



**Via Email Only**

February 21, 2017

**Meeting Summary**

**Garfield Park Master Plan**

**RE: Open House**

Date: January 26, 2017

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

<b>Attendees:</b>	<b>City of Napa (City):</b>	John Coates, Parks and Recreation Director Brent Reed, Management Analyst II Dave Perazzo, Parks, Trees, & Facilities Manager Katrina Gregory, Recreation Manager John Ferons, Senior Civil Engineer, Public Works
	<b>Callander Associates (CA):</b>	Ben Woodside Melissa Ruth Brenna Castro

This Open House was the first community meeting for the Garfield Park Master Plan and was held to solicit input from park users, neighbors, stakeholders, and the Napa community. This input will help guide the Master Plan, which will provide an updated vision and clear direction for future development of the park. The Open House had great attendance with over 75 participants signed in to represent a variety of site users and groups in the Napa community.

The Open House included a brief presentation summarizing the goals and history of the project, which will be explored in further depth at the next Community Workshop. After this presentation, attendees had the opportunity to provide input at various stations:

- Understanding the site - Plans and graphics showing context and connections, site opportunities, and information about the proposed extension of Sierra Ave to Villa Lane
- Programming - a program board with idea images of potential new amenities to gather input
- Park planning and design exercise - participants explored various design options for the park with to-scale site plan and templates representing potential amenities

Input received during the Open House is summarized below and grouped by general topic:

**Road Connection and Traffic**

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1. Concerns were expressed by many attendees about the proposed extension of Sierra Ave to Villa Lane, which is a separate project that is run by the City of Napa Public Works Department. Comments concerning this project include:

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- Traffic on Villa Lane and Sierra Ave will increase.
  - Road connection will take up park space.
  - Desire for on-street parking on road extension.
  - Opposed to road extension.
  - Extending Trower to Big Ranch would be preferred.
  - Firefly Lane is an alternate route.
  - Road connection would relieve traffic on Firefly Lane, which is overly impacted.
2. Opposed to future development of Vintage Farm and concerned about related traffic and crowding in their neighborhood (*comment received multiple times*).
  3. Concerns about road congestion if the park and Vintage Farm become more developed.
  4. Strong opposition to connecting Sierra Ave to Garfield Lane via a vehicular bridge.

#### *Parking*

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1. More parking will be needed for new site amenities (*comment received multiple times*).
2. Desire for shared access to Little League parking.
3. Is shared access to High School parking possible? If so, add sound wall/security cameras for safety of neighbors.
4. Opposed to additional park space allotted to parking.

#### *Access, Safety, and Security*

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1. Muddy areas on the path could be remedied with boardwalks or gravel.
2. Concern for safety for walkers/drivers along Villa Lane.
3. Lights desired along paths, such as LED photo cell lights. Lighting should be sensitive to neighbors. (*multiple comments regarding lighting*).
4. A connection is needed between Vintage High and Little League - bridge across creek? (*comment received multiple times*).
5. Landscape buffer is desired along the Willis Drive neighbor fences.
6. Talk to neighbors about park edge - recommend addressing safety and adding sound wall.
7. Desire for shared access to the Little League's play structure.

### *Natural Space and Site Ecology*

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1. Concerns about impacts of development on field and adjacent creek area, which is a resource for bird-watching and enjoying nature.
2. A buffer along the creek would be beneficial for the wildlife.
3. Opposed to additional development in the park (*comment received multiple times*).
4. Desire to keep agricultural, open-area feel.
5. Desire for open lawn area, additional trees, and plantings (*comments received multiple times*).

### *Community Garden*

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1. Desire for space to be allotted to community garden (*comment received multiple times*).
2. Desire for space for food bank garden so that food donations (3,000 lbs of fresh organic vegetables to the Napa Emergency Food Pantry) can continue.
3. In addition to community garden, space is desired for demonstration garden in collaboration with the Native Plant Society and UC Master Gardeners of Napa County.
4. Community garden would fit in well with natural elements of the site.
5. Concerns that dedicating a large area for community garden to serve 70 people (garden's current membership) isn't the best use for the full community, doesn't serve a broad user base.
6. Concerns about whether garden will be fenced.
7. Concerns about garden maintenance during off-season.
8. Concerns about dumpster for gardeners and how illegal dumping will be prevented (*comment received multiple times*).
9. Garden is to be connected to City water.

### *Preferred Amenities*

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1. Desire to keep walking trails (*comment received multiple times*).
2. Desire to keep entire park dog-friendly (*comment received multiple times*).
3. Provide unprogrammed open grass area.
4. Remove old cement milking barn remnants on path.
5. Add trash cans along path.

6. Re-work parking at ballfield.
7. Desire for basketball court, but also noted that courts are already available at Vintage High School.

**PROGRAMMING**

At the programming station, participants were each given 3 dot stickers to indicate which new amenities they would most like to see in the park. Space was also provided for new ideas to be added to the list. The chart below summarizes the results:

<i>Amenity</i>	<i>Number of dots</i>
1. Community garden	47
2. Creek access	22
3. Nature exploration/play area	22
4. Walking/fitness loop	17
5. Demonstration/training garden ( <i>write-in</i> )	14
6. Dog park	13
7. Small sport courts	12
8. None of the above/passive uses only ( <i>write-in</i> )	10
9. Small ballfields	7
10. Restroom	5
11. Small group picnic/BBQ	5
12. Neighborhood gathering area	3
13. Basketball court	2
14. Large group picnic shelter	2
15. Play area - traditional	2
16. Maker space ( <i>write-in</i> )	2
17. Multi-use fields	1
18. Tennis courts	0

## **PARK PLANNING DESIGN EXERCISE**

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At the park planning design exercise station, participants were provided with a site plan and to-scale templates representing various site amenities. By exploring different arrangements, participants provided input on what they would like to see at the park, where those amenities should be located, and how they fit on the site. This exercise resulted in a variety of spatial arrangements, which can be grouped into the following:

1. Design Concept 1
  - Open grassy area
  - Improved walking trails with fitness stations and creek access
2. Design Concept 2
  - Community garden with Master Gardener demonstration garden, garden materials storage space, and potential Maker Space - located near Sierra Ave
  - Restroom building - near garden area
  - Nature exploration/creative play areas - located near Villa Lane and Salvador Creek
  - Improved walking paths and bike trail, with fitness stations, creek access, and connections across creek to Little League fields
3. Design Concept 3
  - Community garden with Master Gardener demonstration garden, food bank garden, garden materials storage space, and potential Maker Space - located near Sierra Ave
  - Picnic and barbeque area with fitness stations adjacent to garden area
  - Open grassy area - centrally located, could be within floodway
  - Restroom building - near garden area
  - Improved walking paths and bike trail, with fitness stations and creek access
  - Creative play area - located near Villa Lane and Salvador Creek
  - Nature play/exploration area - located among existing oak trees near connection to Vintage High School

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### **GARFIELD PARK USER SURVEY**

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In conjunction with the Open House, the Garfield Park User Survey is available on the City website for site users and stakeholders to provide feedback on how they use the site currently, what amenities they would like to see in the future, and any concerns they may have. A summary of the survey results is attached as Appendix A.

This summary reflects Callander Associates' understanding of items discussed at the Open House. For information on the next steps of the project and opportunities to provide input, please visit the Garfield Park Master Plan website at [www.naparec.com/garfieldparkmasterplan](http://www.naparec.com/garfieldparkmasterplan).

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Attachments: Executive Summary, Garfield Park User Survey (Appendix A)