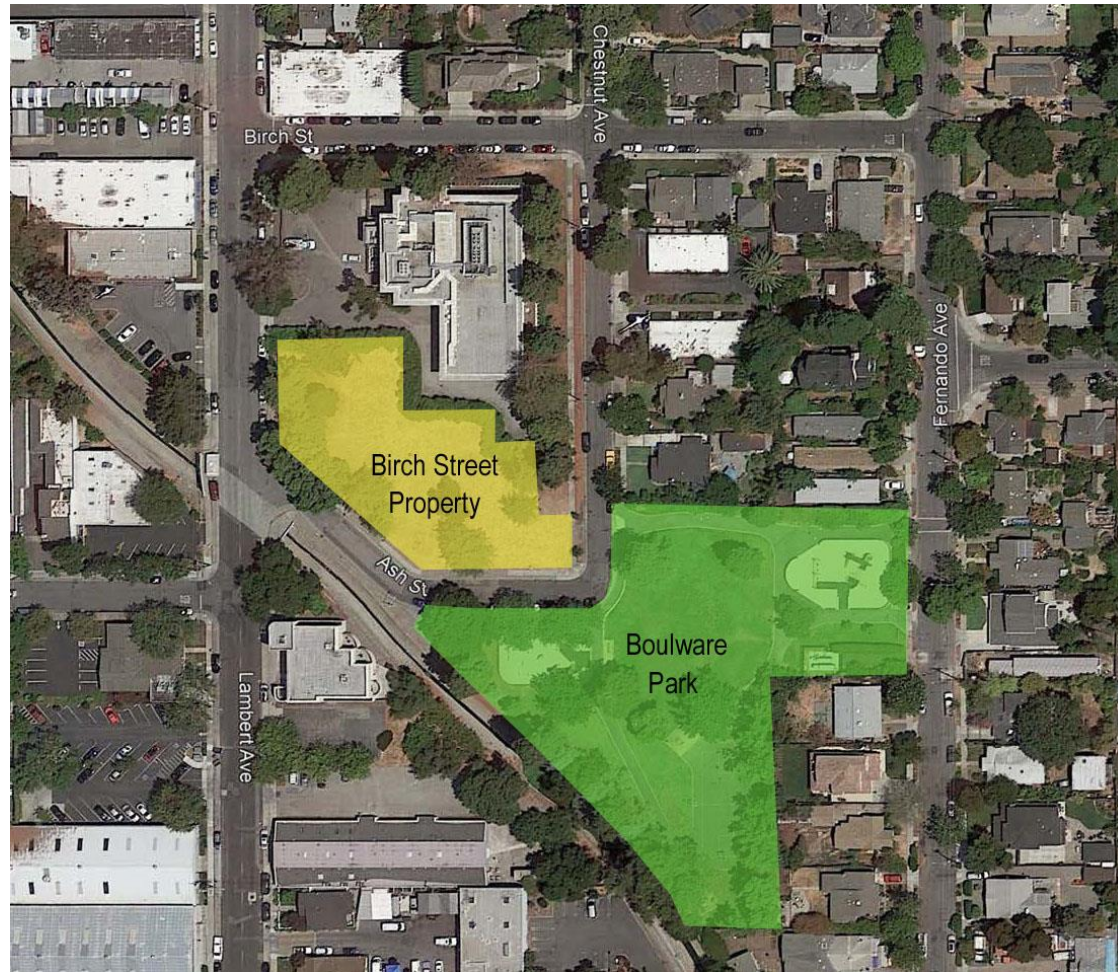


Boulware Park Renovation & Expansion Project

Park and Recreation Commission

July 27, 2021

Existing Boulware Park & Birch Street Property



Project Information

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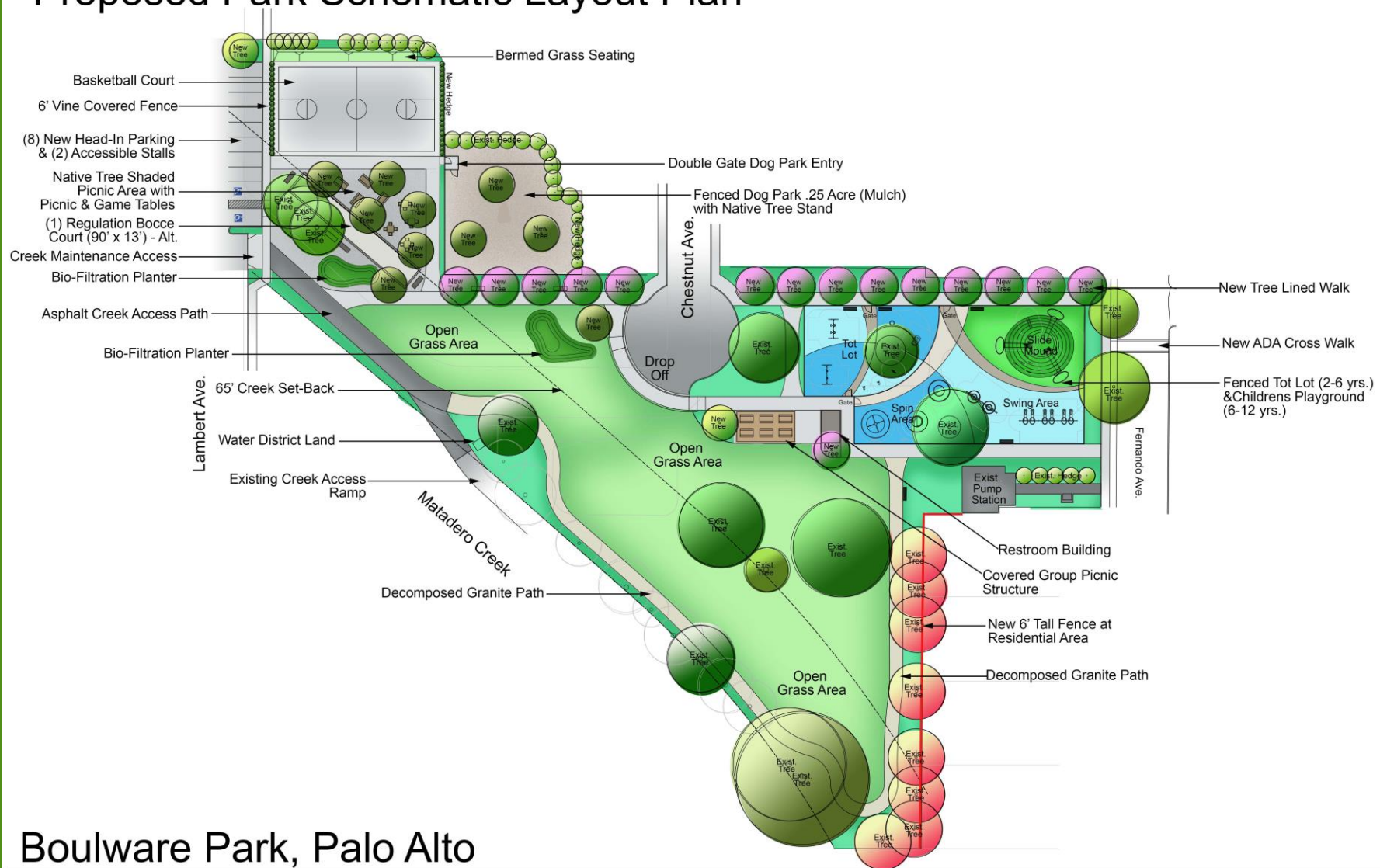
- Project Summary
- Community Outreach
- Past Meeting Presentations
- Community Survey Information

Proposed Park Design

Design Highlights

- The playground is equal in size as the two existing playgrounds
- Installation of significant paving or structures were moved a min. of 65' from the edge of the creek
- Removal of a portion of Ash Street and the addition of a park drop off
- Plan retains existing park amenities:
 - Basketball
 - Open turf area
 - Children & tot playground
 - Picnic space
 - Walking Path
- New Park amenities include:
 - Restrooms
 - Dog park area
 - Covered picnic area
 - Bocce ball
 - Rain gardens
 - Expanded picnic & game tables
 - Expanded loop walkway
- Accessible & additional parking along Lambert
- Pump Station to Remain

Proposed Park Schematic Layout Plan



Boulevard Park, Palo Alto

Park Improvement Ordinance

Park Improvement Ordinance

NOT YET ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NO. ____

Ordinance of the Council of the City of Palo Alto Approving and Adopting a Plan for Facility Improvements at Joh Boulware Park

The Council of the City of Palo Alto does ORDAIN as follows:

SECTION 1. Findings and Improvements. The City Council finds and declares that:

(a) Article VIII of the Charter of the City of Palo Alto and section 22.08.005 of the Palo Alto Municipal Code require that, before any substantial building, construction, reconstruction or development is commenced or approved, upon or with respect to any land held by the City for park purposes, the Council shall first cause to be prepared and by ordinance approve and adopt a plan therefor.

(b) John Boulware Park (the "Park") is dedicated to park purposes. (See Municipal Code section 22.08.280)

(c) The City intends to authorize the renovation of John Boulware Park.

(d) The plan of improvements shall comprise as follows:

- (1) Asphalt basketball court with ~~bermed~~ grass seating area
- (2) Pre-fabricated 2 stall unisex restroom building
- (3) Street Improvements along Lambert Avenue including:
 - Addition of 8 head in parking stalls (current 4 parallel)
 - Addition of 2 head in accessible stalls
 - Drive access to ~~Matadero~~ Creek maintenance gate
 - New street tree planting and irrigation
- (4) Picnic area
- (5) Bocce ball court and bench seating
- (6) Dog park area
- (7) Open grass area
- (8) Asphalt and decomposed granite loop pathway around the park
- (9) 6-12 year old children's playground area with perimeter fencing
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- (12) The incorporation of a portion of Ash Street into the overall park area
- (13) Create a Cul-de-sac turn around and drop off at the end of Chestnut Ave.
- (14) New site furnishings including:
 - Benches
 - Accessible picnic tables
 - Trash receptacles

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- Shade structure
- Drinking fountains
- Bike Racks

- (15) Low flow Irrigation system
- (16) Native planting
- (17) Infiltration planters and associated drainage
- (18) Park area lighting
- (19) New fencing along the residential edges of the park

(e) Exhibit A depicts the expected implementation of the plan of improvements.

(f) The plan of improvements described above is consistent with park, playground, recreation, and conservation purposes.

(g) The City Council desires to approve the plan of improvements described above.

SECTION 2. The City Council hereby approves the plan of improvements described in Section 1 above.

SECTION 3. The City Council finds that this ordinance falls under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemptions found in Title 14 California Code of Regulations Section 15301 (Existing Facilities), Section 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction), Section 15303 (New Construction of Small Facilities or Structures), Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land), and 15311 (Accessory Structures).

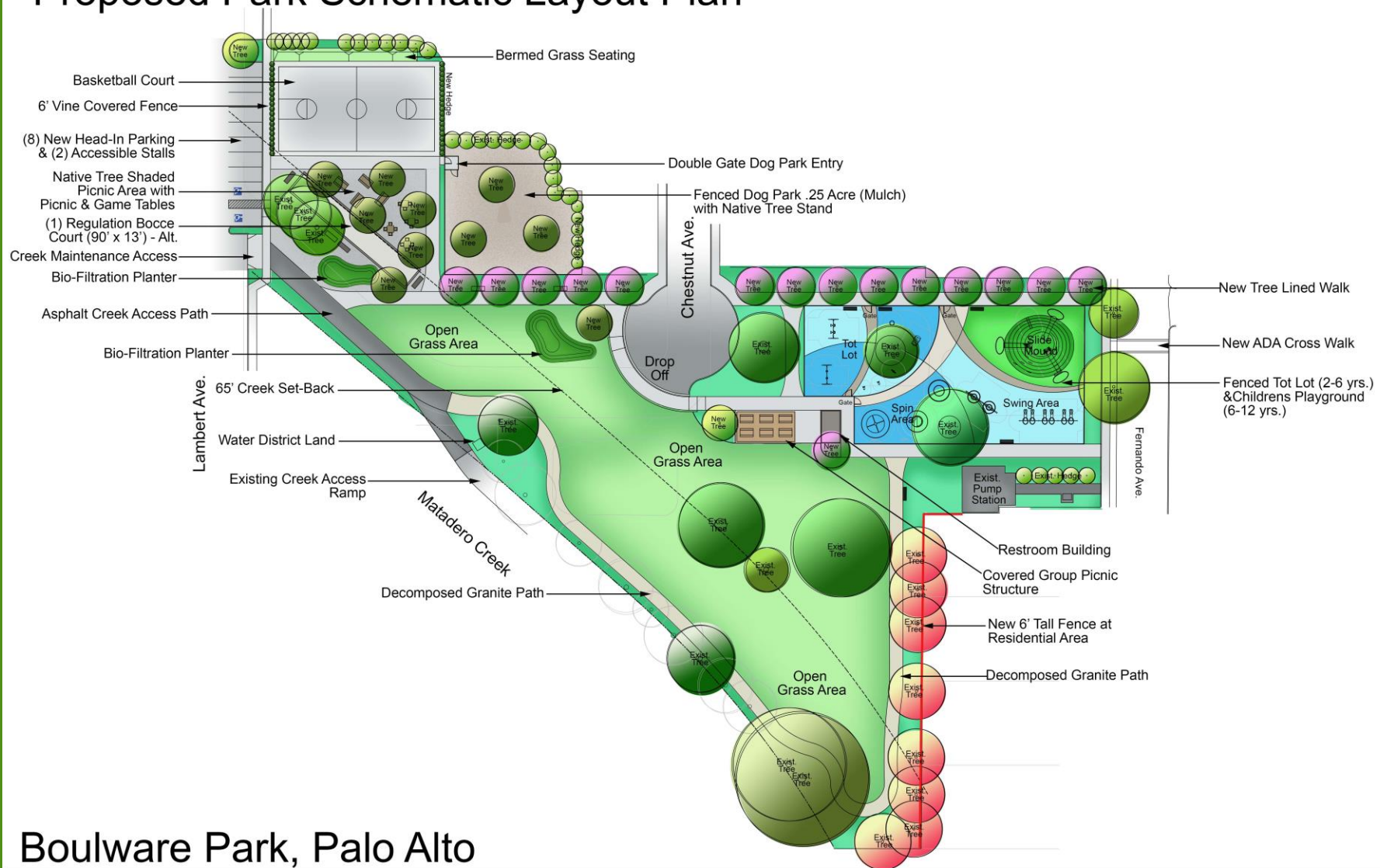
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Project Schedule

- City Council Adopt PIO: Fall 2021
- Bid Document Preparation: Fall/Winter 2021
- Project Bidding: Spring 2022
- Council to Approve Contract: Spring 2022
- Project Construction (120 Days): Summer 2022
- Construction Completion Fall 2022

Questions & Comments

Community Engagement

Community Meeting #1



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 Community Garden
 Loop Walking Path
 Dog Park
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Community Input

Input provided at the first on site meeting and on-line survey by 80+ community members

Facility Selection Question

Playground: 38 votes
Security Lighting: 31 votes
Shaded Seating Area: 30 votes
Open Turf Area: 28 votes
Restroom: 27 votes
Loop Walking Path: 25 votes
Group Picnic Areas: 22 votes
Creek Lookout: 20 votes
Habitat/Native Planting: 18 votes
Basketball Court: 16 votes
Community Garden: 12 votes
Dog Park: 12 votes
Adult Fitness Area: 8 votes
Pickle Ball Court: 4 votes
Bocce Ball: 4 votes
Horse Shoes: 4 votes

Facility Priority Question

High Priority:

Playground, Open Turf Area, Restroom

Medium Priority:

Shaded Seating Areas, Basketball Court, Group Picnic Area, Loop Walking Path, Security Lighting, Habitat/Native Planting

Low Priority:

Community Garden, Dog Park, Adult Fitness, Creek Lookout, Bocce Ball, Pickle Ball & Horse Shoes

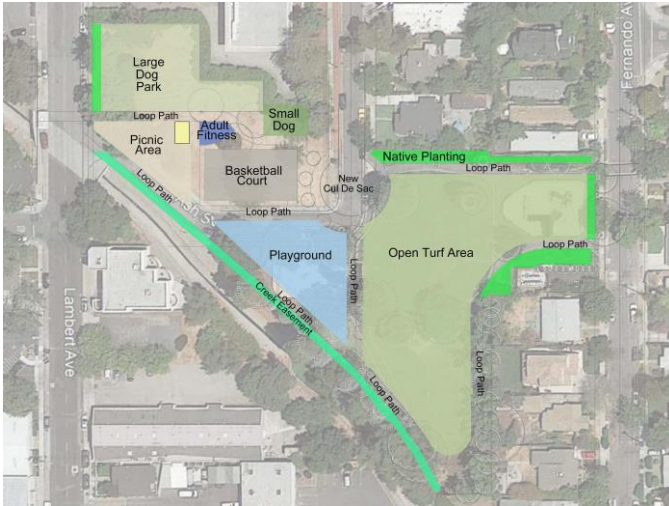
Community Meeting #2



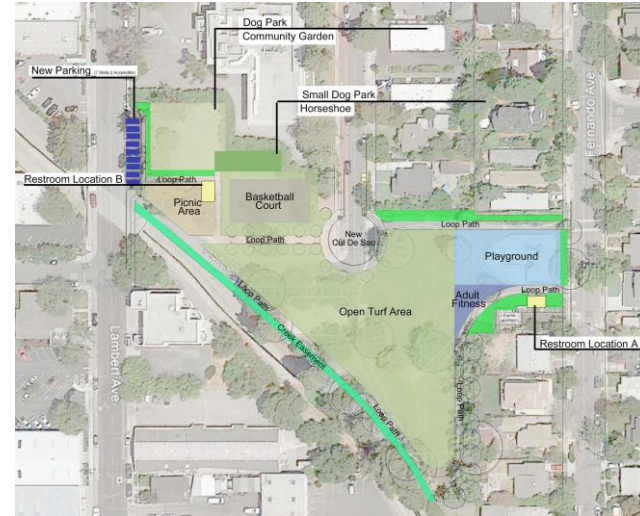
Design Option Review

- **Joint meeting with the North Ventura Coordinated Area Plan MVCAP (February 2020)**
- **Three Design Options were presented for community input**
- **Each option had a different configuration as well as alternative options to consider**
- **Community requested to place sticker dots on the overall design they liked the most as well as options of different uses per each plan**
- **Options incorporate the different facilities from the community meeting and survey**
- **Options considered future creek improvements when locating facilities**

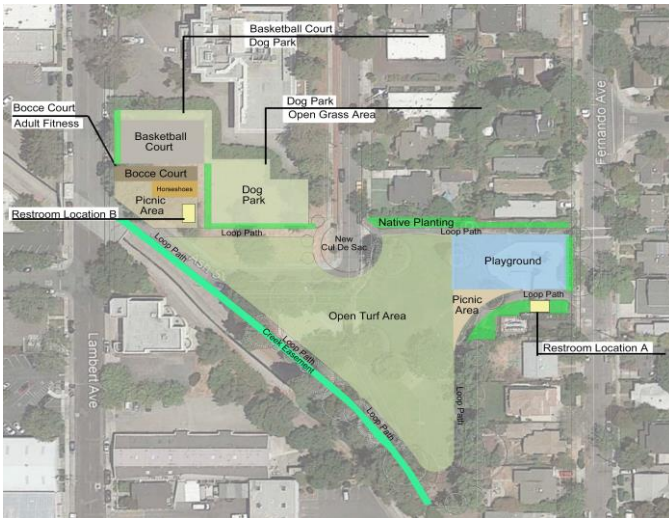
Plan Option Review



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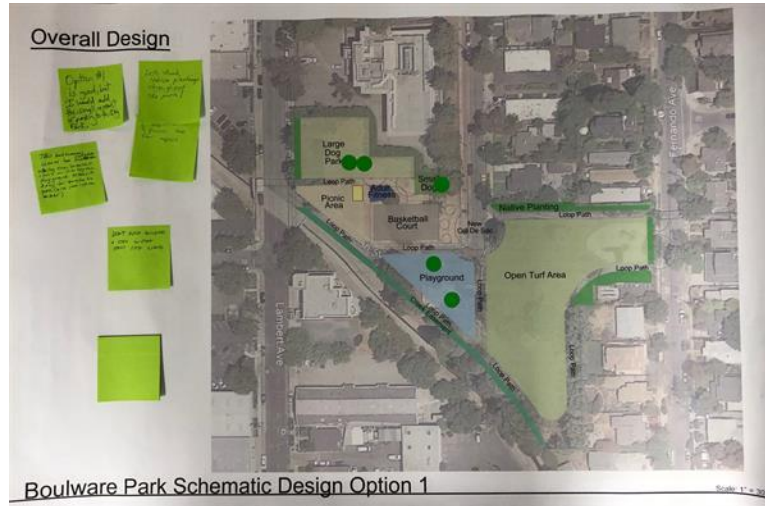


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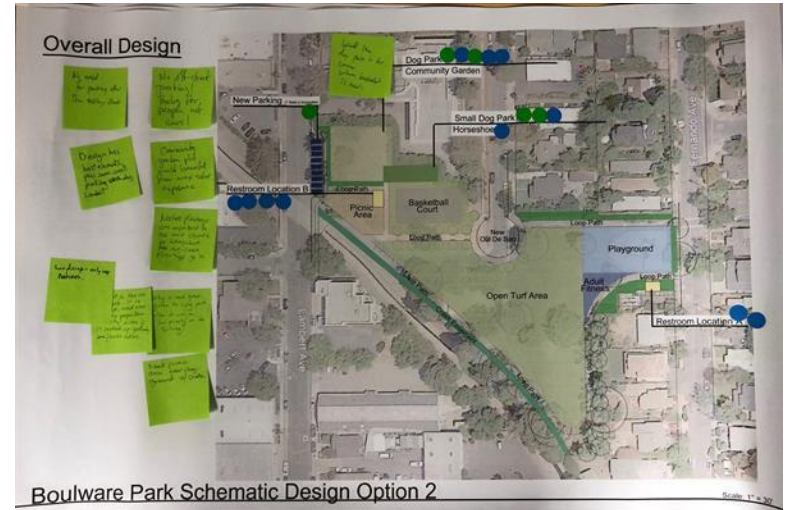


Option 3

Community Comments



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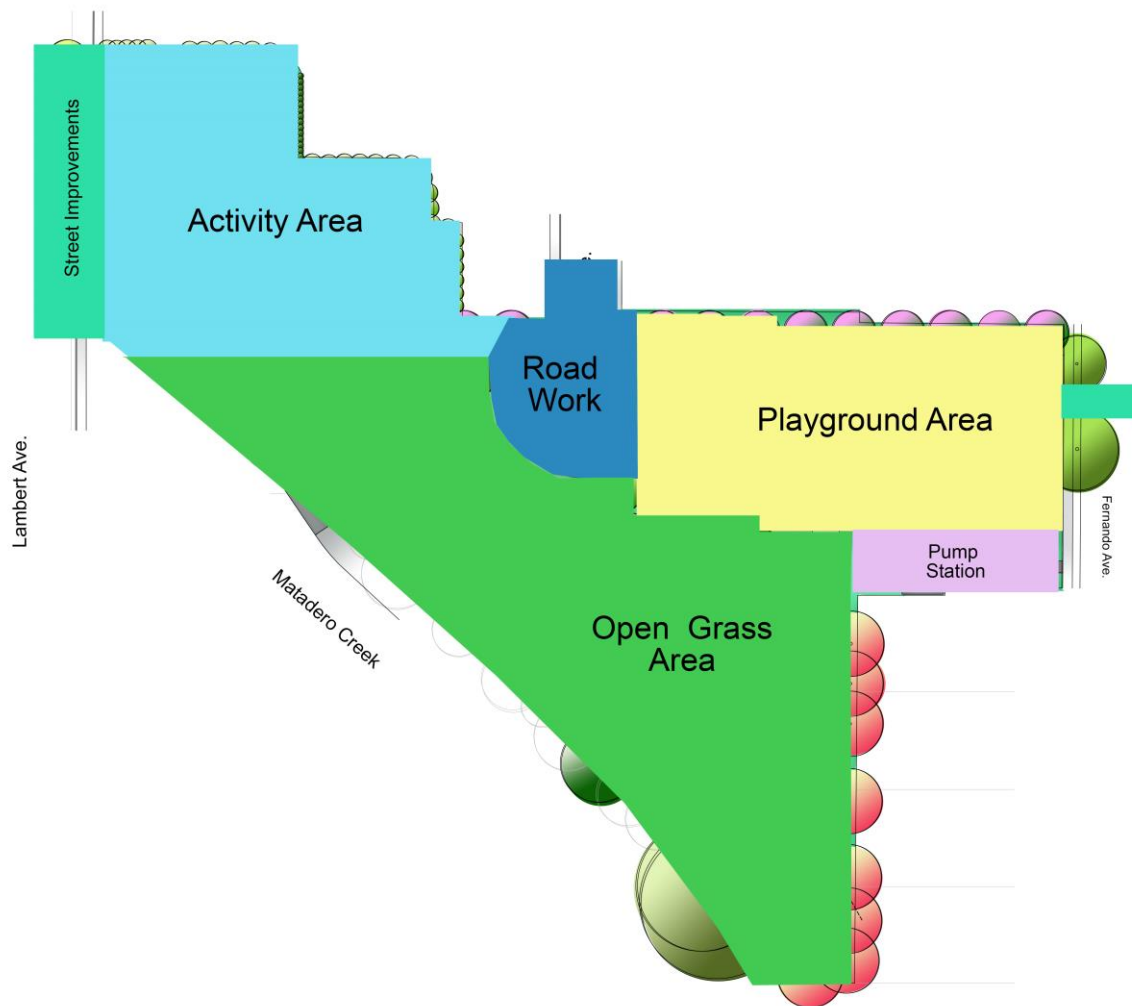
Option 2



Option 3

Draft Park Plan Design Review

Areas of Park Development



Playground Design



Community Input

- **The community was in support of the overall design & location of proposed park amenities**
- **Was in favor of removing a portion of Ash Street to connect the park**
- **The restroom location closest to the playground was preferred**
- **The community was in support of maintaining a 65' set-back of built structures along the creek**
- **Was in favor of adding head in parking along Lambert**