

# Norwalk Park Master Plan Report



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## INTRODUCTION

## <u>Scope</u>

In June, 2014, The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (DPH) in collaboration with the City of Norwalk, selected RJM Design Group, Inc. to develop a new Park Master Plan for Norwalk Park. The purpose of this project is to provide the City of Norwalk with a Conceptual Park Plan for redeveloping and expanding Norwalk Park in order to better meet the needs of the community, increase opportunities for physical activity, and address the impact of the Interstate 5 Freeway widening project on Norwalk Park and the surrounding neighborhood.

## <u>Purpose</u>

The Norwalk Park Master Plan Report documents the current conditions at the park, and summarizes the outreach efforts conducted between April and September, 2014 for the project and the process used to reach a consensus design concept for Norwalk Park. It includes the Conceptual Park Plan and provides cost estimates for the build out of the Conceptual Park Plan. A primary purpose of this report and the Conceptual Park Plan is to recommend actions that will balance the diverse recreation activities of the park while preserving the quality of the experience for all park users.

## <u>Goals</u>

- Identify the site characteristics that may impact Norwalk Park redevelopment.
- Evaluate community recreation needs related to Norwalk Park through surveys and facilitated discussions with stakeholders such as teens, seniors, the Norwalk Women's Club, etc.
- Provide a community forum for discussions of potential facilities, issues, and visions for Norwalk Park.
- Create concepts that align with the DPH's goal of promoting a healthy, active lifestyle with pedestrian access to park amenities.

## <u>Design Principles</u>

This report describes the existing site, proposed development, and process used to reach a consensus design concept for Norwalk Park. The project design team identified the following principles to guide their work throughout the process to develop the Conceptual Park Plan with the community:

- Provide functional, aesthetic design concepts. The amenities and aesthetics suggested by the concept plan should respond to site conditions, City, DPH, and community input, and City standards.
- ✤ Create unique site character appropriate to the environment.
- ✤ Utilize existing site resources, where feasible.

## EXISTING CONDITIONS AND NEEDS ASSESSMENT

The Master Plan process began with research and fact finding. The project team, consisting of City staff, a representative from the Department of Public Health (DPH) and RJM, met first to review the approach and methodology. A first step for RJM was to review previous planning documents related to the recreational needs of the community. The City and DPH provided RJM with planning documents and additional data on the community and park area. RJM conducted a site analysis and evaluated the existing site facilities. The focus of the site analysis was the immediate site and those areas physically adjacent to Norwalk Park, including remnant parcels along Interstate 5 Freeway to the east.

In addition to conducting the site analysis, community outreach was conducted by City and Department of Public Health staff. A survey was disseminated both in-person and available online to Norwalk residents and park users. Discussions with park user groups were also conducted. Following the review of the community recreation needs, survey and discussion results, a site awareness tour and workshop were conducted on August 20, 2014 as part of the planning process. The objective of the community workshop was to meet with members of the community, discuss the master plan process, present a summary of pertinent data, solicit input through a project workbook, as well as individual and small group activities, and conduct a hands-on design charette to share ideas regarding potential improvements to Norwalk Park.

## Site Assessment

Norwalk Park is approximately 12 acres, located south of the Interstate 5 Freeway and east of San Antonio Drive. (See Appendix A-2). Existing structures on the site include the Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex, Cultural Arts Center, Aquatic Center, Teen Center and Sproul Reception Center. Residential land uses are located to the south, west, and east of the park (Appendix A-6). Additional amenities include a skate park, basketball courts, tot lot, picnic area, and open turf fields.

The park site can be accessed from the Sports Complex to the west, and several points along Sproul Street to the south.

Remnant parcels to the east consist of a total of approximately 4 acres of leftover parcels that were acquired by CalTrans for the Interstate 5 Freeway widening project. (See Appendices A-2 – A-9).

## Group Discussions

Group discussions, administered by the DPH, were conducted with a variety of stakeholders regarding the proposed master plan (Appendix C-1). Stakeholder groups included seniors, teens, the Norwalk Women's Club, Norwalk Community Coordinating Council, Norwalk Park Recreation Leaders, and Boy Scouts of America. Several consistent topics emerged throughout all of the group discussions, including:

- Security (alcohol and drug use)
- Shading
- Drinking fountains
- Outdoor gym equipment
- Walkways/walking paths with distance markers

## Results from the Norwalk Park Community Survey

A total of 413 individuals completed a Norwalk Park self-administered questionnaire (Appendices C-2 – C-3). The questionnaires were administered both in English (82%) and in Spanish (18%), and involved a series of closed and open ended questions to better understand the current state of the Park and recommendations for improvements from the community. Respondents were comprised of 32% male and 68% female, with age groups from 5 to 14 and 31 to 50 making up over 50 percent of total participants.









## COMMUNITY VISION AND SUMMARY OF INPUT

## **Community Workshop**

As part of the planning process, a workshop was held on Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex. Approximately eighty (80) residents and community members attended the workshop. Vickie Yoshikawa, City of Norwalk Management Analyst, and Louisa Franco, Policy Analyst for the County of Los Angeles Public Health Department, welcomed participants and introduced the project team. Bob Mueting of RJM Design Group presented a summary of background data, reviewed the overall planning process for the development of the park master plan, and proceeded to facilitate the workshop activities. See Appendix B-1 for a complete workshop summary.

## Site Awareness Tour

The first exercise in the workshop process was a tour of the park (Appendix A-10) and surrounding areas to allow all participants to experience the site and environment in the same way. Each individual filled out a workbook with their responses and impressions of the site and environment. A few of the more consistent comments from the tour workbook included a preference for more exercise facilities and improved lighting, and a concern for safety.

## Workshop Activities

After completing a site awareness walk, the workshop participants met to discuss the project. Participants were divided into small groups to discuss potential program elements and develop a list of concerns that might influence planning and development. Both individually and within each group, the participants answered questions related to the site, and collectively were asked to indicate their consensus response related to "likes/dislikes", "facilities", "issues", and "vision".

After topic presentations were given by each of the participant groups, the top responses of all groups for each of the topics were identified:

Topic 1a: What do you <u>like the most</u> about Norwalk Park?

- Open space
- Multiple activities/facilities
- Location

Topic 1b: What do you <u>like the least</u> about Norwalk Park?

- Not enough lighting
- Safety/security issues
- Not enough shade

Topic 2a: What are your most important <u>issues or concerns</u> related to Norwalk Park?

- Safety/security
- Lights/lighting
- Outdated facilities
- Restrooms
- Topic 2b: What could be done to <u>address these issues or concerns</u> at Norwalk Park?
  - Add more lighting
  - Increase safety/security patrols
  - Walking track/trails
  - Restrooms
- Topic 3: What **park facilities and/or amenities** would make Norwalk Park an ideal place to exercise, picnic, and visit?
  - Exercise equipment
  - Walking trail/track
  - Picnic areas
  - Playground
  - Shade
- Topic 4: What <u>recreation activities/facilities</u> might be located along the vacant parcels adjacent to the freeway east of Norwalk Park?
  - Trails
  - Picnic
  - Dog park
  - Small soccer/ball fields
  - Petting zoo

## **Group Plans**

Each group was asked to take the consensus ideas and issues and utilize their creative energy, to develop a concept plan for the park. Eight (8) alternatives were prepared by

the groups during the workshop. (See Appendices B-2 – B-10). A group plan summary matrix of program elements is included in Appendix B-2.

## Diagrammatic Plans

Diagrammatic plans were drawn based upon the design concepts developed by each group participating at the workshop. Proposed improvements include the following:

- Walking path with exercise stations
- Picnic shelters
- Nature center/zoo
- New/expanded playground
- Built-in skatepark
- Two soccer fields
- Two grass volleyball courts
- New park entry with more signage throughout the park
- New lighting for security
- Formal and informal gardens
- Expansion of park area to the east (remnant parcels)

(See Appendices B-3 – B-10).

## Design Recommendations

Design recommendations with respect to general site planning principles and site specific factors were developed to include a comprehensive plan that incorporates the desired elements derived from community input by incorporating a network of walkways that link access to all park amenities. The park design will also use sustainable design principles such as bioswale and detention areas. Drought tolerant plantings and large shade trees will be implemented throughout the park. Pedestrian and bicycle access would be improved by creating safer entry points along Sproul Street, along with improved signage. Another access would also be created connecting the southeast corner of the park to the linear parcels along the freeway.

## Diagrammatic Composite Plan

A diagrammatic composite plan was prepared along with a number of alternatives. The master plan concepts were refined with continual evaluation of what uses could be accommodated at the park site and what relationship of uses best address community input. A preliminary Master Plan was prepared for City and County review and comment.

A Concept Master Plan, with refinements incorporating input from the City and County was developed. (See Appendix B-11).

## Preliminary Master Plan Elements

A preliminary diagrammatic site plan was developed based upon the group diagrammatic plan concepts. Major elements are located in order to maximize site potential and relationships for each facility user group. (See Appendix B-12).

## Preliminary Master Plan

After analysis of all group plans, composite and consensus diagrams emerged. They became the basis for the initial master plan concept. This concept was submitted to the City and County for review and comment. The most significant comment from the County Department of Public Health was a goal to locate active recreation elements as far away as possible from the freeway. A minimum limit of approximately 250 feet was arrived at for active park uses. This goal became a primary driver for relocation of specific elements.

Based on review comments, the master plan was refined further. Active recreation areas such as volleyball, tot lot, and soccer play fields were moved away from the freeway as far as possible. The City also requested that the revised plan incorporate a small animal/nature center and to create an informal presentation gazebo for approximately 200 – 300 people. Important design considerations included the following lighting issues:

- Equipment selection should be compatible with City aesthetics and comply with City requirements.
- Equipment should shield adjacent property from parking lot and walkway lighting.
- Foot candle levels may vary according to function and shall comply with minimum recommendations to reduce hot spots and dark areas.

The City also requested the following specific features for the park:

- Installation of bollards to control vehicular access and allow pedestrian access to all areas of the park.
- Optimize open spaces.
- Ensure that tree canopies not create shelter areas for loitering or vagrancy.

## CONCEPTUAL PARK PLAN



## CONCEPTUAL COST ESTIMATE

A Statement of Preliminary Probable Construction Budget is included in Appendix D, summarized as follows:

Main Park:	
A. Maze Area	\$411,341
B. Nature Center Area	\$631,414
C. Open Play Area	\$1,198,924
D. Picnic Area	\$571,665
E. Volleyball Area	\$466,406
F. Soccer Area	\$661,522
G. Tot Lot Area	\$802,414
H. Skatepark Area	\$567,721
I. Gardens Area	\$984,577
J. Park Extension	\$2,584,080
Total	\$8,880,064



## APPENDIX

- A-1 A-11: Site Analysis Mapping
- B-1 B-14: Workshop Summary and Group Plans
- C-1 C-3: DPH Group Discussions and Survey
- D-1 D-5: Cost Estimate





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SITE VICINITY PLAN

NORWALK PARK MASTER PLAN CITY OF NORWALK, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA



















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A-11

## NORWALK PARK CITY OF NORWALK

Workshop Summary August 20, 2014

## **INTRODUCTION**

This report summarizes the results of the workshop which was conducted as part of the public outreach effort to encourage community members to share ideas regarding the development of the Norwalk Park Master Plan. The site is located at 13000 Clarkdale Avenue in the City of Norwalk. The following lists the various steps in the process.

#### PROCESS

The process began with research, analysis and fact finding. The project team, consisting of representatives from the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health, City of Norwalk, and RJM Design Group, first met to review the approach and methodology. Data collection began to establish a comprehensive database through a review and analysis of available pertinent information provided by the City and County. Site analysis exhibits were created that identified the existing site and adjoining uses. The critical region of investigation focused upon the immediate site and those sites physically adjacent to the project area.

#### **WORKSHOP INTRODUCTION**

As part of the planning process, a workshop was held on Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex and Norwalk Park. Community members and representatives of the City and County attended the workshop. Vickie Yoshikawa of the City of Norwalk and Louisa Franco of the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health welcomed the participants and provided an introduction to the project. Robert Mueting of RJM Design Group reviewed the process for the evening's activities and presented background information including project information, current zoning, site analysis, opportunities and constraints, and then proceeded to facilitate the workshop activities.









#### **WORKSHOP GOALS**

The goals of the workshop are to:

- 1. Provide an <u>overview</u> of the existing conditions of the site.
- 2. Conduct a tour of the site and adjacent areas to become familiar with site conditions.
- 3. Provide a forum for <u>discussion</u> of potential park issues and improvements.
- 4. Provide an opportunity to share *ideas*.

#### **WORKSHOP FORMAT**

The format of the workshop follows a method called TAKING PART which is based on the theory that we all are inherently creative and that the real task for group leaders / teachers is to help us release our creativity. In TAKING PART we use many devices to release creativity – among these are actual experiences, becoming aware together so as to develop a common language, sharing experiences so as to increase communication. Each person's feelings and attitudes have equal value. There are no experts who have "the answer". As the workshop progresses, more and more energy is released and more and more interaction of creative ideas occurs until eventually some forms of creative consensus about the project emerge.

#### **SITE TOUR**

The site tour was conducted at the beginning of the workshop. Each participant was given a TAKING PART Workbook (English or Spanish) which contained a series of comments and questions to answer as they walked the tour route.



#### **DISCUSSION WORKSHOP**

After the site tour, participants were divided into eight (8) different working groups for the discussion process. Each member of the group sat at a table with materials that included a flip chart, tablet, pens and markers to record their discussions. Volunteers were requested from each group to act as recorder/presenter. During the course of the workshop, five topics were presented for individual consideration and group discussion.

Below are the topics discussed:

- What do you *like* best about Norwalk Park?
- What do you like the least about Norwalk Park?
- What are your most important *issues or concerns* related to Norwalk Park?
- What could be done to *address these issues or concerns* at Norwalk Park?
- What **park facilities and/or amenities** would make Norwalk Park an ideal place to exercise, picnic, and visit?
- What <u>recreation activities/facilities</u> might be located along the vacant parcels adjacent to the freeway east of Norwalk Park?



Initially, participants were asked to individually respond on forms that were distributed before the presentation of each topic. They were encouraged to list as many responses that came to mind.

A group discussion then began with individual members of each group sharing their responses with the entire group. Time was allotted for the groups to gain consensus on their top responses to the particular topic. Following each topic discussion, the group's presenter reported their findings to all of the workshop participants.

Upon completion of the group presentations of the top priorities for each topic, all individual topic response forms were collected.

#### WORKSHOP SUMMARY

After the presentations were given, the consultant team identified the consensus responses of all groups. They are listed below:

<u>TOPIC 1a</u> What do you <u>like the most</u> about Norwalk Park?

- Open Space
- Multiple Activities/Facilities
- $\clubsuit$  Location

<u>TOPIC 1b</u> What do you <u>like the least</u> about Norwalk Park?

- ✤ Not Enough Lighting
- Safety/Security Issues
- Not Enough Shade

#### TOPIC 2a

What are your most important *issues or concerns* related to Norwalk Park?

- ✤ Safety/Security
- ✤ Lights/Lighting
- Outdated Facilities
- Restrooms

#### TOPIC 2b

What could be done to address these issues or concerns at Norwalk Park?

- ✤ More Lighting
- Increase Safety/Security Patrols
- ✤ Walking Track/Trails
- Add Restrooms







#### <u>TOPIC 3</u>

What **park facilities and/or amenities** would make Norwalk Park an ideal place to exercise, picnic, and visit?

- Exercise Equipment
- ✤ Walking Trail/Track
- Playground
- Picnic Areas
- Shade

#### TOPIC 4

What *recreation activities/facilities* might be located along the vacant parcels adjacent to the freeway east of Norwalk Park?

- Trails
- Picnic Areas
- Gardens

#### **GROUP CONCEPT PLANS**

The design charette followed, during which participants explored, discussed and developed actual concepts together for the Norwalk Park improvements. Each group was asked to take the consensus responses and utilize their creative energy to develop a concept plan for the site. Based upon participant input, eight (8) alternatives were prepared by the groups during the workshop. Diagrammatic plan alternatives were drawn based upon the design concepts developed by each group participating at the workshop indicating proposed site land uses, configuration, and access.

#### **CONCLUSION**

Upon presentation of the consensus responses for each topic and each group's plan, all individual topic response forms were collected. The workshop participants were thanked for their involvement and the workshop adjourned.

The following chart represents the exact wording provided by each group on large format paper. They are aggregated here and color-coded to show the workshop consensus responses.





#### **WORKSHOP SUMMARY CHARTS**

GROUP 1	GROUP 2	GROUP 3	GROUP 4	GROUP 5	GROUP 6	GROUP 7	GROUP 8
Plenty of <u>open</u> <u>space</u>	<u>Centrally</u> <u>located</u> to other recreation activities	<u>Open</u> ness	Lots of <u>space</u>	<u>Open</u> fields	Weekend <u>activities</u>	<u>Open space</u>	<u>Variety of</u> <u>facilities</u>
For <u>multiple</u> <u>activities</u>	Lots of <u>activities</u> for all ages	<u>Multiple use</u> of facilities for all ages	<u>Many facilities</u> to choose from	<u>Multiple</u> <u>facilities</u> available (pool, teen center complex, Sproul House/barn	Aquatic Pavilion	Cleanness	<u>Open space</u> / green grass
Sk8 Park	Lots of <u>open</u> <u>space</u>	Location to community	Teen Center	Trees	<u>Basketball</u> <u>courts</u> /sports complex	<u>Activities</u> – Lots going on	Free classes
Basketball court							
Picnic area							

#### **Topic 1a** What do you <u>like the most</u> about Norwalk Park?

#### **TOP 3 CONSENSUS RESPONSES TO "LIKES"**

	OPEN SPACE
MULT	IPLE ACTIVITIES/FACILITIES
	LOCATION

#### **Other Likes**:

Basketball Courts, Aquatic Pavilion, Cleanness, Skate Park, Teen Center, Trees, Free Classes, Picnic Area

GROUP 1	GROUP 2	GROUP 3	GROUP 4	GROUP 5	GROUP 6	GROUP 7	GROUP 8
<u>Not enough</u> <u>light</u>	Renovate the <u>playground</u> !	<u>No shade</u> structures	<u>No shade</u> at the picnic area	<u>Not enough/not</u> good lighting	<u>Safety</u> - <u>Won't find us</u> <u>here at night</u>	<u>Not enough</u> <u>shading</u>	<u>Security</u> – "Friendly" eyes to watch
				<u>(safety issue)</u>	<u>-Poor lighting</u> -Loitering -Drugs, alcohol, shootings		
Not enough water fountains	Drugs and alcohol ( <u>safety</u> of the park)	<u>Lights - not</u> <u>enough</u>	<u>No lighting</u> –	Poor <u>walking</u> / pedestrian <u>pathways</u>	Lack of Shade -We need shade structures	<u>Lighting</u>	<u>Lighting</u> – more and brighter
	<u>More lighting</u>		leads to <u>safety</u> issues				
Picnic area needs improvements - <u>Shade</u>	More recreational equipment (i.e. volleyball nets, outdoor gym equipment, soccer, etc.)	Skate Park (everything)	Restrooms are not updated in addition to playground	<u>Playground</u> outdated, old faded	Empty space not being used!	<u>Restrooms</u>	More <u>walking</u> <u>paths</u> -Into -Around
-Sink to rinse things out -more grills							
		Very little: <u>Restrooms</u> /					More <u>-</u> <u>Playground</u>
		Cleanliness					-Picnic tables

#### **Topic 1b** What do you <u>like the least</u> about Norwalk Park?

#### **TOP 3 CONSENSUS RESPONSES TO "DISLIKES"**

## **NOT ENOUGH LIGHTING**

SAFETY/SECURITY ISSUES

#### **NOT ENOUGH SHADE**

#### **Other Dislikes**:

Playground, Restrooms, Walking Paths, Picnic Area, Water Fountains, Recreational Equipment, Skate Park, Empty Space

Topic 2a	What are your most important <b>issues or concerns</b> related to Norwalk Park?
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GROUP 1	GROUP 2	GROUP 3	GROUP 4	GROUP 5	GROUP 6	GROUP 7	GROUP 8
<u>Safety</u>	<u>Lighting</u> -No lights = No people	<u>Restrooms</u>	<u>Security</u>	<u>Safety / Security</u>	<u>Safety</u>	<u>More lights</u>	<u>Security</u>
Signs -Maps/direction -Activity list	<u>Safety!</u>	Lighting	<u>Outdated</u> <u>facilities</u>	Lighting	Needs to be more inviting / welcoming to come to park	<u>Security</u>	<u>-Boring/old/</u> <u>outdated</u> facilities/war bunker
Bike lanes -Lack of lanes	<u>Shading</u> (not enough trees)	<u>Safety</u> : -Equipment -Patrolling -Signage	Picnic area	Boring / no activities		Additional <u>Restrooms</u>	<u>Shade</u> -benches -baseball -playground
		Walking path throughout the park					

#### **TOP 4 CONSENSUS RESPONSES TO "ISSUES OR CONCERNS"**

SAFETY/SECURITY
LIGHTS/LIGHTING
OUTDATED FACILITIES
RESTROOMS

#### **Other Issues or Concerns:**

Shade, signs, More Inviting Entrance, Bike Lanes, Picnic Area, Boring/No Activities, Walking Path

GROUP 1	GROUP 2	GROUP 3	GROUP 4	GROUP 5	GROUP 6	GROUP 7	GROUP 8
Bicycle control	More lighting	<u>Add more</u> / update	<u>More police</u> appearances	Increase amenities /	<u>Lighting (LED)</u>	<u>Add brighter</u> <u>lights</u>	<u>Lighting</u> -Solar
		( <u>restrooms</u> )		activities	Patrolling by community		-Remote controlled
Functions map guide	<u>More park</u> <u>patrol</u> – (Neighborhood	<u>Add additional</u> <u>lights</u>	Replace and fix (facilities)	Increase safety = decrease bad	-Activities at night	P.S. <u>patrolling</u>	-Color facilities -Renovate play
	watch)			people	- <u>Lighting</u>		equipment
					Exercise areas - <u>Walking track</u>		
					with cork		
Sound barrier -Emergencies	More trees that don't require a	-Public safety	Spread them to have privacy	<u>Brighter and</u> white <u>lights</u>		<u>Add restrooms</u>	<u>Park ranger</u> -AKA friendly
	lot of water!	-Visible/ information	(picnic areas)				security
		Build it! (Walking path)		<u>Walking trail</u> around park,			
				pond, zoo, garden =			
				community involvement			

**Topic 2b** What could be done to **<u>address these issues or concerns</u>** at Norwalk Park?

#### **TOP 4 CONSENSUS RESPONSES TO "ADDRESS ISSUES OR CONCERNS"**

ADD MORE LIGHTING
INCREASE SAFETY/SECURITY PATROLS
WALKING TRACK/TRAILS
RESTROOMS

#### **Other Address Issues or Concerns:**

Bicycle Control, Increase Amenities/Activities, Map Guide, Replace/Fix Facilities, Exercise Areas, Color Facilities, Renovate Play Equipment, Sound Barrier-Emergencies, Drought-Tolerant Trees, Spread Out Picnic Areas, Pond, Zoo, Garden, Community Involvement

GROUP 1	GROUP 2	GROUP 3	GROUP 4	GROUP 5	GROUP 6	GROUP 7	GROUP 8
Map -Directions -Activities coming up	<u>Exercise</u> equipment	Rubber track / walking trails – Exercise circuits	<u>Exercise</u> equipment	Improved picnic areas ( <u>Shade</u> , BBQ, tables)	Dog park section	Better <u>shading</u>	<u>New</u> <u>playground</u> with 5 – 12 equipment – Big! Spectacular!
Solar power <u>light</u>	<u>Walking /</u> running trail (or track)	<u>Family picnic</u> areas	<u>Walking trail</u> around the park	<u>Exercise</u> equipment	<u>Multi-use sports</u> field -Softball -Soccer/football	<u>Walking trails</u> (rubber or dirt)	Adult exercise equipment - together and spread out
Outside exercise equipment	Appealing picnic area	<u>Beach volleyball</u> court	<u>Drinking</u> <u>fountains</u>	<u>Playgrounds</u>	<u>Water</u> playground	<u>Better</u> playgrounds	Educational plaques -Roses -Water well
More <u>water</u> <u>fountains</u>	Snack bar	<u>Water play</u> area (splash pad)	More bright <u>lights</u>	Improve <u>restrooms</u>	Bike Fitness	Resting benches	Walking track
More signs in the parking lot	Beach volleyball	Rubberized tot area (like Cerritos)	More <u>sport</u> <u>facilities</u>	More activities	Women's Weight room	<u>Restrooms</u>	Drinking fountains
					<u>Walking path</u> <u>bright lights</u>		

**Topic 3** What **<u>park facilities and/or amenities</u>** would make Norwalk Park an ideal place to exercise, picnic, and visit?

#### **TOP 5 CONSENSUS RESPONSES "PARK FACILITIES/AMENITIES"**

EXERCISE EQUIPMENT
WALKING TRAIL/TRACK
PICNIC AREAS
PLAYGROUND
SHADE

#### **Other Facilities/Amenities:**

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Lights, Multi-Sports Fields, Drinking/Water Fountains, Water Play, Beach Volleyball, Restrooms, Map/Signage, Dog Park, Educational Plaques, Snack Bar, Bike Fitness, Resting Benches, Rubberized Tot Lot, Women's Weight Room
GROUP 1	GROUP 2	GROUP 3	GROUP 4	GROUP 5	GROUP 6	GROUP 7	GROUP 8
<u>2-lane jogging</u> <u>track</u>	<u>Nature trail</u> alongside 5 Fwy strip	<u>Nature/bike/</u> walking trail with lights, plants, and exercise circuits	Petting zoo	Stream (kid friendly)	<u>Dog Park</u>	Small Ball Fields	<u>Dog Park</u>
Picnic Pads	Bulletin board/directory on bridge/park	With outlets into neighborhoods	Baseball, softball and soccer fields	Animal play structure	Amphitheater	Small Pool	<u>Picnic Pads</u>
Informal garden	Picnic Pads	Petting zoo!	Small <u>tot lot</u>	Koi pond	Picnic Pads	Small Soccer Area	25 parking space lot
<u>Restrooms</u>			<u>Exercise</u> equipment	<u>Dog Park</u>	<u>Exercise</u> <u>stations</u>	Formal Garden	½ basketball court
Outdoor exercise station				Zoo (with <u>petting zoo</u> and train ride in zoo	<u>Garden</u>		<u>Restroom</u> (2)
				Pony rides	<u>Restrooms</u>		Adult <u>exercise</u> <u>station</u>
					Bike racks/lockers		Walking path
							<u>Tot play</u> equipment

**Topic 4** What <u>recreation activities/facilities</u> might be located along the vacant parcels adjacent to the freeway east of Norwalk Park?

#### TOP 5 CONSENSUS RESPONSES FOR "RECREATION ACTIVITIES/FACILITIES ALONG VACANT PARCELS"

TRAILS
PICNIC
DOG PARK
SMALL SOCCER/BALL FIELDS
PETTING ZOO

#### **Other Activities/Facilities along vacant parcels:**

Garden, Exercise Stations, Restrooms, Stream, Small Tot Lot, Directory, Outlets to Neighborhoods, Animal Play Structure, Amphitheater, Small Pool, Koi Pond, Parking, Half-Court Basketball, Pony Rides, Bike Racks

### **NORWALK PARK** GROUP PLAN SUMMARY

PROGRAM ELEMENTS	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5	Group 6	Group 7	Group 8	Total # of Groups that Identified Element
Amphitheatre	✓		✓			✓			2
Ball Field - Small						✓	✓		2
Basketball – Half Court/Full Court		✓				✓		✓	3
Benches							√		1
Dog Park						✓		✓	2
Drinking Fountains							√		1
Exercise Stations/Fitness Circuit/Adult	~		~			~		~	4
Garden – Formal	✓		✓		✓		✓		4
Garden – Informal	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	6
Interactive Trail Features		✓							1
Labyrinth		✓							1
Lighting		✓					$\checkmark$		2
Mini Train				✓	✓				2
Nature Center			✓						1
Parking (Additional)						✓	√	✓	3
Petting Zoo				✓					1
Picnic Pads/Tables	1	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	✓	8
Picnic Shelters/Shade Structures	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	8
Playground – New/Update/Bigger			~	~	~	~	~	~	6
Restrooms	✓	✓	<ul> <li>Image: A start of the start of</li></ul>	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	✓	✓	<ul><li>✓</li></ul>	✓	8
Running/Walking/Jogging Track			✓						1
Signage/Welcome					✓				1
Skate Park - In-Ground/Built- In/Update/Equipment				~	~	~	✓		4
Snack Bar			✓						1
Soccer - Overlay/Small						✓	✓		2
Swings				✓					1
Teen Center (Double Deck)				✓					1
Tennis Court							~		1
Trash Receptacle							~		1
Trees				✓					1
Volleyball	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	8
Walking Trail	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	8
Water Feature/Play/Mister/Pool		✓	✓		✓		✓		4



## Group 2 Plan Concept



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## Group 3 Plan Bubble Diagram





Group 4 Plan Bubble Diagram



## Group 5 Plan Concept



## Group 5 Plan Bubble Diagram





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## Group 7 Plan Concept



## Group 8 Plan Concept











# -Norwalk Park

Community Outreach Summary

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### **Group Discussion Overview**

n July 14, 2014 and July 29, 2014 four group discussions were held with a variety of stakeholders regarding the proposed Master Plan.

Stakeholders included:

- Seniors
- Teens
- Norwalk Women's Club
- Norwalk Community Coordinating
   Council
- Norwalk Park Recreation Leaders
- Boy Scouts of America

Several consistent topics emerged throughout all of the group discussions. Topics included:

- Security issue present at the park (Alcohol & Drug Use)
- Add shading throughout the park
- Add drinking fountains
- Add outdoor gym equipment
- Add extra walkway or walking path with distance markers

The Norwalk community agreed that there is a security issue present at the park, especially as it relates to drug and alcohol use. All four participant group discussions brought up the security issue as a primary reason for not visiting the park as frequently or as a serious concern.

In promoting active lifestyles, group were asked questions on how what they felt was missing at the park to have it be a place that would be conducive for outdoor physical activity. Many participants expressed the need for a walking/jogging pathway in and around the park with distance signage.

Many participants also stated Norwalk Park becomes an increasingly hot place in the summer and spring months. Participants brought about this concern in all four group discussions and agreed that more water fountain stations are needed as well as shading throughout the park, especially in the picnic area, playground and skatepark areas.

## **Senior Discussion Group**

Monday, July 14, 2014. Norwalk Park. Arts & Sports Complex.

9 participants.

The questions and responses are listed below:

#### 1.) How many of you go to Norwalk Park on a regular basis?

• Most participants attend on a regular basis

#### For those of you who go to Norwalk Park on a regular basis, what is the main reason you visit Norwalk Park?

- Racquetball
- Walk
- Socialize

#### If you don't visit Norwalk Park regularly, why don't you visit more often?

- Security issue
- Add or extend the current cement walk path in park
- Picnic areas space is limited and too hot; need shading

#### 2.) Which amenities and/or activities offered at Norwalk Park do you like the most?

- Basketball courts
- Aquatic center
- Sports equipment that is for rent

#### What other amenities and/or activities would you like to see at the park?

- Tennis courts
- Outdoor handball

#### 3.) How can we improve Norwalk Park to make it the ideal place to exercise?

- Add walking trails
- Build a rubber track for walking
- Add posts that have doggie bags for people walking their pets
- Activities for seniors like Frisbee Golf

## 4.) What time of day are you more likely to visit given your schedule? Do you visit the park on weekends?

• Most participants visit the park in the mornings

## **Teenage Group Discussion**

Monday, July 14, 2014. 10:00 AM. Norwalk Park : Arts & Sports Complex.

#### 6 participants.

The questions and responses are listed below:

- 1. How many of you go to Norwalk Park on a regular basis? For those of you who go to Norwalk Park on a regular basis, what is the main reason you visit Norwalk Park? If you don't visit Norwalk Park regularly, why don't you visit more often?
  - Most correspondents come once or twice a week
  - Visit Liberty Park instead because of the volleyball courts with sand
  - Most correspondents live near by
  - Needs better basketball courts
  - Visit Liberty park instead; it has running trails/tracks around basketball courts
  - Visit Holifield Park instead; it has a baseball field. There are structured areas for different sports so that different sport activities don't interfere with one another

#### 2. What do you like best about the park?

• Skate Park is fun, but needs to be upgraded; the course is dangerous and is why not as many people use it anymore (in-ground concrete skate parks are safer)

#### What do you usually do when you are here?

- Teenage center
- Hang out with friends
- Play soccer

#### Why do you participate in that activity?

- Skateparks are fun
- The park is a good social space

#### 3. What do you like the least about Norwalk Park?

• Security issue; drugs and undesirable people

#### What can be done to address this issue?

- More lighting
- A running track would help with more people presence
- Relocate the skatepark

#### 4. Does the park offer enough low-cost or free activities?

- Sports Complex has many
- Not enough

#### What type of free or low-cost activities would you like to see at the park?

- Outdoor gym equipment
- A rubberized track for runners
- 5. If you were recommending the best time to visit the park to a friend, what would be the best time and why?
  - Late afternoon during summer
  - Too hot in afternoon and not enough shade

#### 6. Do you exercise at the park? Why or why not?

- Most people do not exercise in the outdoor area
- no equipment or track at the park

#### 7. How can we improve the park to make it the ideal place to exercise?

- Outdoor gym equipment
- Outdoor track
- Add soccer fields
- Add volleyball courts

## <u>Norwalk Women's Club & Norwalk Community Coordinating Council</u> <u>Group Discussion</u>

Tuesday, July 29, 2014. 9:30 AM. Norwalk Park: Arts & Sports Complex.

#### 7 participants.

The questions and responses are listed below:

- How many of you go to Norwalk Park on a regular basis? For those of you who go to Norwalk Park on a regular basis, what is the main reason you visit Norwalk Park? If you don't visit Norwalk Park regularly, why don't you visit more often?
  - Most participants do not attend on a regular basis

## For those of you who go to Norwalk Park on a regular basis, what is the main reason you visit Norwalk Park?

- Most correspondents report living in the neighborhood as a reason for visiting
- Grandchildren visit the park
- 2. What do you like best about Norwalk Park? What amenities and/or activities would you like to see at the park?
  - Correspondents report running as an activity; would like to have a rubberized track
  - Like the green space and trees but currently not enough of them

Would like to see:

- space to walk dogs
- walking trail
- more seating and benches
- needs water fountains
- 3. What do you like least about the Norwalk Park? What do you feel the park is missing and can be improved?
  - Would like to see an end to drug use at the park
  - Need more shading in picnic areas
  - Would like to see Nature Center return
  - Would like to see more indigenous plants
  - Too dark at night

#### What can be done to address this issue?

- Would like to see signage around park with Public Safety phone number
- More lighting

#### 4. How can we improve the park to make it the ideal place to exercise?

• correspondents universally agreed on outdoor gym equipment

- a running/walking path
- a space to rest after walking around
- 5. What time of day are you more likely to visit given your schedule? Do you visit the park on weekends?
  - In the summer during the day
  - Morning for runners
- 6. Lastly, does anyone have any other comments about Norwalk Park that you would like to share?
  - Park needs a shaded picnic area
  - Add water feature for kids to play in

## Norwalk Park Recreation Leaders & Boys Scouts of America Group Discussion

Tuesday, July 29, 2014. 9:30 AM. Norwalk Park: Arts & Sports Complex.

#### 12 participants.

The questions and responses are listed below:

### How many of you go to Norwalk Park on a regular basis? For those of you who go to Norwalk Park on a regular basis, what is the main reason you visit Norwalk Park? If you don't visit Norwalk Park regularly, why don't you visit more often?

- Most correspondents report not visiting park outside work hours
- Half of correspondents report visiting frequently before working at park
- Those that visit utilize the park to run
- Some report coming on weekends for birthday parties

## For those of you who go to Norwalk Park on a regular basis, what is the main reason you visit Norwalk Park?

• Most correspondents report security issue as reason for not visiting

#### 2. What do you like best about Norwalk Park?

- Skatepark; there are not many around the Norwalk area
- Picnic area
- Green space utilized for volleyball or little leagues for children
- Graffiti is kept to a minimum
- Day camp is popular
- Tables used for family gatherings

## 3. What do you like least about the Norwalk Park? What do you feel the park is missing and can be improved?

- Too many gopher holes
- Trees that block open space
- Need more shading around playground/picnic areas
- Alcohol and drug consumption

#### 4. How can we improve the park to make it the ideal place to exercise?

- Park could incorporate rubberized walking/running trail
- A track with distance markers
- More water fountains
- Setting up permanent sport installations (i.e. soccer posts, volleyball courts, etc.)
- Update the playground ;add rubberized floor and shading
- Rent out sports equipment to general public

- 5. What time of day are you more likely to visit given your schedule? Do you visit the park on weekends?
  - At noon; people take lunch breaks here
  - During the day for the summer
  - Seniors in the morning
  - Nights would be ideal but no lighting
- 6. Lastly, does anyone have any other comments about Norwalk Park that you would like to share?
  - Park should have posts with doggie bags
  - Add outdoor fitness equipment like at other Norwalk parks
  - Need more walkways around park
  - Incorporate art mural along the freeway wall
  - Add timer lighting at night
  - Picnic tables along Sproul Complex under direct sunlight, making it uncomfortable
  - Add seating areas near playground / outside pool area
  - Soccer is a very popular sport at Norwalk
  - Water feature (a fountain for younger children to splash in)
  - Bring the barn back! (reference to Nature Center)

## **Informal Conversations with Park-Users**

n Monday, July 14, 2014 approximately 20 informal conversations were held with park-users. The following questions were asked:

- What do you feel the park is missing? What can be done to improve the park?
- 2. Why do you come to the park?
- 3. What do you like best about Norwalk Park?
- 4. What do you usually do when you are here?
- 5. Why do you participate in that activity?
- 6. What do you like least about Norwalk Park?
- 7. If you were recommending the best time to visit the park to a friend, what would be the best time and why?
- 8. Does the park offer enough low-cost or free activities?

What type of free or low-cost activities would you like to see at the park? Do you have any ideas the City could offer these low-cost activities?

- 9. Do you exercise at the park? Why or why not?
- 10. How can we improve the park to make it the ideal place to exercise?
- 11. What time of day are you more likely to visit given your schedule? Do you visit the park on weekends?

One additional conversation was held at the St. Linus Catholic Church on Tuesday, July 29, 2014. The data collected were also incorporated into the information presented in this section.

Several consistent topics emerged throughout all of the conversations. Topics included:

- Concern over drugs & alcohol
- Concerns about security
- Need for more shaded areas
- Need for outdoor gym equipment
- Bringing back the Nature Center (Petting Zoo)
- Adding a walking/jogging trail

Most of the individual conversations were conducted with parents who were visiting the park for its aquatic facility and Summer Day Camp. Participants were pleased with the maintenance of the park and its staff, stating that other than the undesirable activity that happens at the park, overall they feel Norwalk Park has greater potential to attract more visitors.

Parents also expressed concern over the lack of shading in areas where they supervise their children (playground, picnic benches, skatepark and areas surrounding the swimming pool). The Nature Center was also a reoccurring request for parents who previously enjoyed its presence at the park before it was removed.

### **Responses**

#### 1. What do you feel the park is missing? What can be done to improve the park?

- Most reported there is a need for security at night
- Enforce drug/alcohol use prohibition
- More trees
- Playground for 8-13 year olds
- Shaded areas (especially in picnic areas)
- The Nature Center (was previously there years ago)
- More parking
- Better BBQ facilities

#### 2. Why do you come to the park?

- Enjoy fresh-air
- Aquatic Center
- Family gatherings
- Close to home
- Walk my dog
- Swimming lessons for children
- Visited the Nature Center

#### 3. What do you like best about Norwalk Park?

- Pool is a major attraction
- My children play basketball
- Like the movies at the park
- Parking is ample
- Well maintained
- 4. What do you usually do when you are here?
  - Kids Adventure Camp
  - Walk around in mornings
  - Play soccer

#### 5. Why do you participate in that activity?

- Parents enjoy the activities kids do in summer camp.
- Kids Adventure Camp is well organized
- Sports Complex staff is friendly and efficient

#### 6. What do you like least about Norwalk Park?

- Bathrooms are hidden and cannot see my children
- People who come to park to do drugs
- Playground feels unsafe for children, especially during summer heat

## 7. If you were recommending the best time to visit the park to a friend, what would be the best time and why?

- Mornings, but not enough activities
- Mornings because it is not hot
- Mornings because it is less crowded
- Late afternoon during summer
- Anytime during Sport Complex business hours; all activities are great

#### 8. Does the park offer enough low-cost or free activities?

- Sports Complex has many
- Art activities
- Nothing in the outdoor areas

#### What type of free or low-cost activities would you like to see at the park?

- The Petting Zoo
- Most agree that enough activities are available

#### Do you have any ideas the City could offer these low-cost activities?

- Add a walking path
- Add outdoor gym equipment

#### 9. Do you exercise at the park? Why or why not?

- Most people do not exercise in the outdoor area
- Enrolled in a gym membership elsewhere

#### 10. How can we improve the park to make it the ideal place to exercise?

- Outdoor gym equipment
- Outdoor track
- Add soccer fields
- Add volleyball courts
- Longer hours to accommodate my schedule
- Longer hours for pool year round

#### 11. What time of day are you more likely to visit given your schedule? Do you visit the park on weekends?

- Most people do not visit during weekends
- Mornings on weekends

- Evenings on weekdays
- Weekends for birthday events
- Not enough activities during weekend

### **Online Blog Commentary**

The www.norwalkparkplan.com website allowed for Norwalk community members to voice their opinion as well. A series of comments were posted on the website that displayed the ideas and comments from those who demonstrated interest in the proposed park master plan. Below is a snapshot of the actual webpage containing the information left on the website.

★ Like Be the first to Categories: I	ike this. nformation   Permalink.
	GHTS ON "BE PART OF THE PLAN!"
Leave a con	nment
	sally sanchez resident June 9, 2014 at 8:23 pm
	Zimmerman park is lonely and dangerous . It needs maybe a police substation or an activities recreation staff something, it is the closest park to me so we walk there withthe kids but I feel like it is wasted land because it is not being used to its potential.
	Reply
	Shayne Kaurin June 14, 2014 at 12:17 am
A++ + + *	As a Norwalk resident, home owner, and avid skateboarder. I think it's imperative that the skate park is rebuilt and brought up to a safety standard. For years now the park has been in need of repair and a lot of metal ramps can cause injury because of their current condition. Keeping the skate park safe is a major part of giving the youth something to do that keeps them out of trouble and doing something positive.
	Reply
	SallySanchez July 8, 2014 at 339 am Ithink that's a great plan Reply
	Peter Gonzalez July 7, 2014 at 5:19 am
20 Leng	Somehow connect norwalk park to the norwalk entertainment center (pedestrian bridge7) Maybe this would increase traffic to the entertainment center and spur much needed redevelopment there as well as make the park more of a destination
	Reply
	SallySanchez July 8, 2014 at 3:40 am
	Sounds good Reply



## Norwalk Recreation and Park Services Norwalk Park Survey



Date:	bertareortarentar
TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF	
Zip Code:	Gender Female 🗌 Male
Age Group: 5-14 15-19 20-30	□ 31-50 □ 51-65 □ over 65
VISITING NORWALK PARK	
1. Do you go to Norwalk Park?	
Yes (if YES, don't answer question 1	e) I No (Please skip to question 1e)
If Yes	
a. How often do you visit Norwalk Par	k?
Frequently (almost every day or we	ekly) 🛛 Sometimes (a few times a month)
Rarely (a few times a year)	□ Other:
b. How do you usually get to Norwalk	Park? Check all that are applicable.
Walking Bicycle	
Driving Bus/public	-
□ Other:	
c. What do you do there? Check all th	
Play sports Exercise	
	Arts & crafts
□ Visit playground □ Other:	
d. What time of day do you usually vis	It? Check all that are applicable.
☐ Morning ☐ Afternoon	
Evening/Night Other:	
e. Why do you not visit Norwalk Park?	
☐ Unsafe ☐ Too far ☐ Other:	No Time
2. What types of programs do you participate	in?
$\square$ Youth sports	Adult sports
Senior Citizen activities	Educational classes
Exercise/aerobics classes	Aquatic Activities
Arts and cultural activities	Tutoring or homework assistance

3. What would you like to see more of at or around Norwalk Park?

	y
Facilities:	

	Bicycle paths/lanes       Walking Paths       Exercise facilities         Community Garden       Nature center       Aquatic Center         Other:
	Programs:       Tutoring or homework assistance         Youth sports       Tutoring or homework assistance         Adult Sports       Exercise/aerobics classes         Senior Citizen activities       Educational classes         Arts and cultural activities       Aquatic Activities         Other:       Other:
YOUR C	CONCERNS & OPINIONS
4.	What do you like and/or dislike about Norwalk Park?
5.	What are the top 3 issues concerning Norwalk Park?         1
6.	Please rate how safe you feel at Norwalk Park:  Excellent Good Fair Poor  What would improve safety at Norwalk Park?
7.	Do you feel safe <b>getting to</b> Norwalk Park? Yes No If no, what improvements would make getting to Norwalk Park safer? Bicycle lanes or path More street lighting Improved street crossings Wider sidewalks or a walking path Other:
Par Ma Be	THANK YOU!         Your survey helps the City of Norwalk develop a new plan for Norwalk Park.         Learn more and attend upcoming community meetings visit:         www.norwalkca.gov

## Norwalk Park

Summary of Self-Administered Questionnaires

8/18/2014

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## Background

From April 19, 2014 to August 1, 2014 a total of 413 individuals completed a Norwalk Park selfadministered questionnaire. Five individuals completed the questionnaires on-line, while the rest of the questionnaires were completed in-person. The majority of the questionnaires were completed at the City of Norwalk Easter Egg Hunt, Norwalk Arts and Sports Complex, and the Norwalk Aquatic Center. The questionnaires were administered both in English (82%) and in Spanish (18%), and involved a series closed and open ended questions to better understand the current state of the Park and recommendations for improvements from the community.

### **Population Characteristics**

A total of 342 participants indicated their gender as male (32%) or female (68%). The age groups 5 to 14 and 31 to 50 made up over 50 percent of the total participants.



## How often do you visit?

Responses to this question included four different answer choices: Often, Sometimes, Rarely, and Other. Out of a total 388 who responded, the breakdown was as follows:

- Often 49%
- Sometimes 33%
- Rarely 17%

• Other -1%

### How do you usually get to the park?

A total of 507 tallies were answered in this question. Over 50 percent of responses indicated they "drive" and about one quarter "walk" as their means of transportation to the park. Respondents were able to check off multiple answer choices.



### What do you do there?

Respondents indicated as many answer choices that applied. Answer choices included both recreational and social activities. A total of 889 tallies were indicated and the breakdown is as follows:

- Visit playground 20%
- Play sports 19%
- Exercise 17%
- Swim 12%
- Picinic 11%
- Socialize 10%
- Arts and crafts -7%
- Other -3%

### What time of day do you usually visit?

In screening for the particular time of day most participants go to the park, answer choices included either mornings, afternoons, or evenings. A total of 499 responses were tallied, with 50 percent of participants indicating they go to the park in the "Afternoon." The remaining 50% were divided by "Morning" or "Evening."



### Why do you not visit Norwalk Park?

To better understand the reasons for not visiting Norwalk Park, this question was a follow-up for only those who indicated they do not visit the park. A total of 72 participants responded to this question, with four answer choices – No time, Too far, Unsafe, Other – with all answers being comparable.

"Other" had the highest response (29%) out of the four answer choices. Here are some of the results:

- Gangs
- Needs a better play ground
- No pets allowed
- Not enough lighting
- Bathrooms are messy
- Illicit drug use



## What types of programs do you participate in?

Current programs available extended from sports, social and educational events, focused ono youth to senior citizens. There were 560 total responses with one quarter of respondents currently participating in "Youth Sports."



## What would you like to see more of at or around Norwalk Park – Facilities?

There were seven answer choices in this question to better understand what participants are interested in as far as physical environment of the park. There were a total of 802 tallied answers, with not much variation among the frequency of responses for each.



### What would like to see more of at Norwalk Park - Programs?

Participant responses to programs of interests were consistent with the current programs participation; it included a total of 814 answer responses. That is, the percentage of individuals who want to see more "Youth Sports" was about the same as the percentage of participants who are participating in Youth Sports, 25%.



## What are the top 3 issues concerning Norwalk Park?

A total of 201 tallies resulted from this question. The top issues of concern for participants included:

- Safety
- Gangs
- Violence
- Trash
- Smoking
- Illicit drugs
- Sports Complex's hours of operation
- Not enough activities

### Please rate how you feel about Norwalk Park?

Rating how participant feel about the park consisted of four answer selection, with only the top choice from participants allowed. A total of 385 participants answered this question. The results are as follows:

- Good 52%
- Excellent 25%
- Fair 20%
- Poor -2%

### What would improve safety at Norwalk Park?

This was an open ended question with a total of 124 tallied answers in the responses. Some of the most frequent responses included:

- More frequent police and security patrols
- Increase lighting within and around the park
- Have the park gated
- Increase activities all year round

## Do you feel safe getting to Norwalk Park?

Access to parks based on safety is a concern to consider when planning for and around public spaces. The question allowed for a binary response, either "Yes" or "No." A total of 357 participants responded with 89% saying they feel safe, while 11% said they did not feel safe.

### If no, what improvements would make getting to Norwalk Park safer?

Out of the 265 total tallies to this question, one-third (33%) indicated more lighting as a way to increase safety. Some of the responses for "Other" that stood out include:

- More security/police presence
- Increase lighting within the park



• Monitor gang members' illicit activities



Norwalk Park Master Plan CITY OF NORWALK, CALIFORNIA Statement of Preliminary Probable Construction Budget 11/21/2014

A. M	AIN PARK (MAZE AREA)						
ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QTY	UNIT		UNIT COST		TOTAL
1.	Mobilization	1	LS		Allow		\$17,032.75
2.	Site Demolition / Clear and Grub	29,400	SF	\$	1.00	\$	29,400.00
3.	Rough Grading	29,400	SF	\$	0.50	\$	14,700.00
4.	Fine Grading / Soil Preparation	29,400	SF	\$	0.35	\$	10,290.00
5.	Site Drainage	29,400	SF	\$	0.50	\$	14,700.00
6.	Planting-Shrubs	7,100	SF	\$	3.00	\$	21,300.00
7.	Planting-Turf(Hydroseed)	10,200	SF	\$	0.15	\$	1,530.00
8.	Irrigation-Shrubs	7,100	SF	\$	2.50	\$	17,750.00
9.	Irrigation-Turf	10,200	SF	\$	2.00	\$	20,400.00
10.	Wood Mulch	7,100	SF	\$	0.35	\$	2,485.00
11.	D.G. Maze to include concrete curbs	5,900	SF	\$	10.00	\$	59,000.00
12.	Trees- 24" Box	13	EA	\$	300.00	\$	3,900.00
13.	Light Fixtures	8	EA	\$	6,500.00	\$	52,000.00
14.	Site electrical- conduit, wiring and distribution	1	Allow	\$	25,000.00	\$	25,000.00
15.	Sidewalks	5,900	SF	\$	8.00	\$	47,200.00
16.	Exercise Station- DG pad and Equipment	2	EA	\$	8,000.00	\$	16,000.00
17.	Site Furniture	1	Allow	\$	5,000.00	\$	5,000.00
	SUBTOTAL \$ 357,68						357,687.75
	15% CONTINGENCY					\$	53,653.16
	SITE WORK (MAZE AREA) TOTAL					\$	411,340.91

B. M.	AIN PARK (NATURE CENTER AREA)				
ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QTY	UNIT	UNIT COST	TOTAL
1.	Mobilization	1	LS	Allow	\$26,145.50
2.	Site Demolition / Clear and Grub	24,400	SF	\$ 1.00	\$ 24,400.00
3.	Rough Grading	24,400	SF	\$ 0.50	\$ 12,200.00
4.	Fine Grading / Soil Preparation	24,400	SF	\$ 0.35	\$ 8,540.00
5.	Site Drainage	24,400	SF	\$ 0.50	\$ 12,200.00
6.	Planting-Shrubs	8,200	SF	\$ 3.00	\$ 24,600.00
7.	Irrigation-Shrubs	8,200	SF	\$ 2.50	\$ 20,500.00
8.	Wood Mulch	8,200	SF	\$ 0.35	\$ 2,870.00
9.	Trees- 24" Box	11	EA	\$ 300.00	\$ 3,300.00
10.	Light Fixtures	4	EA	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 26,000.00
11.	Site electrical- conduit, wiring and distribution	1	Allow	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 12,500.00
12.	Sidewalks	2,600	SF	\$ 8.00	\$ 20,800.00
13.	Maintenance Access Road	9,000	SF	\$ 3.00	\$ 27,000.00
14.	Site Furniture	1	Allow	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
15.	Animal Pens- DG and Fencing	8	EA	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
16.	Nature Center Building	800	SF	\$ 350.00	\$ 280,000.00
	SUBTOTAL				\$ 549,055.50
	15% CONTINGENCY				\$ 82,358.33
	SITE WORK (NATURE CENTER AREA) TOTAL				\$ 631,413.83

C. MAIN PARK (OPEN PLAY AREA)							
ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QTY	UNIT	L	JNIT COST		TOTAL
1.	Mobilization	1	LS		Allow		\$49,644.88
2.	Site Demolition / Clear and Grub	56,550	SF	\$	1.00	\$	56,550.00
3.	Rough Grading	56,550	SF	\$	0.50	\$	28,275.00
4.	Fine Grading and Soil Preparation	56,550	SF	\$	0.35	\$	19,792.50
5.	Site Drainage	56,550	SF	\$	0.50	\$	28,275.00
6.	Planting-Turf(Hydroseed)	50,700	SF	\$	0.15	\$	7,605.00
7.	Irrigation-Turf	50,700	SF	\$	2.00	\$	101,400.00
8.	Trees- 24" Box	3	EA	\$	300.00	\$	900.00
9.	Light Fixtures	5	EA	\$	6,500.00	\$	32,500.00
10.	Site electrical- conduit, wiring and distribution	1	Allow	\$	15,600.00	\$	15,600.00
11.	Sidewalks	4,500	SF	\$	8.00	\$	36,000.00
12.	Exercise Station- DG pad and Equipment	2	EA	\$	8,000.00	\$	16,000.00
13.	Site Furniture	1	Allow	\$	20,000.00	\$	20,000.00
14.	Picnic Shelter	3	EA	\$	60,000.00	\$	180,000.00
15.	Utilites- Water, Sewer and Electrical	1	LS		Allow	\$	100,000.00
16.	Restroom	1	EA	\$	350,000.00	\$	350,000.00
	SUBTOTAL					\$	1,042,542.38
	15% CONTINGENCY					\$	156,381.36
	SITE WORK (OPEN PLAY AREA) TOTAL					\$	1,198,923.73

TEM	DESCRIPTION	QTY	UNIT	UNIT COST		TOTAL
1.	Mobilization	1	LS	Allov	'	\$23,671.45
2.	Site Demolition / Clear and Grub	34,340	SF	\$ 1.00	) \$	34,340.00
3.	Rough Grading	34,340	SF	\$ 0.50	) \$	17,170.00
4.	Fine Grading / Soil Preparation	34,340	SF	\$ 0.35	\$	12,019.00
5.	Site Drainage	34,340	SF	\$ 0.50	) \$	17,170.00
6.	Planting-Shrubs	8,300	SF	\$ 3.00	\$	24,900.00
7.	Planting-Turf(Hydroseed)	14,500	SF	\$ 0.15	\$	2,175.00
8.	Irrigation-Shrubs	8,300	SF	\$ 2.50	) \$	20,750.00
9.	Irrigation-Turf	14,500	SF	\$ 2.00	) \$	29,000.00
10.	Wood Mulch	8,300	SF	\$ 0.35	\$	2,905.00
11.	Bioswale	3,200	SF	\$ 6.00	\$	19,200.00
12.	Trees- 24" Box	8	EA	\$ 300.00	) \$	2,400.00
13.	Light Fixtures	3	EA	\$ 6,500.00	) \$	19,500.00
14.	Site electrical- conduit, wiring and distribution	1	Allow	\$ 9,500.00	\$	9,500.00
15.	Sidewalks	6,800	SF	\$ 8.00	) \$	54,400.00
16.	Exercise Station- DG pad and Equipment	1	EA	\$ 8,000.00	) \$	8,000.00
17.	Site Furniture	1	Allow	\$ 20,000.00	) \$	20,000.00
18.	Picnic Shelter	3	EA	\$ 60,000.00	) \$	180,000.00

SUBTOTAL	\$ 497,100.45
15% CONTINGENCY	\$ 74,565.07
SITE WORK (PICNIC AREA) TOTAL	\$ 571,665.52

E. MAIN PARK (VOLLEYBALL AREA)							
ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QTY	UNIT	U	NIT COST		TOTAL
1.	Mobilization	1	LS		Allow		\$19,312.88
2.	Site Demolition / Clear and Grub	31,650	SF	\$	1.00	\$	31,650.00
3.	Rough Grading	31,650	SF	\$	0.50	\$	15,825.00
4.	Fine Grading / Soil Preparation	31,650	SF	\$	0.35	\$	11,077.50
5.	Site Drainage	31,650	SF	\$	0.50	\$	15,825.00
6.	Planting-Shrubs	4,800	SF	\$	3.00	\$	14,400.00
	Planting-Turf(Hydroseed)	20,000	SF	\$	0.15	\$	3,000.00
	Irrigation-Shrubs	4,800	SF	\$	2.50	\$	12,000.00
9.	Irrigation-Turf	20,000	SF	\$	2.00	\$	40,000.00
10.	Wood Mulch	4,800	SF	\$	0.35	\$	1,680.00
11.	Bioswale	900	SF	\$	6.00	\$	5,400.00
12.	Trees- 24" Box	3	EA	\$	300.00	\$	900.00
13.	Light Fixtures	4	EA	\$	6,500.00	\$	26,000.00
14.	Site electrical- conduit, wiring and distribution	1	Allow	\$	12,500.00	\$	12,500.00
15.	Sidewalks	4,000	SF	\$	8.00	\$	32,000.00
16.	Exercise Station- DG pad and Equipment	2	EA	\$	8,000.00	\$	16,000.00
17.	Site Furniture	1	Allow	\$	8,000.00	\$	8,000.00
18.	Picnic Shelter	1	EA	\$	60,000.00	\$	60,000.00
19.	Gazebo	1	EA	\$	80,000.00	\$	80,000.00
	SUBTOTAL					¢	405,570.38
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	SITE WORK (VOLLEYBALL AREA) TOTAL					φ	466,405.93

F. MAIN PARK (SOCCER AREA)							
ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QTY	UNIT		UNIT COST		TOTAL
1.	Mobilization	1	LS		Allow		\$27,392.20
2.	Site Demolition / Clear and Grub	73,740	SF	\$	1.00	\$	73,740.00
3.	Rough Grading	73,740	SF	\$	0.50	\$	36,870.00
4.	Fine Grading / Soil Preparation	73,740	SF	\$	0.35	\$	25,809.00
	Site Drainage	73,740	SF	\$	0.50	\$	36,870.00
6.	Planting-Shrubs	5,300	SF	\$	3.00	\$	15,900.00
7.	Planting-Turf(Hydroseed)	59,000	SF	\$	0.15	\$	8,850.00
8.	Irrigation-Shrubs	5,300	SF	\$	2.50	\$	13,250.00
	Irrigation-Turf	59,000	SF	\$	2.00	\$	118,000.00
10.	Wood Mulch	5,300	SF	\$	0.35	\$	1,855.00
11.	Bioswale	3,000	SF	\$	6.00	\$	18,000.00
12.	Trees- 24" Box	4	EA	\$	300.00	\$	1,200.00
13.	Light Fixtures	7	EA	\$	6,500.00	\$	45,500.00
14.	Site electrical- conduit, wiring and distribution	1	Allow	\$	22,000.00	\$	22,000.00
-	Sidewalks	5,500	SF	\$	8.00	\$	44,000.00
16.	Exercise Station- DG pad and Equipment	2	EA	\$	8,000.00	\$	16,000.00
17.	Site Furniture	1	Allow	\$	10,000.00	\$	10,000.00
18.	Picnic Shelter	1	EA	\$	60,000.00	\$	60,000.00
	SUBTOTAL					\$	575,236.20
	15% CONTINGENCY					\$	86,285.43
	SITE WORK (SOCCER AREA) TOTAL					\$	661,521.63

G. M	G. MAIN PARK (TOTLOT AREA)						
ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QTY	UNIT		UNIT COST		TOTAL
1.	Mobilization	1	LS		Allow		\$33,226.25
2.	Site Demolition / Clear and Grub	20,000	SF	\$	1.00	\$	20,000.00
	Rough Grading	20,000	SF	\$	0.50	\$	10,000.00
4.	Fine Grading / Soil Preparation	20,000	SF	\$	0.35	\$	7,000.00
5.	Site Drainage	20,000	SF	\$	0.50	\$	10,000.00
6.	Planting-Shrubs	2,500	SF	\$	3.00	\$	7,500.00
7.	Irrigation-Shrubs	2,500	SF	\$	2.50	\$	6,250.00
8.	Wood Mulch	2,500	SF	\$	0.35	\$	875.00
9.	Trees- 24" Box	3	EA	\$	300.00	\$	900.00
10.	Light Fixtures	1	EA	\$	6,500.00	\$	6,500.00
11.	Site electrical- conduit, wiring and distribution	1	Allow	\$	3,500.00	\$	3,500.00
12.	Sidewalks	3,000	SF	\$	8.00	\$	24,000.00
13.	Resilient Surfacing Expansion	10,000	SF	\$	30.00	\$	300,000.00
14.	New Play Equipment Expansion	1	LS		Allow	\$	250,000.00
15.	Site Furniture	1	Allow	\$	10,000.00	\$	10,000.00
16.	Exercise Station- DG pad and Equipment	1	EA	\$	8,000.00	\$	8,000.00
	SUBTOTAL					\$	697,751.25
	15% CONTINGENCY					\$	104,662.69
	SITE WORK (TOTLOT AREA) TOTAL					\$	802,413.94

H. MAIN PARK (SKATE PARK AREA)							
ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QTY	UNIT	UNIT COST		TOTAL	
1.	Mobilization	1	LS	Allow		\$23,508.13	
2.	Site Demolition / Clear and Grub	17,000	SF	\$ 1.00	\$	17,000.00	
3.	Rough Grading	17,000	SF	\$ 0.50	\$	8,500.00	
4.	Fine Grading / Soil Preparation	17,000	SF	\$ 0.35	\$	5,950.00	
5.	Site Drainage	17,000	SF	\$ 0.50	\$	8,500.00	
6.	Planting-Shrubs	2,250	SF	\$ 3.00	\$	6,750.00	
7.	Irrigation-Shrubs	2,250	SF	\$ 2.50	\$	5,625.00	
8.	Wood Mulch	2,250	SF	\$ 0.35	\$	787.50	
9.	Trees- 24" Box	6	EA	\$ 300.00	\$	1,800.00	
10.	Light Fixtures	4	EA	\$ 6,500.00	\$	26,000.00	
11.	Site electrical- conduit, wiring and distribution	1	Allow	\$ 12,500.00	\$	12,500.00	
12.	Site Furniture	1	Allow	\$ 8,000.00	\$	8,000.00	
13.	Skate Park	14,750	SF	\$ 25.00	\$	368,750.00	
	SUBTOTAL				\$	493,670.63	
	15% CONTINGENCY				\$	74,050.59	
	SITE WORK (SKATE PARK AREA) TOTAL				\$	567,721.22	

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I. MAIN PARK (GARDENS AREA)							
ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QTY	UNIT	U	INIT COST		TOTAL
1.	Mobilization	1	LS		Allow		\$40,769.25
2.	Site Demolition / Clear and Grub	31,600	SF	\$	1.00	\$	31,600.00
3.	Rough Grading	31,600	SF	\$	0.50	\$	15,800.00
4.	Fine Grading / Soil Preparation	31,600	SF	\$	0.35	\$	11,060.00
5.	Site Drainage	31,600	SF	\$	0.50	\$	15,800.00
6.	Planting-Shrubs	14,500	SF	\$	3.00	\$	43,500.00
7.	Irrigation-Shrubs	14,500	SF	\$	2.50	\$	36,250.00
8.	Wood Mulch	14,500	SF	\$	0.35	\$	5,075.00
9.	Bioswale	2,000	SF	\$	6.00	\$	12,000.00
10.	Trees- 24" Box	13	EA	\$	300.00	\$	3,900.00
11.	Light Fixtures	10	EA	\$	6,500.00	\$	65,000.00
12.	Site electrical- conduit, wiring and distribution	1	Allow	\$	31,000.00	\$	31,000.00
13.	Sidewalks	11,800	SF	\$	8.00	\$	94,400.00
14.	Park Sign	1	Allow	\$	20,000.00	\$	20,000.00
15.	Kiosk	1	Allow	\$	30,000.00	\$	30,000.00
16.	Site Furniture	1	Allow	\$	40,000.00	\$	40,000.00
17.	Picnic Shelter	6	EA	\$	60,000.00	\$	360,000.00
	SUBTOTAL					\$	856,154.25
	15% CONTINGENCY					\$	128,423.14
	SITE WORK (GARDENS AREA) TOTAL					\$	984,577.39

	ARK EXTENSION DESCRIPTION	QTY	UNIT		UNIT COST	TOTAL
1.	Mobilization	1	LS		Allow	\$107,001.2
	Site Demolition / Clear and Grub	166,000	SF	\$	1.00	\$ 166,000.00
3.	Rough Grading	166,000	SF	\$	0.50	\$ 83,000.00
4.	Fine Grading / Soil Preparation	166,000	SF	\$	0.35	\$ 58,100.00
5.	Site Drainage	166,000	SF	\$	0.50	\$ 83,000.00
6.	Planting-Shrubs	121,000	SF	\$	3.00	\$ 363,000.00
7.	Irrigation-Shrubs	121,000	SF	\$	2.50	\$ 302,500.00
8.	Wood Mulch	121,000	SF	\$	0.35	\$ 42,350.00
9.	Bioswale	15,200	SF	\$	6.00	\$ 91,200.00
10.	Trees- 24" Box	100	EA	\$	300.00	\$ 30,000.00
11.	Light Fixtures	34	EA	\$	6,500.00	\$ 221,000.00
12.	Site electrical- conduit, wiring and distribution	1	Allow	\$	106,000.00	\$ 106,000.00
13.	Vehicular D.G. Path (8' wide)	20,500	SF	\$	6.00	\$ 123,000.00
14.	Vehicular D.G. Path Edge Restraints	5,125	SF	\$	15.00	\$ 76,875.00
15.	Pedestrian Foot Bridge	4	EA	\$	10,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
16.	Exercise Station- DG pad and Equipment	10	EA	\$	8,000.00	\$ 80,000.00
17.	Site Furniture	1	Allow	\$	34,000.00	\$ 34,000.00
18.	Picnic Shelter	4	EA	\$	60,000.00	\$ 240,000.00
SUBTOTAL					\$ 2,247,026.25	
15% CONTINGENCY					\$ 337,053.94	
	SITE WORK (PARK EXTENSION) TOTAL					\$ 2,584,080.19

MAIN PARK TOTAL (ALL 9 AREAS)	\$ 6,295,984.09
PARK EXTENSION TOTAL	\$ 2,584,080.19
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 8,880,064.28

THE ABOVE ESTIMATE DOES NOT INCLUDE FEES FOR PROFESSIONAL DESIGN SERVICES. RJM HAS PREPARED THIS ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE CONSTRUCTION COSTS ON THE BASIS OF ITS BEST PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENT AND EXPERIENCE WITH THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY. THE ESTIMATE, HOWEVER, REPRESENTS ASSUMPTIONS AND OPINIONS OF THE CONSTRUCTION MARKET AND CONTRACTORS' METHODS OF DETERMINING ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION COSTS OVER WHICH RJM HAS NO CONTROL. IF THE OWNER WISHES GREATER ASSURANCE AS TO THE CONSTRUCTION COST, HE SHALL EMPLOY AN INDEPENDENT COST ESTIMATOR.

Excluded Costs:

1. Professional fees, inspections and testing

2. Plan check fees and building permit fees

3. Construction management fees