conflict.
 - b. There will be future conflict between residents and the school site similar to Tafoya.
 - c. Meikle was intentionally built without homes fronting the school site to provide a large uninterrupted area for drop-off and parking to wait during pick-up.
 - d. Primary access on Banks will encourage people to use Promenade Drive as a major access way which Promenade was not designed for.
2. Queueing onto public streets.
 - a. The original design of the Meikle Avenue drop-off had the main school access at the south end near the administration building. Parents tend to want to drop their children as close to school access points as possible meaning parents will stop at the south end of the drop-off near the main office. This will not take full advantage of the drop-off area and will cause queueing onto Meikle Avenue.
 - b. Queueing will result in a less efficient roadway, thus further encouraging drivers to use Promenade as a major access point.
3. Mixing buses and passenger vehicles.
 - a. The design proposed to have both buses and passenger vehicles in the Banks Drive drop-off. This is a design that does not work efficiently for busing. Almost every school site in Woodland that has this design, has since forced parents or buses off the site during drop-off/pick-up.

4. Bicycle access to the school.
 - a. The school design does not provide positive, meaningful connections to existing surrounding bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure. Without good infrastructure connections, parents are less likely to allow students to bike or walk to the school further exacerbating traffic congestion.
 - b. Proposed bike parking is minimal and near the school office causing bikers to travel through the pedestrian drop-off areas, adding conflicts and further discouraging bicycle use.

In response to our concerns, District staff, the school site committee and architects met with the City on three occasions. During these meetings, the City conveyed our concerns and the basis for our concerns, and we provided ideas and concepts for alternative designs that would allow the project to stay on schedule and budget with site adjustments that would alleviate some of our concerns.

The three site plans provided in the Board packet as Options A-C for your review are what the architect has put forth as a response to the City's concerns. While minor modifications have been proposed, none address the City's concerns in a meaningful way. However it was explained to us that unless the district directed the architects otherwise, they were not going to redesign the site to address off-site traffic impacts.

We recognize that budget and schedule constraints are driving this project, however we remain concerned that the District is designing a school with circulation deficiencies that the City and the District will be faced with managing for the life of the school. In light of the fact that the District is likely to proceed with the current design of the school site, the City would ask that the Board take decisive action and direct District staff to do the following:

1. Create a site access and traffic management plan in consultation with the City, to be approved by the board and circulated to all residents in the affected areas along Meikle, Banks, Somerset and Promenade prior to site construction.
2. Continually update and maintain the traffic plan in consultation with the City, and include the affected residents in any discussions regarding changes to the plan.
3. Distribute the site access and traffic plan to parents before the start of school every school year with the goal of educating parents transitioning between schools and repeatedly reminding the returning parents to help improve compliance.
4. Within traffic plan, designate and enforce drop-off points that are appropriate to the drop-off area to minimize off-site queuing (north side of the kindergarten building for the Meikle drop-off and the west side near the administration building for the Banks drop-off).
5. Construct a bike path connection to the greenbelt network and provide secure, fenced and covered bike parking outside the major drop-off areas to minimize bike riders in pedestrian areas.
6. Commit to staggering school start and end times to minimize traffic impacts and congestion within the neighborhood.
7. If the proposed mix of bus and passenger vehicles is problematic, commit to considering the school bus stop being located at the south east corner of Banks and Meikle where students can alight to a pedestrian only area near the administration building rather than restricting passenger vehicles from the site.

The City has always partnered with the District to work toward improving school access and student safety. Through this partnership, the City's Traffic Engineering Division has become very familiar with the struggles and successes that the different school sites have seen over the past decade. As we intend to stay engaged in the active process of improving safety, we have a sincere interest in building the best project possible.

The City sincerely appreciates the Board review and consideration of our concerns as decisions are made toward finalizing the Spring Lake School site. We look forward to continued collaboration toward making our schools and neighborhoods safer.

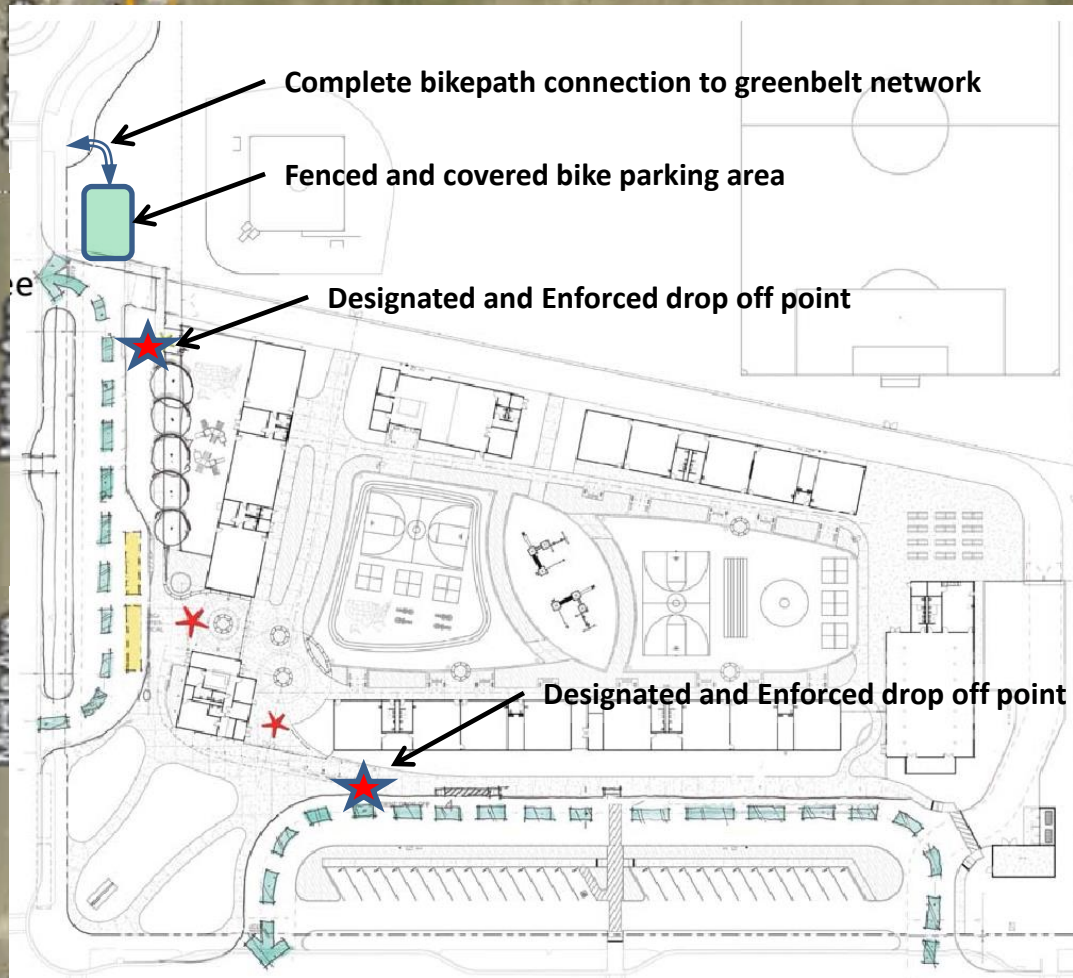
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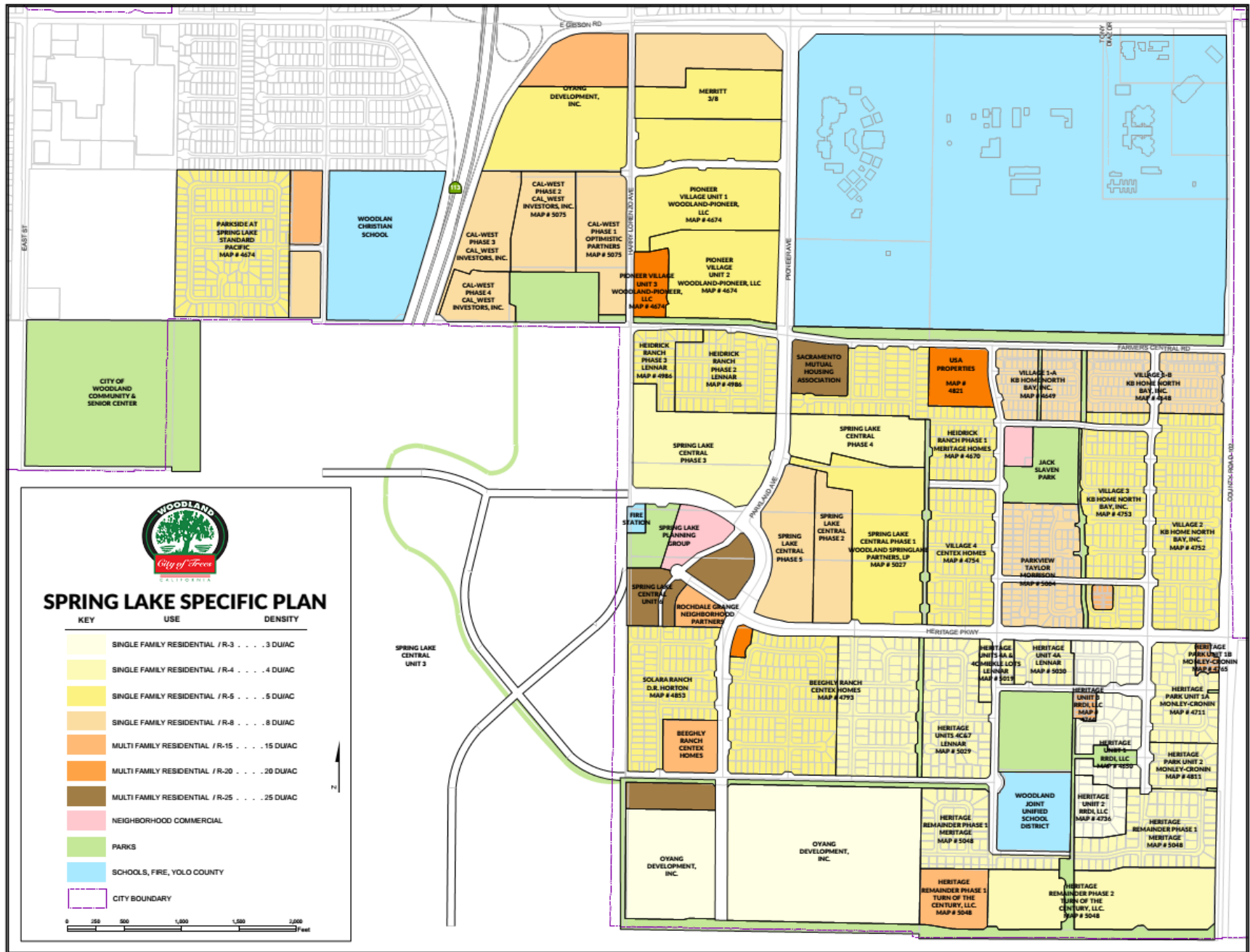
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Katie Wurzel, P.E., T.E.
Traffic Engineer
City of Woodland

Cc: City of Woodland City Council
Paul Navazio, City Manager

Attachments: annotated site map





To: Woodland City Council and Woodland Joint Unified School District

When we moved into our new home on Somerset Circle in 2014, we were happy to learn that the land adjacent to our street would soon become a park. As planning for the park began, we were pleased that the planners wanted our input. The planners listened as community members voiced preferences about playground equipment, benches., etc. Also very important: the planners listened to our reasons for creating a 10-acre park and agreement was reached. Now it seems that the agreement for 10 acres for a park is in danger.

We are strongly against the proposed expansion of Spring Lake Elementary into the park. Along with many others, we often walk the peripheral path for exercise. We appreciate the current design, and we are looking forward to the city completing the park as promised. We don't want to see any portion of it fenced-off and off-limits to public use. In addition, we appreciate the design and location of the existing path and lighting, and do not want it destroyed.

We are also concerned about the increase in traffic and parking issues as a result of the expansion plans for Spring Lake School, and the proposed construction of basketball and tennis courts. We need the original agreed-upon plan for a parking lot more than ever.

Again, we are strongly against the proposed acquisition of any portion of the park by the school. Students already use Rick Gonzales Park for physical education instruction and play. Funds spent to purchase park acres and build additional classrooms will be better spent in wise planning and construction for a badly-needed neighborhood school for the Spring Lake community. The park belongs to them, but it belongs to all of us.

Please read read these comments aloud during the council's meeting on December 9th.

Sincerely,
Melinda Hillis
Molly Hillis

I am a resident of Spring Lake in Woodland. My wife and I purchased our Lennar home on Celebration Way when Rick Gonzales, Sr. Park was unimproved agricultural land. At that time, Lennar representatives discussed in detail with us about the location of the park, its size, and the planned amenities. We were shown the boundaries for the proposed Spring Lake Elementary School. We participated in several public outreach programs sponsored by the City of Woodland to inform us how the park would be fully developed for our use.

We do not understand why the original park plan which includes further landscaping, off-street parking, athletic fields and courts is now being amended. We have not been able to get any information from the City as to WHY the City has stalled completion of Rick Gonzales, Sr. Park (that is yearly funded in part by our Spring Lake CFD property tax assessment) and is contemplating the sale of a portion of the park to the Woodland Joint Unified School District. Additionally, how can the City consider 28 acres of the Sports Park (that I must drive to in my car) as a "neighborhood park" for Spring Lake?

Why does the School District want or need to annex a substantial portion of Rick Gonzales, Sr. Park that dramatically reduces the utility of the park as proposed to taxpayers. We cannot support a sale of park property to the School District without receiving from Woodland Joint Unified, 1) an explanation and clearly delineated binding plan for the use of that land, and 2) a report paid for by the School District on the impact of that use on the Spring Lake neighborhood. Without that, we are concerned that the City and homeowners will be misled and suffer unknown consequences. We have heard that the proceeds from the sale of a park parcel might be applied to the construction of a Woodland community pool on land owned by the School District adjacent to Pioneer High School. We understand that were that the case, the City would lease from the School District the land on which the pool facility is constructed--a pool that would be used to a great extent by Pioneer High School and a proposed near-by K-8 school. If Woodland Joint Unified would like a pool, at the very least the School District should gift property for its construction to the City.

Thank you for your attention to our concerns. I hope these issues and others related to Rick Gonzales, Sr. Park are adequately discussed at the December 9, 2021 meeting.

Sincerely,

Brian and Susan Nicoll
2536 Celebration Way
Woodland, CA 95776

Dec 9th comments.

Submitted by

Michael Brugh

Bellows Place, Woodland

I am very concerned that the City of Woodland is continuing to ignore the needs and issues of the residents of Spring Lake. The City is proposing to continue to enable the poor planning of the Woodland Unified School District (WUSD) and to use funding generated by Spring Lake Community assessments and developer fees for Citywide needs rather than funding the improvements and facilities originally contained in the Spring Lake Specific Plan.

Rick Gonzales, Sr. Park: The city should not enable the poor planning of the WUSD by discussing the acquisition of Gonzales Park acreage for the expansion of Spring Lake Elementary School. The district has failed to provide any plan for the current or anticipated growth in the Spring Lake area. There were originally three school sites planned for the Spring Lake community. The district abandoned two of these sites and now in hindsight, is trying to figure out what to do with the current over enrollment situation at Spring Lake Elementary. The City should stop these discussions until the WUSD has provided a plan that will meet the current and future needs of the Spring Lake Community.

Community Center / Sports Park: This facility has been a total fiscal and infrastructure rip off to the residents of Spring Lake. The Sports Park is physically located within the Spring Lake Specific Plan boundaries and as such has been inappropriately used to meet the State of California's local park acreage required for residential development. The Sports Park facility is not, I repeat not, a Spring Lake Community Park it is a Citywide and Regional facility. The City, in support of past developers, approved the inclusion of the Sports Park acreage in the Spring Lake Specific Plan and, established an assessment district (Springlake Main CFD on tax bill) to collect fees from the residents of the Spring Lake Community which are solely used pay for the maintenance of the City's Sports Park. These fees are only paid by Spring Lake residents which on average, amount to over \$200 per year per residential parcel. No other community in Woodland pays these kind of fees to support Citywide facilities. It should be noted that in addition to the \$200 Sports Park Maintenance assessment, Spring Lake residents pay an additional tax assessment of over \$800 per parcel, per year for Spring Lake Lighting and Landscaping. The City is now proposing to expand the Sports Park facility and will use Spring Lake developer fees for this purpose and, will increase the Sports Park maintenance fees of Spring Lake Residents. I strongly oppose this action! Spring Lake developer landscaping fees and assessments need to support the completion of the existing and proposed parks in Spring Lake, not support the current or additional Citywide or Regional Community facilities.

Future Pool Project: I strongly support building a Community Pool in the area south of Pioneer High School. However, consistent with my prior comments and because this is a Citywide facility, no fees generated by the development of Spring Lake should be used to fund this Community Pool. All funding should come from the WUSD and the City of Woodland. Spring development fees must support the completion of the current and proposed "Parks" in Spring Lake.

We do not support the expansion of Spring Lake Elementary into the adjacent park site. We would like the park to remain at its full, 10-acre size, which was already paid for by the neighborhood. Schoolchildren can already use the park as is, and already do so to play team sports (accompanied by staff).

The school is not designed to handle a significant increase in the number of students, in regard to common/shared facilities (e.g., parking, multi-purpose room, library, teacher lounge, etc.).

The City of Woodland identified traffic issues in 2016 as a problem when the school was being built. These concerns remain unresolved. Adding more students after expansion will cause even more traffic on Mickle, Banks, Promenade and Somerset Circle. These streets are not wide enough to handle the traffic now, let alone after expanding this school.

The Spring Lake area has grown so large that one small school cannot handle all the students in this area. There needs to be another school to handle all the additional students in the Spring Lake area.

Taking out the existing lighting and the path would be a waste of money for infrastructure that we have already paid for. In addition, there are many who use the peripheral path for exercise, which would be significantly-compromised if the path is shortened. Also, there are no assurances that the replacement path and lighting would be of the same quality, nor is it clear "who" would be paying for its destruction and relocation into a smaller park.

The existing path functions as a wide, lighted boundary between the park and school site. That would not be the case, if the path and lighting is destroyed and relocated. It is likely that security concerns will arise as a result of the semi-public nature of the compromised site, which would be partially-obscured by fencing and additional landscaping.

Please leave Rick Gonsales Park the way it was meant to be and finish the proposed landscaping plan. In addition, we would prefer that the city return to the original design, which included a parking lot.

In conclusion, taking two acres from our park to give to Spring Lake School would increase traffic on streets that cannot handle this, and the school was not designed to handle more students. Please leave our park the way it was meant to be.

Sincerely,

Janet and Steve Collins

On Dec 3, 2021, at 8:22 PM, rkay49 <rkay49@aol.com> wrote:

My husband and I moved to Somerset Circle in 2006. We anxiously awaited the park and had to wait for it much longer than we anticipated. In fact, the park was a partial reason we moved to this location. We supported, in person, keeping the park at the 10 acre size and we're very happy that the original plan was honored. During the recent lockdown we used the park almost everyday. Due to our health needs, the granite path was what we needed and used exclusively. To think that our park would be reduced in size and good quality sidewalks/ lightening and more would be destroyed doesn't make sense. There was a sense of community going there during lockdown. It brought our Spring lake community together. Once we take space away it never comes back. Parks are very important to a neighborhood and with homes now having reduced yards there is limited space for families and kids to run and play in a safe environment. This park is used more than I had expected and it makes me very happy to see this occurring. I am aware that there are other alternatives to alleviate potential growth in school needs and I'm requesting that these other options be looked at seriously. Sincerely, Steve and Randi Blake 2620 Somerset Circle Sent from my iPhone

November 13, 2021

To Whom It May Concern;

I am a resident on Somerset Circle. This area is lovely and my husband and I have enjoyed retiring and moving to this community. I'm writing to express my disappointment that the Rick Gonzalez park site is being considered as an option for the expansion of Springlake Elementary. This seems like a short sighted solution. I am a retired Davis Unified School teacher and believe me, I am certainly in favor of neighborhood schools. But this elementary school was designed to be a smaller magnet (STEM) school. The bordering roads, parking lots, drop off spaces are inadequate for a larger school. The physical space here was not designed to accommodate a larger student body along with all the parents, cars, traffic that would ensue.

In addition, the residents around this park, as others around other parks in Woodland, provided feedback for what we would like to see included in the remaining park spaces. We purchased our homes here and are now being advised that some of the existing periphery walkway around the park may be demolished and a chunk of the park may be under construction for enlarging the school.

Building a large school for this area which is proposed in the research park design is the answer. Springlake homeowners pay Mello-Roos fees to pay for infrastructure ...schools AND parks. Enlarging Springlake Elementary by taking over park land is a band-aid solution. It is NOT a tenable, long range solution. The safety of the students and surrounding neighbors would be compromised. The park and the families, children and neighbors that enjoy Rick Gonzalez Park would be compromised. We are paying for this park and it should be developed according to the plans set forth a few months ago.

The City of Woodland needs to improve planning and budgeting practices.

Thank you,

Elena Pehlke

espehlke@aol.com

Council,

Please discontinue any further consideration of selling about two acres of city property to WJUSD – specifically, Gonzales Park.

There has been NO good reason presented why the largest elementary school in town, by area, needs to be expanded.

The district refuses to present any plan for the expansion because they have NO plan.

And there are NO "state requirements" that have been provided by the district or the city that justify the need for two more acres.

Also, the city's recently published diagram of the area does not suggest any kind of comprehensive planning and need for a land grab by the school district.

FACT: The Spring Lake school has the most acreage of any elementary school in town.

Spring Lake Elementary is 9.84 acres.

Tafoya is 9.45 acres.

Gibson is 9.43 acres.

Zamora is 9.11 acres.

Whitehead is 8.98 acres.

Maxwell is 8.82 acres.

Freeman is 8.31 acres.

Prairie is 6.33 acres.

Beamer is 5.00 acres.

Dingle is 3.94 acres.

These acreage comparisons demonstrate NO need for any property expansion. There is no reason why this area needs a super-sized school while other areas have smaller schools.

The sale and repurposing of any portion of this city asset would show disregard for property owners and residents who located in the area under certain land use promises made by the city.

Dino Gay
Woodland

Dear Madam Mayor and Council Members:

We're writing to you to express our hearty support for a future pool in the Spring Lake neighborhood. We've lived in the Spring Lake area since 2013 and love the area and welcome its diversity.

As parents to an active 5-year-old, the prospect of a community pool in our neighborhood, by Pioneer High School is tremendously appealing. Currently, we take our son to swim classes in Davis. It would be wonderful if we could take him to a Woodland pool, in our neighborhood. The pool would be an ideal place to meet your neighbors, where family members and children can come and mingle among each other and build a sense of community.

A local pool in the Spring Lake area would bring a lot of benefits to the neighborhood. It would provide health, social and recreational benefits. We respectfully request you do all you can to bring a community pool to the Spring Lake area.

Sincerely,

Tuan Nguyen and Fabiola Zuno

Please ensure that our following comments are included as part of the record and read aloud at the City Council Meeting on December 9th held to discuss the proposed sale of a portion of Rick Gonzales Park to the Woodland School District for the purpose of Expanding Spring Lake Elementary School.

City Council and School Board Members:

The proposed sale of a portion of Rick Gonzales Park to the Woodland School District for the purpose of Expanding Spring Lake Elementary School would directly impact us as close neighbors of the Spring Lake Elementary School, specifically:

- The school was not designed to accommodate substantially more students with regard to access and common facilities. Expansion will result in even more potentially dangerous traffic conditions on Mickle, Banks, Promenade and Somerset Circle;
- Taking out the existing lighting and the path would be a waste of money for infrastructure that we have already paid for and use regularly.
- Reducing the size of the park and elimination of future amenities would diminish its value as a neighborhood asset.

However, a more important concern is that any expansion of the school, with or without additional land acquisition, should be considered only as part of a long-range plan that considers feasible alternative solutions and identifies the most cost-effective alternative to meet the student population needs of the entire Spring Lake development area. Providing such a plan is a primary responsibility of the City and the District. Clearly, expanding Spring Lake Elementary alone will not meet these needs and will not satisfy the demands of some parents for a "neighborhood school". Acquisition of park land by the District and expansion of the school outside a comprehensive long-range plan would clearly be a band-aid approach and a misuse of very limited District funds. We urge that consideration of the sale of a portion of Rick Gonzales Park to the Woodland School District for the purpose of Expanding Spring Lake Elementary School be tabled and perhaps considered later only as part of one (or more) alternative solutions in a long-range planning effort.

Thank you for your consideration.

Robert and Toni Smith
2253 Somerset Circle

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Bob Smith

Ms. Vega/City Council Members,

I am writing in advance of this Thursday's Woodland Special City Council Meeting. I would ask that the following question be asked/addressed at this meeting and become part of the formal record of that meeting"

"The May 23, 2016 letter from Woodland Traffic Engineer Katie Wurzel to the WJUSD Board of Trustees raised several concerns about the layout, traffic, and safety implications of the (then) proposed Spring Lake Elementary school. Now that the school has been built, it would be very informative for the attendees at this Thursday's meeting to hear which of those concerns were:

1. addressed prior to the school being built
2. turned out to be unfounded once the school was built
3. proved to be valid and have since been addressed by the school district
4. have not been addressed to-date and still exist"

This concludes the specific question that I would like to be addressed during the meeting.

Additional Personal Comment:

I think the answer to the above question would go a long way to providing insights into both the city's and the school district's interest in truly incorporating community feedback into future planning regarding both Spring Lake Elementary and area parks. If the school district can demonstrate that it listened to and has addressed the concerns raised in the letter, then its credibility would be enhanced and the community may place more faith in what the school district is proposing going forward. On the other hand, if some concerns remain and were never addressed - and the City has let them remain unresolved - then the community will likely be more skeptical of any "reassurances" made by the school district or the City regarding either the impact of the proposed school expansion on the surrounding neighborhood or the impact of the proposed park expansions. Briefly stated, if some of the safety or logistical concerns raised by Katie in 2016 still exist, then adding more students (and thus traffic) to the school will only exacerbate those unaddressed concerns. So I think it would be beneficial for all to have someone address the concerns raised originally in Katie's 2016 letter.

Thank you for your consideration of this issue.

Best regards,
Barry Curtis
Spring Lake resident

Dear City of Council Members,

My name is Ron Poarch. I was recently at the meeting held at the Senior / Recreation Center concerning my neighborhood park - Rick Gonzalez Park.

First, a little background as to who I am. I am a lifelong Woodland resident, 59 years old. My family had a business on Main Street for 47 years (*Western Auto...Later Poarch Furniture*). I have been a local pastor in this community for the last 34 years (*Woodland Bible Church, Grace Reformation Church*). I have seen and experienced a lot in Woodland. I love this community.

In 2007, I moved with my family (wife, 3 kids) to the Spring Lake Community. It has been a wonderful neighborhood. I am now the grandfather of 5.

One of the MOST important aspects of this community life for me has occurred at Rick Gonzalez Sr. Park. I go there almost EVERY day to run 2.64 miles (6 laps on the .44 mile track). I can run there because of the forgiving decomposed granite track.

Depending on what exact time I go - I see a regular group of people who are there walking and visiting. It is where I met Anna, Phen, three John's, Jim, Linda, Nikki, Laurie, Harvey, Ernest, Mr. Oh, Elaine, Seve, Ron, Deana, Mae Yin, Robert, William, Charlton, Charmaine, Sandy, Claudia, Katie, Doug, Lisa, Benjamin, Irene, Jennifer, Barry - and I could go on. Those are just people I see when I'm running. There are more that I talk to that I don't know their names. I have so many stories like this.

Then, there is the people I've met when taking my granddaughter there on most Saturdays and some Sundays. It has become "our" place. I've never been so connected to a park and the people surrounding it in my life. It has become a staple in my life. The track offers a unique opportunity for us old guys to keep in shape. The outer concrete walkway gives unique opportunity for joggers / runners to interphase easily with the walkers. These people have become part of my life to varying degrees. Some have been in my home as guests - only because we met over and over at this wonderful meeting place. This kind of interaction does not happen at supermarkets or restaurants in the same way. We know we are in the same community and proximate to one another. The park is an important bridge. It is a part of life I don't want to lose!

I'm just one person. I know this is true for many others.

During Covid, this has been even more important for our community. When I infrequently miss a day or am out of town for a couple of days - people tell me they "have missed me". I tell them I've "missed them". This is like an extended family in many ways. Over time, it we become even closer. Recently, a man in the community was in the hospital. His wife knew that I talked to him and prayed for him. She came to the park on a motorized wheelchair (something she never does!) to find me and give me an update on her husband's condition. This just illustrates how this park is already part of the fabric of our lives in this community.

I am appealing to you all - as representatives here in Woodland - to please do all you can possibly do - to keep this park intact for this community. I've become aware of this in the last 2 months and it has deeply saddened me to think of losing this park. I feel a sense of desperation in this. My granddaughter and I already have a growing history there that I don't want to end. The other park in our neighborhood is NOT a walking or running park. It is not conducive to the kind of interactions that happen uniquely at Rick Gonzalez Sr. Park.

Dear members, I am willing to talk with any of you (and all of you) if you would like to hear more about the community life at Rick Gonzalez Sr. Park. Just email me and I'll gladly come and meet.

Thank you hearing me on this. I plan on being part of the meeting on this coming Thursday (Dec 9). This is important to a lot of us in this southeast portion of Woodland. Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of any help in giving further details.

Lastly, I want to give each of you permission to read this letter at the meeting if you think it would be helpful to give a real "feel" from someone who is part of this community near the park.

See you Thursday. Thank you once again for reading my thoughts.

Sincerely,

Ron Poarch

Mayra

You may have people contacting you about their children attending Spring Lake School
Ron has 180 signatures from your constituents that do not want our park land bought by the school

If the district can show a plan that obtaining this land will solve the problem of allowing all children in the “neighborhood” to attend Spring Lake school then people may buy into this plan of selling the land to the district

If not, the answer is a simple “NO”

I appreciate your devotion to serving your constituents

Best

Toni Smith

Dear Woodland City Council,

I am writing in response to a call for comments for Agenda Item E on the December 9th, 2021 Woodland Special City Council Meeting regarding the Rick Gonzales, Sr. Park Master Plan proposed transfer of a portion of park to the school district. I do hope to attend, but may not be able to due to work obligations. In any case, I would like my comment to be entered into the meeting record, and read out-loud by the clerk.

My name is Howard Chang and I live with my wife Lori on Miekle Avenue, across from the southwest corner of Rick Gonzales, Sr. Park. We are strongly opposed to the proposed transfer of a portion of the park to the school district.

We believe that losing the 2 acres of the park will do irreparable harm to the neighborhood. The path between Miekle Ave and Somerset Circle that would be destroyed is a well-planned boundary between the park and school. The symmetry it produces gives the neighborhood a sense of harmony and order.

It's also a place of gathering and connection. My family has utilized that portion of the park and path daily. We greet residents walking dogs, running, and enjoying the path at all times of the day. It was the park and path that provided a place to exercise and get out during the COVID-19 lockdowns. It pains us to envision a future with increased car traffic and noise (and a smaller public park) to replace the sense of community that binds the neighborhood together.

In addition, we are concerned that the plans to remove and relocate the path and install fencing and additional landscaping will obscure visibility of the site from the adjacent streets, inevitably leading to vandalism, security concerns, and a high probability that some future council will agree to close-off the site to the public, entirely.

Removing those 2 acres of the park also breaks trust with homeowners and residents like my wife and me. When we first considered purchasing our home on Miekle Ave in 2013, the future park was one of the main reasons we poured our life savings into it. Lennar showed us the City's plans, which we took on faith because funding had not yet materialized. We were told that our taxes would be used toward the park, and decided to invest in Woodland as our home and community because we felt the City would in turn give back to our family partly through Rick Gonzales Park.

When we heard the area of the park directly across the street from our home could become part of the school, with the possibility of a fence erected around the site, we felt dismayed and upset. We wondered why we went through the process of voting on park plans (including Rick Gonzales park), if the city is now subsequently changing those plans by transferring one-fifth of the park to the school district. We wondered if Woodland truly is the community and home that we thought and hoped it would be.

The well-being of the neighborhood and hard-built trust of residents are at stake.

For these reasons and more, as taxpayer owners and residents, we strongly oppose this transfer of land to the school district. We support moving forward with the plans to build out the park as promised and already paid-for by the neighborhood, and retaining city ownership and control of the site. We ask the City Council to do the same.

Regards,

Rev. Howard and Lori Chang
Homeowners and Residents
2120 Miekle Avenue

Dear Mayor Mayra Vega,

My name is Veronica and my family currently lives in the Spring Lake area. My husband and I work full time jobs. We have a 5-year-old daughter, Isabella, who attends school outside of Spring Lake as she was waitlisted for Spring Lake Elementary. Our daughter is currently attending Holy Rosary, a private school which we pay tuition for, a cost we would not have if our daughter would have been accepted into Spring Lake Elementary. She is currently #21 on the waitlist. Both of our neighbors share the same story as one sends their first grader to Woodland Christian and the other neighbor send their 4th grader to Holy Rosary; both neighbors could not get their kids into Spring Lake Elementary. Due to these experiences, we would be in support of the expansion of the Spring Lake Elementary. We find that the 2 acres in question would better benefit the community if it were utilized to expand Spring Lake Elementary. Please feel free to contact me for questions.

Veronica

Dear Mayor-

My name is Lisa Saucedo and I am a life-long member of the Woodland Community having been born at Woodland Memorial Hospital. I work at Dignity Health as the Executive Director of Operations and reside in the Spring Lake Community. As a mother of two children (one currently in elementary school and one raised to adulthood) and a grandmother of 2 year old, I have a vested interest in ensuring Spring Lake is properly resourced and provides an opportunity for all children in our community to attend school within Spring Lake.

With this in mind, I am aware of the proposal to sell 2 acres of Rick Gonzalez Park to the school district in order to allow for the expansion of Spring Lake Elementary and I'm writing to express my staunch support for this initiative. I and many others have been dismayed and inconvenienced with having to transport our children to schools in other communities because of Spring Lake's severely limited capacity for growth. As such, I implore you to seriously consider the district's proposal and lessen the burden for the many living in our community who've been forced to enroll their children in a school separate from the community in which they live.

Thank you for your time. If you need to speak with me, I may be reached at 530.277.6886.

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Lisa Saucedo

Good morning,

I'm writing in regards the expansion of Spring Lake Elementary that has been proposed into Rick Gonzalez Jr. Park. As mentioned already several times in previous meetings, I'm in complete opposition of this change.

With the incredible growth our community has have in the past decade, and the continuous growth that is expected in the next 10 years, it is clear that the school district and City of Woodland should be working on opening other elementary schools, and at least another middle school. It is absolutely absurd to think that the proposed plan of expansion into the park will take care of this issue. It is clear to the entire community that another elementary school is needed! This should be done in the tech park that is planned to get started in the next couple of years. SCHOOLS should be first thing to build.

Moreover, it is ridiculous that the city and school district best plan is to start tearing apart a park that was open only about 5 years ago!!!! What a waste of money and resources!! Moreover, it is clear to the entire Spring Lake Community that the Spring Lake Elementary school is already at capacity, and instead of planning on destroying the park, and pushing to the limit the already built infrastructure (library, cafeteria, etc are build the amount of students they have, NOT for more), they should be focusing efforts in moving a plan to achieve what they had proposed to the community in previous years. Items like tennis court, parking for the Rick Gonzalez park should be prioritized. That is why we are all paying the amount of taxes we are paying. Moreover, they should put some effort in taking care of the park we already have...

Finally, the school district should ensure that school teachers and other personnel are heard on all this issues as they know more than anybody else how the school is already at capacity.

I really hope that the elected leaders for City of Woodland and School District pay attention to their constituents.

Respectfully,

Esteban Soto

Hi Mayra,

I am a parent in the Springlake area and I wanted to express my interest in Springlake school getting for space to expand. I tried to get my kinder in last year and was on the waitlist. I will try again this next year. My house is just a few blocks from the school so it's extra frustrating. Please let's own if you need additional information.

Lucia Hutchison

Hon. Mayor Vega,

Please include my vote, as a property owner in Springlake, as being in favor of selling two acres to the WJUSD for the purpose of expanding the primary school, and making it available to families with young children in the neighborhood.

Best regards,
Mari Perla

To Woodland City Council:

My name is Tatiana Bonilla . I'm a Woodland resident that lives in the Spring Lake community. I'm writing in regards Rick Gonzales Sr. Park Master Plan. Please include the comments below as part of the public record for Item 1.E on the Special Council Agenda for 12/9/21.

My main concern is the possible school site expansion resulting from reduction of 2 acres of the park. This will not only impact the size of park but also the existing walking path, it will also result in an increase of traffic in an area that is not design for that. I will also like to advocate for the tennis courts that were supposed to be in that area and that the majority of residents vote in your survey and where told since the beginning of the Master Plan.

Springlake elementary was supposed to be a small school and even thought we know there is a need of a new school, I don't think that increasing the size of the school is the solution. First library, cafeteria and play areas are not designed to that amount of people if there is an increase. This type of situations are only delaying our kids to be able to enjoy of grass area in the school because of this continuing changes. A new school is needed but in the new a tech Park as it was proposed before. As well as a new Middle school.

The 2 acres that will be own by the school might get vandalized during night ours, which will result in closing those areas to the public. Which result in spring lake residents without any field as promised. Fields that we pay for and we are not getting any. No here not at Slaven Park.

I don't understand why the lack of planning on both parts should affect spring lake residents that already used the park. We have thousands of houses here and only two parks the other one is completely useless and small.

And one of my biggest concern is the traffic. Even with a small school we are getting a lot traffic during drop off and pick up. People drive like crazy on Miekle and Banks when they are late. Both streets are not made for a school of 800+ students.

Thank you for your time.

My name is Elizabeth Abdin, and I am a resident of Spring Lake and a local community physician. I support the expansion of Springlake elementary to allow more children to attend their local neighborhood school.

How many acres of park was required by the State for the Spring Lake development? How many acres were taken from our development for the sport complex at the senior center which are paid for by our Mello-Roos? We are already so under parked for a development of our size by the State standard why is the first choice to continue to steal for the parks that were required in the development?

I fully sympathize with the families that bought in Spring Lake and are unable to enroll there children in their neighborhood school. Why are children outside the neighborhood able to enroll before residents? All off the commuter traffic just adds to the impact of climate change, public health and childhood obesity. Children should be able to go to the closest school so they can walk or ride their bike.

The current plan for spring lake elementary seems to have plenty of space in its existing foot print to expand enrollment by aligning the sports fields in a more logical way. Comments have been made that they need to acres from the park to satisfy State requirements. This should be calculated and presented to the neighborhood to show justification of taking from our park system in order to not build a planed Elementary School

Rod Scheaffer

To Woodland City Council and Woodland Joint Unified School District:

I am a resident of nearby Spring Lake Elementary School. I have lived on Somerset Circle for 15 years and regularly walk around the peripheral path with my family and dogs. I appreciate the design and location of the existing path and lighting. I look forward to Woodland City Council completing the park as originally intended, using funds obtained from our neighborhood.

I do not wish to see any portion of the park fenced-off and off-limits to public use. I do not wish to see any portion of Rick Gonzales Park destroyed as a consequence of poor planning by the school district. I am concerned that the voices of over 180 petition signers are being minimized and our community wellbeing is not being actualized.

For example, the undisclosed expansion plans for Spring Lake Elementary will increase traffic for a neighborhood not designed for this. In addition, the proposed basketball and tennis court will increase parking demand, but there are no plans or solutions proposed to mitigate these foreseeable issues. Note that parking needs will increase as a result of the proposed basketball and tennis courts, as well as the expansion of the playfield - regardless of whether or not the school district is allowed to privatize a portion of the public park. The park plan from 2016 included a parking lot, and I ask the council to return to that plan.

I want to be unequivocally clear, I strongly oppose the expansion of Spring Lake Elementary into the adjacent park site. I am strongly opposed to the acquisition of any portion of the park by the adjacent school. The park belongs to the community. I look forward to continued transparency from Woodland City Council and Woodland Joint Unified School District regarding this topic.

Sincerely,

Veronica Lopez

Hello,

Please schedule a joint meeting with the district to get input from community members regarding changing the Rick Gonzalez master plan so that the district can expand Springlake elementary. There are many concerns about this idea/plan.

Thank you,
Randi Thornton

Dear Council members and Ken Hiatt,

My comments on the issues in this meeting are similar to those documented in the Supplemental Staff Report.

As has been seen in many communities in Yolo County and also on the campus of UCD, inadequate planning has led to many substandard 'temporary buildings'. These historically have become permanent buildings, adding many maintenance issues to each campus, in addition to being separate from and logistically not an organic part of the school campus.

Additionally I see many local residents with young children commenting on the social networks that they are not able to enroll them in their neighborhood school. As I was a resident of Davis for many years, I also became interested in what was going on with their enrollments. And learned that hundreds of inter-District transfers allow Woodland residents (meeting certain criteria) to enroll their children in Davis. Without these transfers it is likely that at least one Davis school would have had to close. It also highlights that Woodland is not providing enough school facilities and teachers for their own population.

So one of my concerns is the apparent lack of a comprehensive plan to accommodate the large increase in population, and consequent increase in school age children. This is exacerbated by the continuing substantial differential in housing prices between Davis and Woodland which pushes more young families at the start of their careers to Woodland, along with their growing families.

I have only been a resident in Spring Lake since 2018 but have noted the large undeveloped areas of Rick Gonzales Park, and it seems the plans to complete the amenities and features of that park have not been completed. I'm not convinced that a large sports complex on the western side of Hwy 113 truly meets the needs of the Spring Lake community, or that it complies with the spirit of park developments when these projects were originally proposed.

I hope that the Council continues to work with the School District to both meet the needs of the families newly established in Spring Lake, and those who have been here since each successive wave of development was completed.

Additionally I would like to see that commitments for recreation and park space promised in the original plan are delivered and completed.

Thanks!

Steve Burns

First, I am strongly opposed to turning over any part of Rick Gonzales park to the Woodland School District. The School District is YEARS behind the originally-announced schedule on building Spring Lake Elementary School, they built the school in a different configuration than the City of Woodland wanted for street access, they broke their own promises about a 1 year delay because of predictable problems they encountered in construction, and they seem to be ignoring that property was allocated for a second elementary school as part of the technology development. The school district needs to clean up its act and keep its promises before the City of Woodland contributes to the school district's delinquency. In the alternative the City of Woodland needs to refund the Mello-Roos amounts paid by Spring Lake residents for the park.

Second, I am concerned that the City of Woodland is ignoring the promises made by the City of Woodland with regard to placing a fire station in/near the area covered by the Spring Lake Specific Plan. Unlike another recent commentator, I reject the validity of using statistical probabilities as an excuse for fire department response delays that put lives and property of Spring Lake residents at risk. If the City of Woodland really does "not want a fourth fire station" (as the present city manager said in public a few years ago), the City Council should try to amend the fire station out of the Spring Lake Specific Plan and take the guff they will get from the community. Until that happens, a city official taking a public position against the Spring Lake Specific Plan should be disciplined or discharged on the spot.

The City of Woodland has made promises and needs to keep its promises.

Marvin Schurke

> Hi Mayra,
> I am emailing you to let you know that my family and I support the expansion of Spring Lake elementary. I know this means that the Rick Gonzalez park will decrease by 2 acres, however, I believe the benefits of the expansion far outweigh the decreased size of the park.
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> We have lived in the Spring Lake community for 4 years and the main reason we moved from Vacaville to the Spring Lake community was because of the close proximity of the Elementary school. I have heard this same sentiment from other families moving to our area. However the reality is that not all of our children are guaranteed a spot at the school because of the small size. The elementary school needs to expand and accommodate the growing population.
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> I have heard horror stories of families who live within blocks of Spring Lake but who have to drive to Tafoya because there was not enough room for their child at Spring Lake...even though these families pay Mello Roos to support our school. I fear that this will cause families to move to other areas.
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> This is unacceptable. Please help us expand our elementary school.
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> Thank you,
>
> Robyn DiRuzza

Hello!

My name is Jenna Dougherty, and I live at 2617 Somerset Cir. in Spring Lake. I approve this statement to be read aloud by my council member representative, Myra Vega.

Although I am extremely in favor of exploring more schools here in Spring Lake, I am ADAMANTLY against the expansion of Spring Lake Elementary, and taking any park land from Rick Gonzalez Sr. Park. The Council should rescind their offer of sale, and finish the park as part of the whole Spring Lake parks project.

This school and site and existing facilities are NOT meant to accommodate further expansion, and it should not come out of our park land.

A note on the parks--we have an estimated 1/5th of all residents, complete the building of the tennis courts, and basketball courts for our residents as promised. Do not take any more of our desperately needed park lands. On average the lot sizes in Spring Lake are much smaller than the average lot in West Woodland, meaning that we NEED those green spaces and sports courts more than anything else! Give us our tennis courts and basketball courts (see attached SLSP outline of 2 tennis courts, 2 basketball courts, and 44 acres ON TOP of the sports park....what happened to this plan?!))

Also, as a note on the school district and City Council's decision making in the past---please understand why we find ourselves in this position: Short Sighted bandaids to cover bad decisions by past Council and school board members.

Please do not continue making the same mistakes. Stop, regroup, properly evaluate the actual needs of this dynamic community, and serve it with proper, well thought out plans for our future. Go back to the original plan and work on THAT! That was the plan that the residents voted on and completely, albeit naively, trusted our City Council and School Board to work diligently to provide.

The current population of Spring Lake is growing every second. All of the growth in Woodland over the past 3 decades has been on the East side of 113, And all major growth of this City will continue to be here on the East side.

Spring Lake has 1/5th-1/4th of the entire population of Woodland (approx 12-14,000 SL residents to Woodlands 59,000 residents) with even more to come.

There are 10 Elementary schools in the rest of Woodland (Beamer, Dingle, Freeman, Gibson, Plainfield, Tafoya, Maxwell, Whitehead, Zamora and Prairie) and yet where ALL of the current and future growth is, especially for young families, we do not even have one FULL school. That doesn't mean try to squish all of the kids into that one school site, making an exceptionally poor environment for students, teachers and neighbors, it means BUILD more schools IN Spring Lake!

In the original plans set forth and approved by the voters and City Council over 20 years ago, there were 5 elementary schools and 1 large, full functioning Middle School (desperately needed now!), for the original 4000 homes. We are currently adding more homes over here, and about to add an additional 1300 homes, bringing Spring Lake's population to more than 1/4th of the entire City. We need proper, full-functioning schools, in our neighborhood, so our children can walk

and bike to school. You are endangering our children, and have been for the past two decades, forcing them to walk and bike over a freeway.

Give us the Parks, and schools promised in the original Spring Lake plans. Those are what we all agreed on was necessary for this neighborhood's development, and our City Council and School Board has continually degraded those plans, making this neighborhood unrecognizable to the original, well thought out plans--see photo of original plan, that has an elementary school in each of the sectioned neighborhoods, the stated goals of the SL neighborhood, and park allocation. Where is our 44 acres (that is outside of the sports park), where are our tennis courts, where are our basketball courts, where are our schools that are supposed to be within 1/2 mile??

Thank you,
JENNA

Hello, I am a springlake resident and unfortunately cannot attend the zoom meeting tonight. My understanding is that this meeting is to discuss the Rick Gonzales Sr Park Master Plan which would allow the District to pursue expansion of the Spring Lake Elementary (SLE) campus into the park. It is completely distressing to me that the District has NOT done any public outreach to SLE Staff, parents, or the surrounding community. This special council meeting was supposed to have been preceded by a joint meeting between the City and the District with the community but that has not occurred.

I feel strongly that the District and City need to set up a joint meeting for the community to discuss our concerns and interests before any decisions are made.

Thank you,
Margaret Faye

I am very disappointed in your actions that will take part of our Park away and sell it to Spring Lake Elementary. I know that this school site already has more area than any other school in the District.

I met you at an informal neighborhood get together on Russel Circle before the election of district reps. You assured all of us that your interest was in keeping the neighborhood up to standards as far as landscaping in the immediate area and the Park Grounds.

I have talked to several of my neighbors about if any improvements have taken place. Other than my conversations via email or phone with Westley Schroeder, it appears nothing has changed. I even got in touch with the Superintendent of Woodland School district about the lack of keeping the school parking strips on Banks and Meikle up. He didn't seem interested. Now you want to sell part of our Park and use the money for the Sports Park on the the other side of Hwy 113, and allow the school district to have more land that they will let become full of weeds, etc.. which is blight for the immediate neighborhood.

I can honestly say that I feel you have ignored the concerns we discussed with you. We were promised by the city to build a parking lot for the park to accommodate the cars and families that come from all over Woodland to enjoy the park. It is dangerous trying to park on Miekle and unload children on the street parking...Last week alone I counted over 20 cars parked along Miekle as vehicles sped down the street. Someone is going to get hurt or even killed because of speeding cars. Of course that is another problem entirely.

Needless to say, you will not get another vote from me or my neighbors in the next election. We are terribly disappointed with your lack of performance.

I would like this read tonight on your Zoom meeting,
Don and Rhonda Weltz

Good afternoon,

I am reaching out as a Springlake resident and parent of school age children. As today will be a special session held to discuss the possible expansion of Springlake school, I wanted to write this message to ensure the children of our community are heard.

Our family moved to the area four years ago. Most recently our eldest daughter became eligible to attend Springlake Elementary which was a huge selling point when moving to the area. Unfortunately we were met with distaste learning that the promising idea that my tax dollars as a resident of Springlake would get us priority, in reality is just a lottery ticket. One of which is given to any other family wishing for their child to also attend Springlake Elementary.

Currently the Rick Gonzalez Sr. park adjacent to the school has yet to be completed. Springlake Elementary has also yet to be completed and there is no additional space for them on campus. I would support the decision to proactively hold the open park space to be potentially used for the expansion of Springlake Elementary. There needs to be a thorough process and evaluation for future plans, but would object to the park being fully built/completed without first considering the educational needs of the school-aged residents of Springlake neighborhood.

Thank you,
Marjorie Villa

Dear Woodland City Council Members,

As a resident on Somerset Circle in the Springlake subdivision, my husband and I are strongly opposed to any sale of Rick Gonzalez Park to the Woodland School District. We have been residents in this community since 2015 and we built our house in this area specifically for the fact that a large park would remain adjacent to our subdivision, and would be a public park for all Springlake and Woodland residents.

We were delighted when it was finally completed after several years of waiting, and are proudly supporting it's continuation as it currently is designed for. While the plans of the new elementary school shifted quite a bit in relation to parking and egress for the students, Banks Drive can barely handle the traffic during pickup and dropoff, and Meikle Avenue is not adequately designed to carry that initial traffic burden that has now shifted to the street facing homes on Banks Drive.

I just witnessed the construction and completion of the annex building to the elementary school, and while pleasant enough, I cannot fathom how this neighborhood can sustain the sprawl with a larger expansion of the school. It will lead to a much larger presence of traffic, noise and pollution, not to mention the safety aspect of children darting in and out of traffic, in a section that was not designed for a school of this size.

I recommend that you look at something more comprehensive that has a better location that will serve more of the residents positively, versus taking away from a park that is highly utilized and adds value to all of the citizens; even those without young children. Please do not sell any portion of the park to the school district.

Sincerely,

Greg Gibbs & Emilio Bejel

Submitted by Zak Vera:

There are many retired and disabled folks, including myself, living on Banks Dr. and the long lines of cars picking up children is obstructing driveways and choking the atmosphere. Doubling the size of enrollment from present levels would be sinful for the above reasons, and perhaps illegal.

I wrote the following petition (modified) to the City officials at the meeting of 11/22/2021 which incidentally turned out to be a sham blocking and tackling the attendee neighbors instead of answering questions truthfully.

SPRING LAKE SCHOOL EXPANSION INTO RICK GONZALEZ PARK.

WILL RIP UP THE CONCRETE PARK WALKING TRAIL MINIMIZE PARK SPACE

The Spring Lake School, on 10 ACRES is an excellent institution. It is open to all of Woodland District students. Parents could pull children from other schools and enroll them at Spring Lake.

Cars are backed up on Banks Drive, Mickle, Marston and Promenade spewing dangerous exhaust and clogging the neighborhood even now—2 times a day.

The City has plans for 1600 new homes in Technology Park—350 acres between Rt. 113 and Lorenzo Dr. This could add 200 to 400 more students to Spring Lake Elementary.

The semi-country living style, clean air, **views of hills and horizon and fields** we like, will be deeply affected. The elderly and walkers will suffer.

The kids in the school may suffer the most. A very large number of students in close quarters will be vulnerable to spread of Covid, Influenza and other Viral diseases.
Pollution by a large number of backed up slow-moving vehicles spewing exhaust, carbon monoxide, in a small space will affect their tender lungs with increased risk of sore throat, cough, allergies, bronchitis and asthma.

The Woodland Joint Unified School District (WJUSD) is discussing the option of building a new school in Technology Park at their next closed meeting on Wednesday 11/10/2021 from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Please request the School Board to build a new school at Technology Park and not overload and overbuild Spring Lake elementary.

Call 530-406-5800 (voice mail) or write to: public.comments@WJUSD.org

I request that the above be read out at the Council meeting of 12/9/2021

Mr. Ron Oerter wrote the following summary of the meeting

Subject: Results of 11/22 Meeting with Mayra (and upcoming council meeting on 12/9)

Just wanted to provide an update regarding the meeting that our council person Mayra Vega hosted at the Senior/Community Center on 11/22. Other city attendees included city manager Ken Hiatt and Kimberly McKinney, Director of Administrative Services.

Approximately 11 community members (neighbors) attended. The primary topic that was discussed was the proposed school district takeover of a portion of Rick Gonzalez Park. Of the 9 community members, 9 were opposed to the proposal, and/or made comments disparaging the process.

Ken Hiatt referred to "state standards" regarding the school district's proposal to acquire a portion of Rick Gonzalez park. I asked what those standards are, and noted that the school district has not been able to provide such standards when asked. Ken had no response to that. Ken said that the "special" council meeting scheduled for December 9th will focus on Rick Gonzalez park, and will also address the Sports Park and pool that the city is pursuing on the school district's 20-acre site, south of Pioneer High. Ken said that the city has an option to lease 2.5 acres of that 20-acre site, for a pool. In response to my question, Ken said that the school district claims that this will not compromise the ability to build a school (such as a K-8) on the remainder of that site.

Ken said that any money that the city receives from a potential sale of a portion of Rick Gonzalez park (along with any savings realized) can be used at either the Sports Park (adjacent to the Senior/Community Center), or at the planned pool on the district's 20-acre site (adjacent to Pioneer High).

(Someone else had previously stated to me that the pool would likely be used primarily by the high school, and perhaps by any junior high or K-8 planned for that site.)

One of the neighbors asked if any overall plan has been presented by the school district, in regard to meeting its own needs as it relates to enrollment at Spring Lake (or for enrollment for the city as a whole). Ken was unaware of any such plan, but made a comment regarding declining enrollment (overall). (Something to that effect.) Ken did say that the tentative plan at Spring Lake Elementary was to add another class at each grade level. (No discussion occurred regarding whether or not the school would remain open to city-wide enrollments.)

A couple of neighbors asked why the city and school district are solely focused on the (approximately) 2 acres that the district and city want to take from Rick Gonzalez Park, given that there is no plan regarding the overall needs of the district, nor has there been any discussion regarding other sites (such as the site at the technology park, or at the 20-acre site that the district already owns). Neighbors also asked why the city is the entity making the presentation, given that the school district is the one initiating the "request" of the neighborhood in regard to the compromise of Rick Gonzalez park. Ken acknowledged these comments, and noted that he would also like to see a city-wide "plan" from the school district. I asked if a CFD could be established at the technology park site, thereby providing the school district with funds "up front" to build another school. Ken said that financing another school is something that the school district is responsible for. (No discussion occurred regarding the potential impact regarding funding of another school, if the district uses funds to expand Spring Lake Elementary, instead.) (Note that 1,600 additional homes are planned within the technology park.)

One neighbor specifically asked what the "city's interest" is, in regard to the school district's request, especially since the city had already-completed its outreach process to complete

landscaping at the Rick Gonzalez and other neighborhood parks. Mayra then said that she has heard from parents who cannot get their kids into that school. Another neighbor then interjected, stating that it "sounds like they need another school". (Mayra had no response to that.)

A neighbor (who lives on Banks, near the school) noted that cars are already-lining up to drop off kids at current enrollment levels. (The actual number of current enrollments was not discussed.)

Another neighbor brought up security concerns, regarding after-hours public access to the portion of the park that the district wants for its own use. The neighbor noted that safety concerns consistently override the right of public access, particularly when it comes to elementary schools. And that this will inevitably lead to further restrictions (or elimination) of public access. Perhaps surprisingly, Ken largely agreed with this assessment.

I noted that the existing path provides a clear, wide, and lit "dividing line" between the park and school district land, which would not be the case if the path is destroyed and relocated. In such a case, "publicly-accessible" land would be located on both sides of the path, after-hours. I also noted that the "replacement path" (and lighting) may not be of the same quality/design as the original (that the district would then destroy). (This destruction would include the path, lighting, landscaping, irrigation and drainage around the path.)

Some neighbors noted that they use the existing, (nearly half-mile) decomposed granite peripheral path for jogging/exercise, and that there is no other amenity like it in the neighborhood. One neighbor noted that decomposed granite is less-impactful to run on, and knew of someone who was recovering from knee (replacement?) surgery who uses it. Other comments (from several neighbors) noted the large number of people who already use the park and path (even more so on nice weekends), and the negative impact that shortening the path (and compromising the park) would have on these users. Ken acknowledged that a lot of people do use the park and path.

Ken claimed that the council has not arrived at a conclusion regarding the proposal. I then immediately noted that all of my communications with the council and district have indicated that both entities STRONGLY support the proposal. I then brought up the comment from council member Lansburgh, in which he literally stated (during the October 19th council meeting) that Rick Gonzalez would be "rolling over in his grave" regarding the effort to save the park that the neighborhood already paid for. (Tom Stallard also downplayed concerns, at that meeting.) I noted that I had received similar comments regarding support of the potential transfer from the school board (at least, from the president of the board who responded to me).

I then noted that the city is setting-out to create an unnecessary conflict between neighbors, as they did last time (when they provided the neighborhood with a "choice" between having Rick Gonzalez park fully-landscaped, vs. acquiring the full 10-acre site - as required in the Spring Lake Specific Plan). I (and some other neighbors) noted that many parents who already have kids in the school don't like the plan, either - since the shared/common facilities (such as the new multi-

purpose room, teacher lounge, etc.) are not set-up for a significant increase in enrollment.

Near the end of the meeting, Mayra stated that a compromise won't make everyone happy.

(My impression of Mayra's position is that she continues to strongly support the transfer of a portion of Rick Gonzalez to the school district.)

After the meeting, a neighbor showed me and Ken Hiatt that the "Sports Park" was originally planned to be on the east side of Highway 113 (where the bulk of the neighborhood is located), and was smaller/more neighborhood-focused. And that there were originally 5 schools (and adjacent neighborhood parks) planned for the neighborhood. (The original, 2001 plan is still available on the city's website.)

I subsequently learned that the sports park was "relocated" to the west side of Highway 113 in 2004, and combined into the larger "community/sports" park (which I believe is also rented-out to sports teams), adjacent to the Senior/Community Center. Spring Lake's "neighborhood park allocation" currently consists of approximately 28 acres within this large sports park, rising to 38 acres upon completion of the Spring Lake development. According to the city's position, this "allocation" of neighborhood park space (within the Sports Park) is what allows the city to transfer a portion of Rick Gonzalez park to the school district, and also allows the city to charge the neighborhood fees to maintain landscaping and lighting costs in the Sports Park, indefinitely. Spring Lake is the only neighborhood subject to those ongoing fees.

This same type of arrangement is also what allows the city to use funds from the sale of Rick Gonzalez Park to fund further improvements at the Sports Park, or at a pool that would most-likely be primarily used by the school district.

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To leave a member of the City Council a message, please fill out this form.

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Comments	Please read this letter at the meeting of December 9, 2021: To The Woodland City Council: We adamantly oppose the selling of a portion of Rick Gonzales Park to the Woodland School District in order to increase the size of Spring Lake Elementary School. No one will be well-served in reducing the park size and expanding the school. Spring Lake Elementary is a tiny school situated on small streets, too small to deal with the thousands of new homes and apartments in Spring Lake. The City of Woodland's own traffic study in 2016 advised the school district to choose another site to build Spring Lake Elementary due to the inadequate traffic capacity of the neighborhood streets. The proposed expansion of Spring Lake Elementary will only make the traffic problems worse for the parents of students and the local residents. Increasing the school size and increasing traffic on Banks Drive and Meikle Avenue will undoubtedly force traffic to Somerset Circle for student drop-offs and pick-ups. Rick Gonzales Park is a valued recreation facility in a peaceful neighborhood. The park and sidewalks are well used by ourselves and local residents. Reduction of the park size and elimination of the sidewalk on the south side will negatively impact the quality of life for our neighborhood. Through our fees and taxes, we feel that we have paid for the park as it was planned. Millions of our property tax dollars have already been spent building Rick Gonzales Park, and it is

unacceptable for the school district to propose to destroy parts of the park infrastructure in order to accommodate an expansion of Spring Lake Elementary School.

We urge the City to not sell a portion of Rick Gonzales Park to the Woodland School District. The school district must rationally plan and build an adequately sized and accessed school in a location that is better suited to the anticipated number of students, staff, and local residents.

Respectfully,

Jon and Joyce Hamaguchi

To Woodland City Council:

Please include the comments below as part of the public record for Item 1.E on the Special Council Agenda for 12/9/21. **I will read these comments (or something similar) out-loud, personally. I will either leave a voice message, or "raise my hand" during the Zoom meeting, to do so.**

I am also (separately) including my OTHER emailed comments (below) in regard to the restricting public comment as a result of combining several issues into one agenda item, as well as concerns regarding the commenting instructions. *The combining of several issues into one agenda item is particularly-concerning*, given that funding from one source (such as the potential sale of the park) may be tied to funding of other sources (such as plans for the Sports park and/or the city pool proposed for school district land).

In addition, the proposed expansion of the school is actually a separate, but directly-related item, itself. And one in which the neighborhood will have no say.

I will refer to the attachments during my 3-minute commenting period.

Here are some of the notes for myself, which I will refer to make my own verbal comments:

To Woodland City Council:

The council is limiting public input by combining several issues on the Agenda into one item. Therefore, I will limit my comments to the issue that is most-important to me.

I am strongly-opposed to the proposal to transfer a portion of Rick Gonzales park to the school district. Other than the land grab itself, no plans whatsoever have been presented by the school district, nor has there been any justification for it - other than vague references to "state requirements" from the city manager. As such, the city has no reason to even consider the proposal. Schoolchildren (accompanied by staff) already use the landscaped portion of the park as a playfield, for team sports. As they do at other schools.

A proposed expansion of Spring Lake Elementary is a separate, but directly-related issue. However, the land grab itself is what would enable an undefined expansion - and one in which the neighborhood would subsequently have no say whatsoever. Even the city would not be able to control what the school district subsequently pursues, as documented in the 2016 letter from the city regarding traffic flow concerns as a result of the design that the district selected. These unresolved problems would be exacerbated if the school is expanded.

Even if the school were to increase its enrollment and infrastructure, there is no justification to take the park site. Spring Lake Elementary already has the most acreage/land of any elementary school in Woodland, and was originally-planned to house 860 students (more than double the currently-planned enrollment) on its OWN LAND.

I have submitted 184 signatures gathered in-person (see attachment), explicitly opposing the proposal - and could easily get more. Many more still do not know of the drastic changes being proposed.

The proposal would result in the destruction of the existing, curved peripheral path, along with the adjacent lighting, landscaping, irrigation and drainage that the neighborhood paid for. The site would then be fenced-off from public use. There are no assurances that a shortened replacement path (in a compromised park) would be of the same quality or design.

Any "after-hours" public use is likely to be eliminated by a future council due to resulting security concerns, vandalism and maintenance of the site - especially for an elementary school. The site itself would be visually-obscured by fencing and additional landscaping on the adjacent streets, and the path would no longer function as a wide, well-lighted and visible boundary between public vs. school district land. Many have acknowledged the possible closure of the site to the public by a future council, including the city manager - despite any reassurances from current council members who clearly support the proposal.

The existing peripheral path is well-used by joggers, walkers, and others for exercise - including those who are disabled. The decomposed granite path provides a forgiving surface for runners, and there is no other amenity like it in the neighborhood. Shortening and compromising this perimeter path would have a significant impact on these park users, as would reducing the size of the park, itself.

This is actually the council's second attempt to short-change the neighborhood regarding the size of the park. And just like the last time, council members have clearly indicated their

preferences up-front, while simultaneously encouraging conflict between neighbors via the "choices" presented. Meanwhile, the school district remains silent, and does not respond to even the most basic of questions.

Many parents have concerns regarding the proposed design, since the common areas of the school are not sized to accommodate a significant expansion of enrollment. It was designed and constructed to accommodate approximately 420 students. Another school is needed at either the technology park, or on the site that the district already owns adjacent to Pioneer High school.

The council has already sought and received (updated) public input earlier this year regarding the park, and proposed a final design as a result. Please stop asking the public for repetitive input (especially for such a severe and unexpected change in plans), and implement the plan that was already agreed to, established, and funded by the neighborhood. Residents have already been waiting for six years since the "compromise" plan was initially established to landscape the park when funds became available from the neighborhood. As it is, the city is already proposing to eliminate the parking lot that was agreed-to, in 2016.

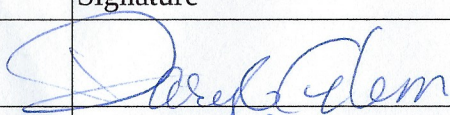
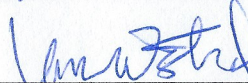
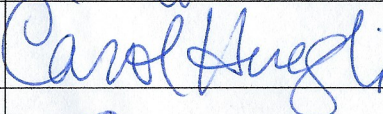
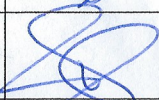
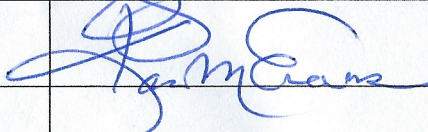
At what point does the council simply move forward with what it promised?

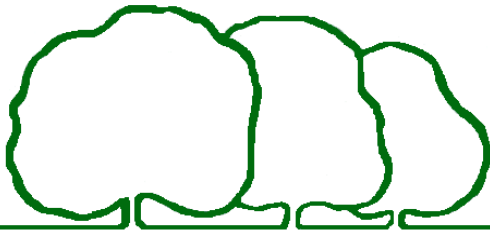
Sincerely,
Ron Oertel

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In response to the school district's proposal to acquire a portion of Rick Gonzalez Park for their own use, we request that the city retain ownership of the entire Rick Gonzalez park site and retain the existing peripheral access paths and lighting that Spring Lake residents have already paid for, for public use.

We ask the city to cease from entering into negotiations to sell the land to the school district, and proceed with the already-established (and funded) plans to landscape the park based upon the city's recently completed outreach effort.

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May 23, 2016

Via Electronic Mail
Board of Trustees
Woodland Joint Unified School District
435 Sixth Street
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Dear WJUSD Board of Trustees,

On the May 23, 2016 Special Board Meeting agenda, item E.1.a. is a review of the plans for the new elementary school in the Spring Lake Area of Woodland. The City wishes to express our continued concerns about the currently proposed site plan and the negative traffic impacts we believe it will have to the neighborhood adjacent to it.

On March 10, 2016, the City was notified that the site plan had been completed and was going that evening to the Board for approval. As we were not included in the site design process until after the Facilities Committee selected their preferred plan, we have reached out to District staff to voice our concerns which are outlined below:

1. Primary access to the school being placed on Banks Drive.
 - a. Banks is a local road, not designed to be the primary school access. It has homes fronting the street with driveways every ~50 feet which are a point of pedestrian/vehicle conflict.
 - b. There will be future conflict between residents and the school site similar to Tafoya.
 - c. Meikle was intentionally built without homes fronting the school site to provide a large uninterrupted area for drop-off and parking to wait during pick-up.
 - d. Primary access on Banks will encourage people to use Promenade Drive as a major access way which Promenade was not designed for.
2. Queueing onto public streets.
 - a. The original design of the Meikle Avenue drop-off had the main school access at the south end near the administration building. Parents tend to want to drop their children as close to school access points as possible meaning parents will stop at the south end of the drop-off near the main office. This will not take full advantage of the drop-off area and will cause queueing onto Meikle Avenue.
 - b. Queueing will result in a less efficient roadway, thus further encouraging drivers to use Promenade as a major access point.
3. Mixing buses and passenger vehicles.
 - a. The design proposed to have both buses and passenger vehicles in the Banks Drive drop-off. This is a design that does not work efficiently for busing. Almost every school site in Woodland that has this design, has since forced parents or buses off the site during drop-off/pick-up.

4. Bicycle access to the school.
 - a. The school design does not provide positive, meaningful connections to existing surrounding bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure. Without good infrastructure connections, parents are less likely to allow students to bike or walk to the school further exacerbating traffic congestion.
 - b. Proposed bike parking is minimal and near the school office causing bikers to travel through the pedestrian drop-off areas, adding conflicts and further discouraging bicycle use.

In response to our concerns, District staff, the school site committee and architects met with the City on three occasions. During these meetings, the City conveyed our concerns and the basis for our concerns, and we provided ideas and concepts for alternative designs that would allow the project to stay on schedule and budget with site adjustments that would alleviate some of our concerns.

The three site plans provided in the Board packet as Options A-C for your review are what the architect has put forth as a response to the City's concerns. While minor modifications have been proposed, none address the City's concerns in a meaningful way. However it was explained to us that unless the district directed the architects otherwise, they were not going to redesign the site to address off-site traffic impacts.

We recognize that budget and schedule constraints are driving this project, however we remain concerned that the District is designing a school with circulation deficiencies that the City and the District will be faced with managing for the life of the school. In light of the fact that the District is likely to proceed with the current design of the school site, the City would ask that the Board take decisive action and direct District staff to do the following:

1. Create a site access and traffic management plan in consultation with the City, to be approved by the board and circulated to all residents in the affected areas along Meikle, Banks, Somerset and Promenade prior to site construction.
2. Continually update and maintain the traffic plan in consultation with the City, and include the affected residents in any discussions regarding changes to the plan.
3. Distribute the site access and traffic plan to parents before the start of school every school year with the goal of educating parents transitioning between schools and repeatedly reminding the returning parents to help improve compliance.
4. Within traffic plan, designate and enforce drop-off points that are appropriate to the drop-off area to minimize off-site queuing (north side of the kindergarten building for the Meikle drop-off and the west side near the administration building for the Banks drop-off).
5. Construct a bike path connection to the greenbelt network and provide secure, fenced and covered bike parking outside the major drop-off areas to minimize bike riders in pedestrian areas.
6. Commit to staggering school start and end times to minimize traffic impacts and congestion within the neighborhood.
7. If the proposed mix of bus and passenger vehicles is problematic, commit to considering the school bus stop being located at the south east corner of Banks and Meikle where students can alight to a pedestrian only area near the administration building rather than restricting passenger vehicles from the site.

The City has always partnered with the District to work toward improving school access and student safety. Through this partnership, the City's Traffic Engineering Division has become very familiar with the struggles and successes that the different school sites have seen over the past decade. As we intend to stay engaged in the active process of improving safety, we have a sincere interest in building the best project possible.

The City sincerely appreciates the Board review and consideration of our concerns as decisions are made toward finalizing the Spring Lake School site. We look forward to continued collaboration toward making our schools and neighborhoods safer.

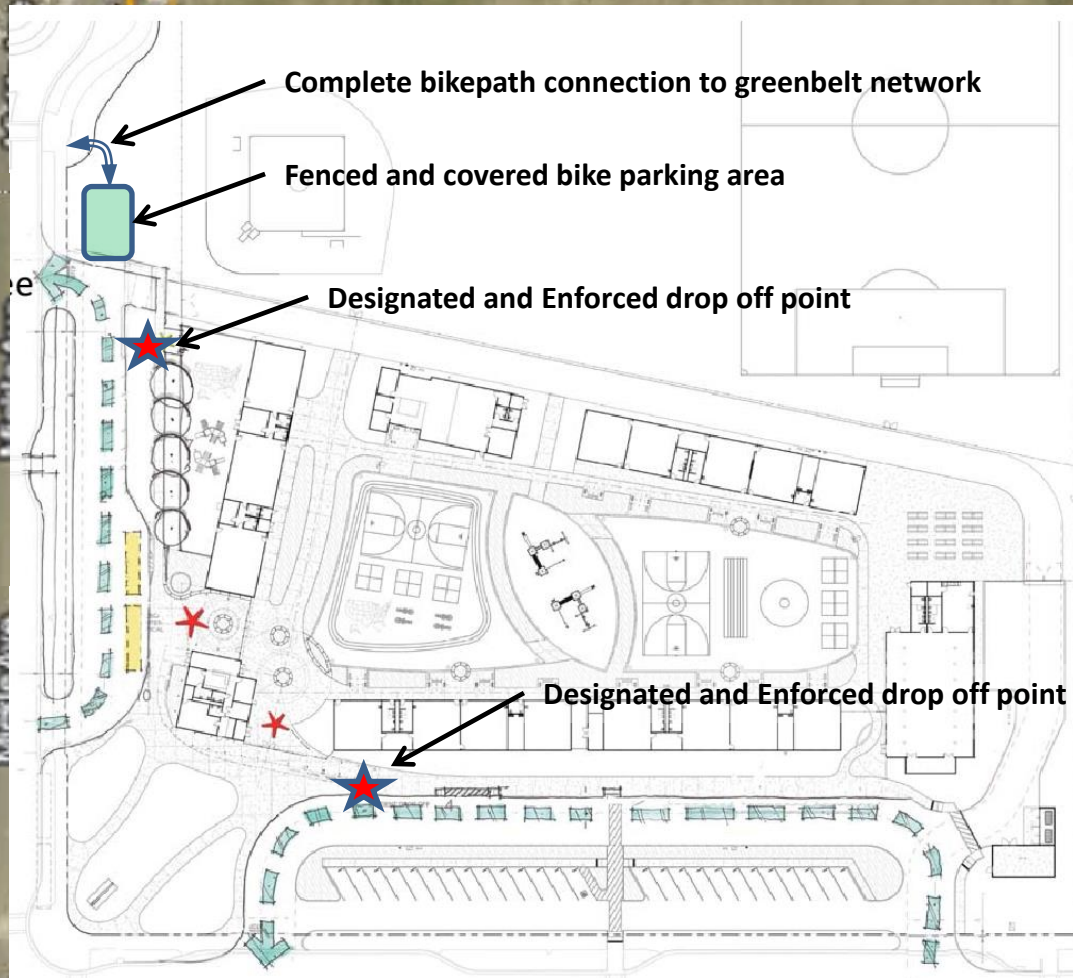
Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Katie Wurzel', with a stylized, flowing script.

Katie Wurzel, P.E., T.E.
Traffic Engineer
City of Woodland

Cc: City of Woodland City Council
Paul Navazio, City Manager

Attachments: annotated site map



Hello

I'd like to submit the following comment for tonight's meeting:

Any developer fees or taxes collected by residents of the Spring Lake community should only be used for projects within our community such as completing parks, adding parks, and to the development of the proposed pool that is within our community. Taking those funds for the develop of the Sports Park needs to cease as that is not a Spring Lake community park as it's not in our community. None of the funds should be used for anything West of 113 nor North of Gibson Road. The parks in Spring Lake needs to be completed as per the original plan, such as the park at Parkland and Pioneer Rd.

Additional comment:

"Do not expand Spring Lake Elementary. I do not support it. Complete Rick G park as originally planned and expand Spring Lake Elementary within it's current lot size. The district needs to procure an additional site for further school expansions such as for a Middle School or a home school for the community"

Agenda Item:
Sport Park

Comment:

All of the city should contribute to the development of the sports park, not just new development. If only CFDs are being used for the sports park, then those that contribute to the CFD should receive specials benefits for the park such as exclusive access, discounted fee for rental, etc. It's not fair that only a part of the Woodland is paying for such a large complex that is used by the entire city.

Nathan Benedicto

Thank you,

Nathan Benedicto

To: Woodland City Council and Woodland Joint Unified School District

My family and I moved into the Spring Lake neighborhood, on Somerset Circle, just 2 weeks ago! I have 4 young children and would LOVE to see them walk or bike to school. I would LOVE a neighborhood school down the street from us. I currently drive 12 and 13 minutes respectively to schools in opposite directions! I don't love that. But taking a portion of the park which people of all ages need to expand a school that was not meant to be larger is short-sighted. Please move forward with the landscaping plans that were already established and paid for, by the neighborhood. Please build another school(s) in the area. This will not only encourage families to live here long term but will create desire to live here and help this community blossom.

Alexandra & Cameron Fitchener

Submitted by Kim Relph-Smith:

We moved to SL because the school that was being built was to be small, intimate, bi-lingual and STEAM-focused. We waited a number of years for the school to be built and we were excited when we could eventually be part of the SLE community. We didn't and don't want to attend a Tofoya-sized school. We are vehemently opposed to the expansion of the school and the corresponding loss of acreage in our beautiful park - another amenity and reason we purchased our home here instead of Davis.



PROPOSED AMENITIES

- TENNIS COURT (WITH PICKLE BALL COURT LINES)
- LANDSCAPING OF SWALE ALONG SOMERSET CIRCLE

EXISTING AMENITIES

- YOUTH SOCCER FIELD
- (2-5, 5-12 AGE) PLAY STRUCTURES
- GROUP PICNIC AREA
- WALKING PATH
- MULTI-USE FIELD
- INFORMAL BALLFIELD
- RESTROOM
- NATURE PLAY AREA
- FITNESS STATIONS



RICK GONZALES SR. PARK PROPOSED AMENITIES



9/20/2021