



Agenda Report

City Council

Date: February 28, 2023

To: Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Parnell Park Ad Hoc Committee

Subject: Parnell Park Renovation and Improvement Project Update

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the refinements to the Parnell Park Renovation and Improvement project recommended by the Parnell Park Ad Hoc Committee.

BACKGROUND

Parnell Park, originally at 10711 Scott Avenue, is a 12.8-acre park in a residential neighborhood between Lambert Road and Mulberry Drive. The park was developed in 1967 after the City purchased 6.4 acres from the Parnell Preparatory School for Girls and 6.4 acres from the County of Los Angeles. The current Parnell Park Community and Senior Center resides at 15390 Lambert Road and includes standard amenities such as picnic tables, barbeques, a play area with play equipment, one basketball court, restrooms, and three parking lots. There is minimal security lighting in and around the park. In addition, there is a softball diamond, a spray pool, a farm animal zoo, and a recreation facility offering classes, training, events, and sports classes.

The playground equipment was last upgraded in 2009, including rubberized surfacing. Playground equipment has begun to crack, and chip and no longer meets the current play styles of children. Unrepairable equipment has been removed, leaving only small areas of play. Under normal conditions, playground usage is estimated at 8,000-10,000 children annually.

On March 9, 2021, City Council approved the filing for a statewide park development and community revitalization program grant to seek funds to renovate Parnell Park. The application process was multifaceted and required community outreach and input to the project. The community surveys showed that sports fields, an 'all-abilities' playground, a splash pad, new restrooms, fitness equipment, a walking path, lighting, and an updated landscape/irrigation system were the most requested items. The City was notified on December 8, 2021, that the project application was not selected for funding.

On October 15, 2021, Senator Bob Archuleta presented City Council with the official notification that through the state budget process, budget trailer bills AB 170 and SB 170 included \$5,019,000.00 as designated grant funds to be awarded to the City of Whittier through the State of California, Specific Grant process for the Parnell Park Renovation and Improvement Project.

On November 9, 2021, City Council approved Resolution No. 2021-87 to begin accepting the grant and authorize the City Manager to conduct all negotiations and sign and submit all documents necessary to complete the grant. The State of California agreement has been executed for the project.

Guided by the prior public outreach process and previous consideration by City Council, the scope of work for the State Specific Grant includes youth sports fields, lighting, ancillary improvements; playground and rubberized surfacing; - Fitness Par Course; new restroom facility and a splash pad.

On February 8, 2022, City Council awarded the Concept design services contract to SWA-Laguna Beach for the following scope items:

- Project vision and programming.
- Meeting with the Client to discuss project goals.
- Conceptual hardscape design.
- Conceptual planting design.
- Conceptual location and character of site furnishings, amenities, play features, sports facilities, and signage, per project vision and programming.
- Geotechnical evaluations and reports, including infiltration testing.
- Topographic site survey and base mapping.
- Conceptual site grading, drainage, and wet utilities.
- Preliminary WQMP plan and hydrology study.
- Conceptual Opinion of Probable Cost.

On February 22, 2022, the Council formed an Ad Hoc Committee that included Mayor Vinatieri and Council Member Warner.

On May 24, 2022, City Council reviewed the Ad Hoc Committee's report on the status of Phase one of the Parnell Park conceptual plan and recommended that the proposed soccer fields can serve soccer activities up to the U12 soccer division.

On October 11, 2022, City Council approved the design concept plans from SWA and amended agreement A22-033 with SWA to include 100% completion of construction documents, bid specifications, and consultation through the completion of construction for an added cost of \$908,000.

DISCUSSION

The Parnell Park Ad Hoc committee has continued meeting with SWA to refine aspects of the renovation. Updates to the multi-use park design include the strategic placement of entry and exit locations of the park, additional parking spaces, identified required EV parking stall locations, and refinements to the zoo with the addition of solar panels at the main zoo building. Adjustments have also been made to the playground area, including fall zones, visibility into the play structures, addition of a shade component, and the addition of elements for children under the age of 5.

The splash pad area has also been refined to include placement of the water controls underground, refined surface and equipment design, splash jet specifications, and a more defined connection to the playground and seating areas. It has also been recommended to utilize the Art in Public Places Committee for the decorative component of the band shell wall, including the ability to drape over the art if needed. Refinement continues to the grading of the soccer fields. One of the proposed basketball courts will be adjusted for multi-use to include striping for two pickleball courts with a low perimeter fence surrounding the area.

The Ad Hoc Committee recommends City Council consider its recommendations for the playground and splash pad refinements, commissioning band shell wall art as an Art in Public Places project, and parking lot and electric vehicle parking locations, as shown in Attachment A.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact associated with this report.

STRATEGIC PLANNING GOAL

Goal 3: Maintain and Enhance Quality of Life

Goal 4: Transparent & Open Government

ATTACHMENTS

A. Parnell Park Design Highlights

Parnell Park

Whittier, California

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Design Development - Graphic Summary
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Proposed Circulation & Parking

Proposed Site Parking

Regular Stalls: 210

ADA Stalls: 9

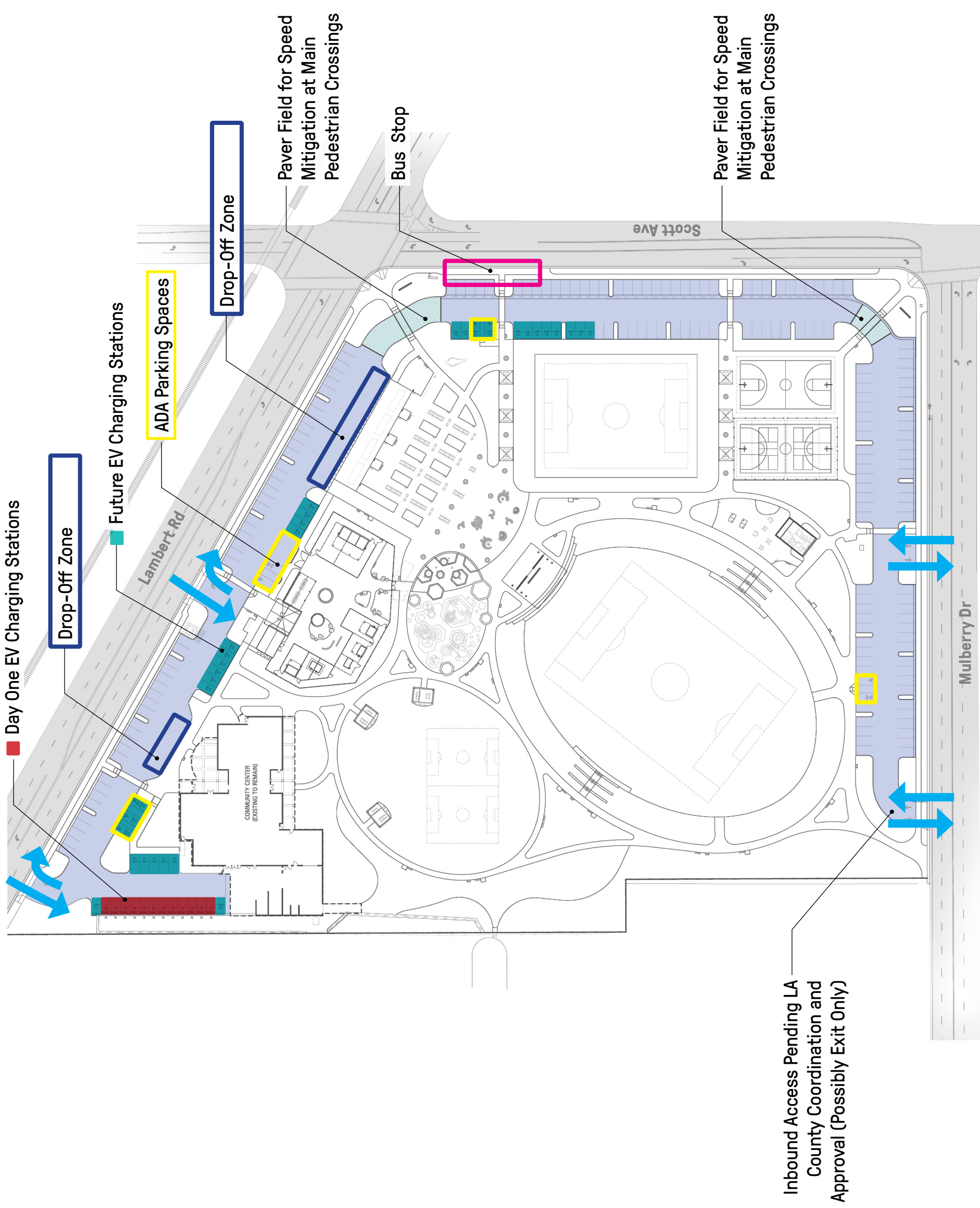
Total: 219

Electric Vehicle Charging

Day One EV Charging Stations: 11

Future EV Charging Stations: 33

Total: 44



Birdseye View



Storybook Zoo



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Tortoise Playground and Splash Pad



Playground



Splash Pad



Parnell Bowl with Terraced Seating Steps



Parnell Bowl Bandshell - Evening Performance



Picnic Plaza with Food Truck Space and Group Seating



Picnic Plaza at Bandshell



Picnic Pavilions with BBQ's



Basketball Court and Multi-Use Basketball + Pickleball Court



Site Furnishings

Standard Park Bench



Manufacturer: MMCite
Model: Intervera Single Bench (LV156)
Material: Steel Frame with Hardwood Boards

RESYSTA C14

RAL 7024

Zoo Benches



Manufacturer: MMCite
Model: Vera Solo Single Bench (LVS211) and Circular Bench (LVS210)
Material: Steel Frame

RAL 7024

Picnic Tables



Manufacturer: MMCite
Model: Rautster RTW281 (ADA Table) and RTS250
Material: Steel Frame with Perforated Steel Sheet

RAL 7024

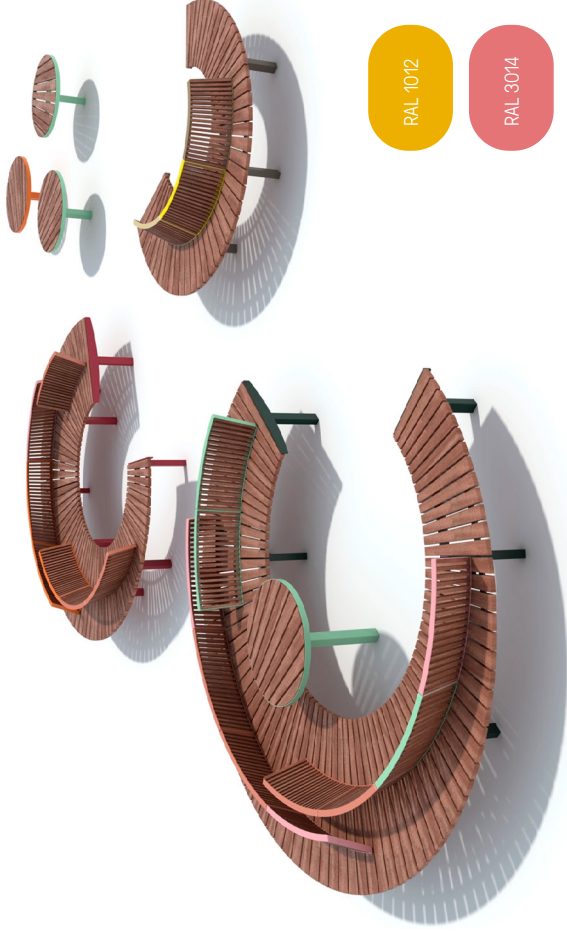


Manufacturer: MMCite
Model: Orbit, LOB240 and LOW260 (ADA accessible)
Material: Steel Structure , Aluminum Seats and Table

RAL 5024

RAL 5019

Specialty Park Benches



RAL 1012

RAL 3014

RAL 6019

Manufacturer: MMCite
Model: Lago - LAG310 | LAG313 | LAG350 | LAG351 | LAG353 | LAG910
Material: Galvanized Powder Coated Steel Frame with Hardwood Boards

Trash Receptacles



RAL 7024

RAL 5019

RAL 6019

Manufacturer: ID Created
Model: Box Solid
Material: Powder Coated Steel

Drinking Fountain



Manufacturer: Ekay
Model: EzH2O Upper Bottle Filling Station
Material: 316 Stainless Steel

Black

Table Tennis



French Gray

Manufacturer: QCP
Model: Ping Pong , Q-PP
Material: Pre-Cast Concrete

Bike Rack



RAL 7024

Manufacturer: Forms + Surfaces
Model: Capitol Bike Rack
Material: Solid Cast Aluminum

Black

Standard Park BBQ



Manufacturer: Titan Great Outdoors
Model: Covered Park-Style Grill with Shelf
Material: Steel

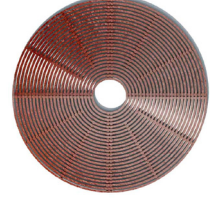
Bollard



Silver Gray

Manufacturer: Reliance Foundry
Model: R-8907 Stainless Steel Bollard
Material: Stainless Steel

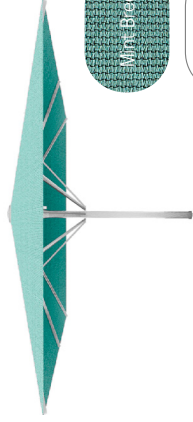
Tree Grate



Rust Conditioner

Manufacturer: Urban Accessories
Model: 5'-0" Diameter Flat Rainbow
Material: Iron

In-Ground Umbrella



Mint Green

White

Manufacturer: USA Shade
Model: Single Post Pyramid
Material: Steel Post with Alnet Extrablock Fabric