

Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan Progress Update to Council

Parks Condition Assessment Drafted

The Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan includes an inventory and park condition assessment¹ of existing parks facilities. The condition assessment takes data collected during field work activities and translates it into findings to inform the direction of the Master Plan. MIG will be reviewing the results and discussing the findings with the City in February.

The park condition assessment provides a **park condition score** based on the average condition of each park's various assets (such as a playground, a tennis court, a basketball court, park bench, parking facilities, picnic areas, etc.), an **average asset score by type** of facility, a **park experience score**, and an **overall park system score**. These scores identify parks and types of assets that are in the most need of future investment, as well as patterns across the park system's assets that should be addressed.

Parks in Good to Excellent condition include:

- Bayside Park
- Duck Pond Park
- Shasta Park
- Shoreline Park
- Sierra Park

Parks in Fair condition include:

- Beechnut Mini Park
- Railroad Park
- Woodfield Park
- Refugio Valley Trail
- Frog Pad Park
- Ohlone Park
- Refugio Valley Park
- Foxboro Park
- Hanna Ranch Park

Steering Committee Update

In January 2023, Rocquel Colbert, Principal at Hercules High School, was added as an Advisory Liaison to the Steering Committee representing Hercules High School. Rocquel will

¹ Condition assessment scores do not factor in ADA accessibility. A separate access analysis identified barriers as per the Americans with Disabilities Act.

bring to the Committee awareness of the needs of school-age children and teens in the park planning process and will help connect them to opportunities to provide input to the project team.

Parks Use, Needs, and Priorities Questionnaire

A questionnaire was launched January 26, 2023 and posted to the project website and the City's social media channels. A press release was also issued. The public's participation will help the project team to better understand needs and priorities in the community. The survey will run approximately six weeks and will coincide with a series of events scheduled in February and March 2023.

Members of the Steering Committee and City Council are encouraged to contact groups in their respective social networks to get the word out about the questionnaire. If desired, MIG can provide an email with pertinent information that can be forwarded on. All people who live, work, or play in Hercules are encouraged to submit a questionnaire response. The questionnaire takes about 10 minutes to complete and can be accessed with the following URL address or QR code:

bit.ly/3D3Q2ag



Community Open House, Virtual Workshop & Other Pop-Up Events

There are a variety of planned events in February and March geared towards getting the public involved with Master Plan process. Some of these events will be staffed by MIG with City support, and other outdoor informal pop-ups will be hosted by City staff. An indoor open house-type event will be held at the Hercules Community Center on Saturday, February 18, 2023. A one-hour virtual interactive workshop will be hosted by MIG on March 1, 2023 at 6pm. This event will be recorded and posted to the project's website.

Members of the Steering Committee and City Council are encouraged to consider attending pop-ups or other events with the City to promote community visibility and engagement with the Master Plan.

Scheduled events include:

DATE	TIME	EVENT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
Tuesday - 2/14/23	8 am-10 am	Breakfast w/ a Badge Pop-up Booth	Senior Center 111 Civic Dr, Hercules, CA 94547
Wednesday - 2/15/23	5:00-6:30 pm	Align Basketball	Community Center (Gym) 2001 Refugio Valley Road Hercules, CA 94547
Saturday- 2/18/23	10 am – 1 pm	PRFMP Open House	Community Center 2001 Refugio Valley Road Hercules, CA 94547
Thursday - 2/23/23	4:45-6:15 pm	Swim Teams (East Bay Silver Dolphins & Hercules High Swim Team)	Community Center (Pool) 2001 Refugio Valley Road Hercules, CA 94547
Saturday- 2/25/23	10 am – 1 pm	Park Drop-In Pop-up Booth	Refugio Valley Park 1515 Refugio Valley Park Hercules, CA 94547
TENTATIVE: Wednesday 3/1/23	6pm-7pm	PRFMP Virtual Workshop	Virtual
Saturday- 3/4/23	10 am – 1 pm	Park Drop-In Pop-up Booth	Foxboro 1025 Canterbury Hercules, CA 94547
Sunday- 3/5/23	10 am – 1 pm	Park Drop-In Pop-up Booth	Duck Pond 997 Sycamore Avenue Hercules, CA 94547
Tuesday – 3/7/23	2 pm-5 pm	Spring into Wellness Senior Fair Pop-up Booth	Senior Center 111 Civic Drive Hercules, CA 94547
Saturday- 3/11/23	10 am – 1 pm	Pop-up Booth	The Exchange at Bayfront 2525 Bayfront Blvd, Hercules, CA 94547 (Lobby)

Next Steering Committee Meeting – April 2023

It is anticipated that the second Steering Committee meeting will take place in April 2023, the date to be identified in the coming weeks. This meeting will present findings from the Needs Assessment Summary and their implications for future facilities and services. The Needs Assessment Summary combines the results of the technical analyses and engagement findings to identify community needs for parks, recreation facilities, trails and programs.

This meeting will be a videoconference format.