



## Upcoming Events

July 6, 2015

City Council Meeting

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Report on Phase One

July 8, 2015

Shores Advisory Committee Meeting

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## Shores Park Master Plan

### Phase One of the Master Plan Process Nearly Complete

Thank you for your interest in the Shores Park Master Plan effort. Following is an update on the status of the project.

Phase One of the Shores Park Master Plan process is nearing completion. The City Council agenda for Monday, July 6, 2015, includes a report on the efforts of Phase One and a review of the key findings.

Since January 2015, the Master Plan effort has included:

- Interest group meetings with 20 different community organizations, as well as neighbors to the Shores property and the Winston School;
- A community survey (over 400 responses) mailed to registered voter households;
- Information booths at two community events in April (Egg Hunt and Farmers Market); and
- A “Plan Your Park” community workshop on-site at the park on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> (150 attendees).

This phase of the project also included an analysis of the site, as well as a review of the existing building (the Del Mar Community Building) and the site conditions.

Using the input received through all of the different community engagement efforts, the project architect, Schmidt Design Group, identified the key themes that emerged.

### Guiding Principles

Based on the feedback received from the community for how they would like to see the park developed, Schmidt Design identified the following list of “Guiding Principles,” which will be used as the master plan process continues as a way to evaluate how well the different design alternatives

accomplish these goals:

- Provide a beautiful and peaceful neighborhood park environment that serves the residents of Del Mar.
- Create an inclusive space that offers recreational opportunities for all ages.
- Thoughtfully integrate the needs and desires of residents visiting the park with or without pets.
- Capture the dramatic views to the Pacific Ocean.
- Provide a "gardenesque" park setting that is environmentally and economically sustainable.
- Integrate the activities, program, circulation, and recreational needs of the Winston School.
- Create a park that reflects the rich history, unique culture, and community character of Del Mar.

### **Potential Amenities**

A goal of Phase One of the master plan process was to start to identify the types of amenities that Del Mar residents view as priorities for inclusion in Shores Park in the future. Potential amenities were collected at all stages of the community outreach process and will continue to be collected and refined throughout the master plan process. Not all amenities will be accommodated within the Shores Park site based on site constraints and community preferences; therefore, the potential amenities are grouped into three tiers based on community feedback, prioritized from Tier 1 (highest priority) to Tier 3. Within each tier, the amenities are presented in alphabetical order.

#### Tier I Potential Amenities

Based on recurring themes from all community outreach efforts, the community expressed a strong collective interest in the amenities identified below. In light of the overwhelming consistent interest, Schmidt Design Group recommends that these core elements should be incorporated in future design alternatives (not in priority order):

- Attractive gardens and landscaping (low water use/sustainable)
- Benches for sitting, enjoying views, reading, meditating, etc.
- Fully accessible for visitors with disabilities
- Furnishings such as trash and recycling receptacles, drinking fountains, bike racks, etc.
- Off-leash grassy areas for off-leash dog activities (no obvious or rigid fences)
- Open turf for flexible play (required by lease with Winston School)
- Indoor meeting/recreational community space
- Accommodate children's activities
- Parking to meet code requirements
- Picnic area(s)
- Restroom
- Shade

- Walking paths

#### Tier II Potential Amenities

In addition to the core list of Tier 1 amenities, there was also significant interest in other possible amenities that should be further evaluated for inclusion based upon community interest and space availability:

- Basketball half court
- Children's playground
- General purpose room that can be used for community programming and activities (such as exercise classes, cooking classes, meetings, arts and culture, etc.)
- Multi-purpose court (basketball/pickle ball/tennis etc.)
- Outdoor fitness course

#### Tier III Potential Amenities

In addition to the Tier 1 and Tier 2 amenities, there was also interest in other possible amenities that should be further evaluated for inclusion based upon community interest and space availability. This list of Tier 3 amenities is not comprehensive, as it will continue to be refined throughout the process as new ideas are added by the community:

- Amphitheater
- Auditorium (joint-use with Winston School)
- Community garden
- Interpretive education (such as plant identification tags, educational signage, etc.)
- Youth sports field (youth baseball/softball). This would primarily include a practice area that is not heavily programmed.
- Bocce ball

The next phase of the master plan process, Phase Two, is called "Imagine." During this phase, the focus will start to be on imagining what the types of potential amenities could look like and how they could fit on the site. This phase will include another community workshop, likely in late September/October. At the conclusion of Phase Two, there will be a refined list of amenities for the park, as well as three design alternatives for how the amenities could be situated on the site.

