

Appendix J:
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EARVIN “MAGIC” JOHNSON RECREATION AREA MASTER PLAN
Draft ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

Master Plan / El Plan Maestro del Parque Earvin "Magic" Johnson Recreation Area



Community Workshop 1 *Taller Comunitario 1* June 14, 2014



Workshop Summary

Overview of workshop

A community workshop was held from 10:00AM-12:00PM at Athens Park Gym on Saturday, June 14, 2014 for community members to learn about the Earvin “Magic” Johnson Recreation Area Master Plan, and to share their opinions on the current assets of Magic Johnson Park and ideas for the future. Approximately 50 people attended the workshop, including two children and a teenager. In addition, two participants presented comments to facilitators that they had gathered from other residents.

The workshop began with a project overview and timeline for the park master plan, which will include improvements to existing facilities, new facilities, and would incorporate the former residential property of Ujima Village. The workshop facilitator then led participants through two activities to gather individual and group input into what they envisioned for the park master plan.

The first activity utilized Post-it Notes to allow participants to contribute their individual input on park assets (“best things about the park”), as well as ideas for improvement. Individual notes were grouped by theme and category, and the facilitators reported these common themes back to the group.

The second activity was a group activity that allowed participants to use ideas generated during the first activity, as well as incorporate new ideas, to contribute specific thoughts on improvements to the park. Each table was given a map and a worksheet to document their ideas, and had the opportunity to present back to the larger group what they had brainstormed.

The workshop closed with a reminder of future workshop dates, and an opportunity for participants to offer any other thoughts they had.

Activities

Activity 1 - Post-it Notes

In this large-group brainstorming activity, workshop participants were asked to write 1 to 3 thoughts on Post-its to say what they thought were the “best things about the park”, as well as “ideas for improvements”. The notes were quickly organized into themes which were reported back to the room for further comments.

The ideas presented in the Post-it Note activity by workshop participants were strongly connected to the themes they discussed in the group activity.

Top assets: Many participants noted the lakes and wildlife, along with walking paths, large spaces, trees, and parking.

Top suggestions for improvement: Improved cleanliness/appearance, a gym/recreation/activity complex, biking facilities, more exercise equipment, improvements to walking paths, and more/cleaner restrooms. There were also suggestions for several other types of amenities and facilities.

See **Appendix A** for participant comments from the Post-it Note activity, organized by theme.

Activity 2 - Group Discussions

Participants were given large maps of the park and worksheets to brainstorm top ideas for improvements. Using pens, markers, Post-it Notes, and dot stickers, workshop participants were encouraged to visually represent improved design and functionality of the park. Some groups wrote directly on the maps, while others used dot stickers to create a legend. There were seven groups, including one Spanish language table that also included youth.

Common themes: There were several themes and ideas that were repeated across groups, and which echoed comments from the Post-it Note activity. The ideas below were proposed by a majority of the groups.

- Basketball courts*
- Bike trail (one group suggested including a pump track; others mentioned the need to separate bicycling from walking)
- Children’s playground equipment
- Community complex (groups proposed a community center, athletic complex, multipurpose center, and a center for the arts for Ujima Village)
- Consistent cleanliness (cleanup of messes left by ducks, people picking up after their dogs, more trashcans)
- Dog park (separate off-leash area for dogs)
- Exercise equipment
- Improved park entrance and more access points to park
- Improved restrooms (and restrooms throughout the park; two groups also mentioned a need for more water fountains)
- Lakes with clean water (some suggested stocking with fish)*
- Lighting throughout park (participants specifically mentioned a need in the northeast area)
- More parking
- More picnic areas
- More shade/shelters
- Pool (groups proposed both indoor and outdoor)
- Signage (including warning signs about lake depth, not feeding ducks, picking up after dogs)
- Skate park
- Soccer field improvements*
- Staffing at park
- Walking trail improvements

*Basketball courts, soccer fields, and ducks were mentioned as being desirable by some participants and undesirable by others.

See **Appendix B** for notes, maps, and legends from each discussion group.

See **Appendix C** for additional comments provided by workshop participants.

Appendix A: Post-it Notes Activity

Participant comments are provided verbatim below, with English translations as needed; there may be some typographical errors and in some cases spelling was corrected. For the purposes of this summary, the themes that were identified during the workshop have been refined to highlight additional topics that the workshop facilitators may not have noticed in the limited time that was available. Also, notes are repeated when they fall into more than one theme.

Best Things About the Park

Lakes/ Wildlife

- Lakes.
- The pond/lake in middle of park.
- Lago. (*Lake.*)
- Ducks.
- Lake.
- Best thing wildlife.
- Like: pond/benches.
- Lakes with fishing and wildlife.
- Pond/wildlife.
- I love the lake.
- Water/lakes.
- Lakes/ponds/ducks.
- The lakes (if they were clean!!!).
- What I like most about M.J. Park are the lakes and the walking path.
- Lakes/ducks, 2) Walk routes, 3) Trees, 4) Football field.
- Things I like: lakes.
- Ponds/lake, trees, children area, bird area.

Walking

- Distinct walking/running path in the center of park.
- Walking trail.
- Walking trails.
- Walking path, exercise.
- The walk area.
- I love the walking path.
- Walking path.
- I like walking paths.
- Walk way around the park. Label off of how many miles you have walk.
- Lakes/ducks, 2) Walk routes, 3) Trees, 4) Football field.
- What I like most about M.J. Park are the lakes and the walking path.

Space

- There is a lot of space and it is a big park.
- I like: openness and spacious.
- Size space.
- Size.
- It's large (if it were maintained).
- Size of park.
- Large areas to picnic, II) EZ to get to parking, III) ?.

Trees

- Trees
- What do you like about the park: trees.
- Trees + shade.
- I like trees.
- Lakes/ducks, 2) Walk routes, 3) Trees, 4) Football field.
- Close to home like the trees.

Parking

- Parking.
- Free parking.
- Adequate parking.
- I like: parking.
- Large areas to picnic, II) EZ to get to parking, III) ?.

Proximity and Community

- Safe friendly people.
- Community park.
- It's close (but not the best in the area).
- Close to home like the trees.

Don't Like Park

- Not much that I like.
- Needs much improvement.
- How can you fix it when it's not fixed.
- The park is contaminated what is to like.

Sports Fields

- Soccer fields
- Open fields for multi-purpose.
- Lakes/ducks, 2) Walk routes, 3) Trees, 4) Football field.

Benches

- Like: pond/benches.
- The sitting areas provided (benches).

Hours

- Hours.
- Hours open.

Name

- Name
- The name of park.

Miscellaneous

- Exercise Apparatus.
- Playground.
- I love that there is no basketball court.

Ideas for Improving the Park

Cleanliness/Appearance

- Graffiti control improvement.
- Mas seguridad en la laguna de los patos alrededor. (*More safety around the pond from the ducks.*)
- Visibility at edges – make it beautiful!
- Take the duck out of the park. Clean the park up.
- Keep smell away.
- Cleanup park, it's dirty.
- Make it clean. New equipment.
- Less duck and their drippings.
- Improve cleanliness.
- Clean water in both ponds, remove ducks.
- Idea: improvement of lake. Re-institute stocking with fish.

Gym/Recreation/Activity Complex

- Athletic fields, gym and multi-purpose, artificial turf, stadium.
- Basketball gym for Magic Johnson Park.
- Recreation room, gym, Additional parking.
- Gym.
- Community learning center and sport gym.
- Youth center (preteen-18 years).
- A sports complex conference center.

- Recreation center (Ujima area), event/sports hall with kitchen.
- Physical community/recreational center within the park.
- Idea for improve the park: recreation center, exercise equipment, swimming pool, and basketball court.

Biking

- Bicycle path separate from walk/run path.
- Restroom, bike trail more working.
- Bicycle pump track.
- Bike trail.
- Need a bike trail.
- Bicycle skills area.
- Bike area for kids.
- Bike parking/bike routes to get to the park.

Exercise

- More exercise apparatuses.
- Exercise equipment.
- Higher/taller pull up bar.
- Idea for improve the park: recreation center, exercise equipment, swimming pool, and basketball court.
- Exercise equipment along the path.
- Install parallel bars.
- Exercise Apparatus.

Walking Paths

- Change walking trails to red clay.
- Keep walking path dry.
- Ideal for improving the walking path need to be dirt better turf.
- Turn on sprinkler earlier water is in walk path.
- Clean area especially walk path.
- A better walking path.
- Power wash walk/run path of duck poop everyday.

Restrooms

- Cleaner, cleaner bathrooms ASAP!!!
- More restrooms.
- Clean restrooms and repairs.
- Restroom drains at entrance.
- Cleaner bathroom.
- Restroom, bike trail more working.
- More parking for soccer enthusiast, more restrooms.

Activities

- More activities like carnival.
- Activity like Fair event.
- Mas Eventos para niños en la area del lago. (*More events for children in the lake area.*)
- Farmer's market happening ever so often.
- Activity like movie events.
- Basketball court, snacks/pay – water food use, T.V. movie area with benches who wants to performer, water park.

Basketball

- Basketball court.
- Named after Magic, no basketball?
- Some basketball courts.
- Basketball court, snacks/pay – water food use, T.V. movie area with benches who wants to performer, water park.
- Basketball court small enough for the youths an another one for adults.
- Idea for improve the park: recreation center, exercise equipment, swimming pool, and basketball court.

Picnic Areas/Shelters

- More picnic tables.
- Need to be added: a picnic section.
- More patios.
- Improve picnic shelters.
- Mas kioscos y mesas, sillas. (*More pavilions and tables, chairs.*)
- Need shaded bungalow and tables.

Children's Facilities

- More child activities and facilities.
- Developed for mothers with children.
- Shade for playground.
- More children equipment, swing better, playground.
- Youth center (preteen-18 years).

Animals/Nature

- Succulent garden with children's art sculpture.
- Petting zoo.
- Animal science area.
- Area for: skateboard and skating, nature walking trail.
- Idea: improvement of lake. Re-institute stocking with fish.

Process

- Where's Mark Ridley Thomas.
- Where is the Water Board.
- Don't talk and not listen to community.
- Shut up and listen.
- Who would run concession area?

Staff

- Need more staff to monitor park.
- More: Staffing.
- Staff the park.
- Que tengan seguridad – more security.

Soccer / Sports Field

- More parking for soccer enthusiast, more restrooms.
- Pasto Syntetico para futbol. (*Synthetic turf for soccer.*)
- Synthetic turf on soccer field.
- Athletic fields, gym and multi-purpose, artificial turf, stadium.

Parking

- Improved parking.
- Things want to see change: side parking lot – there is a space that is not used, want to have.
- Recreation room, gym, Additional parking.
- More parking for soccer enthusiast, more restrooms.

Dog Area

- Need designated dog area.
- Dedicated dog park/run.
- Dog area for small and large dogs (two areas).

Horses

- Horse riding, pony parties.
- Ways to improve equestrian (horses) section.
- Future ideas: Roller skating rink, rock climbing wall, tennis courts, equestrian center.

Animal Control

- Animal enforcement laws, dogs and ducks.
- Wildlife control.
- Enforce leashes for dog for owners.

Skateboarding

- Area for: skateboard and skating, nature walking trail.
- Skate area.
- Better exercise equipment, skateboard, new water fountains, bicycle trail.

Pool (Indoor)

- Indoor pool, sport center i.e. Jessie Owens.
- Indoor swimming pool.
- Idea for improve the park: recreation center, exercise equipment, swimming pool, and basketball court.

Accessibility

- Make it allowable to everyone without charge.
- Handicapped access (sidewalks are busted by tree roots).

Benches

- More benches.
- More seating (benches) trees/shade.

Senior Center

- Senior center
- More elder activities and facilities.

Tennis Courts

- Tennis courts.
- Future ideas: Roller skating rink, rock climbing wall, tennis courts, equestrian center.

Shade

- More here for shade.
- More seating (benches) trees/shade.

Miscellaneous

- Succulent garden with children's art sculpture.
- Remove the concrete slabs from Ujima Village.
- Better water system.
- Basketball court, snacks/pay – water food use, T.V. movie area with benches who wants to performer, water park.
- Future ideas: Roller skating rink, rock climbing wall, tennis courts, equestrian center.

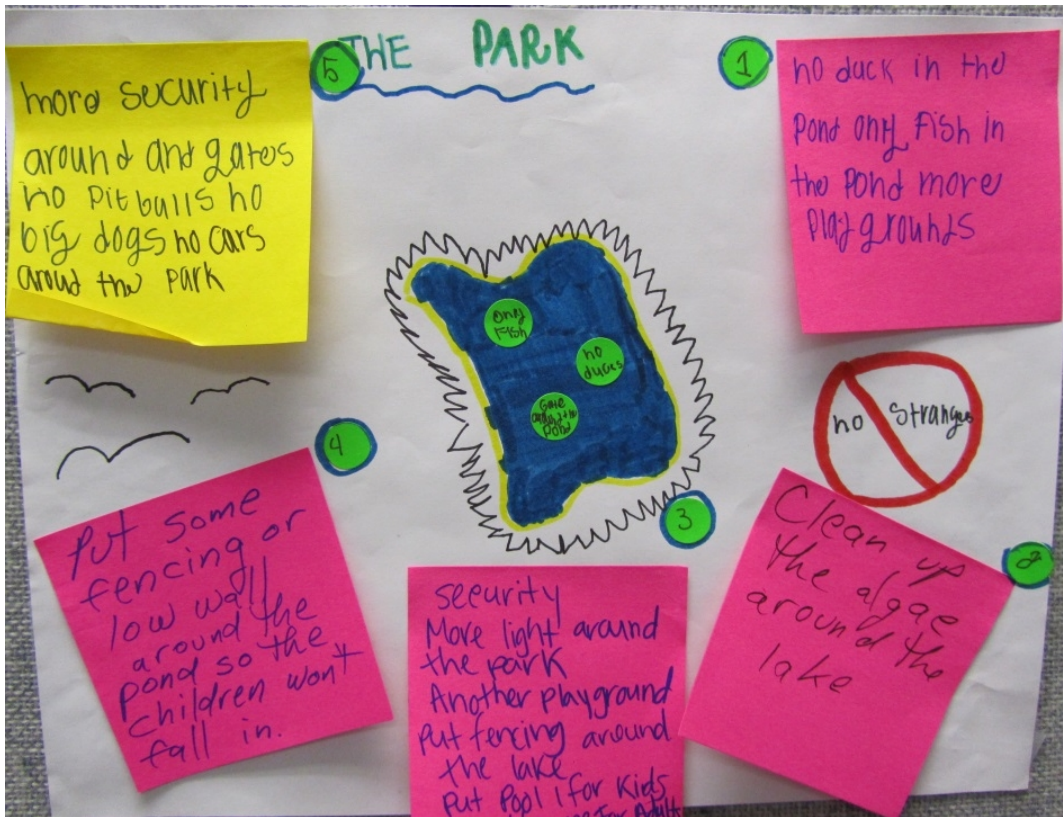
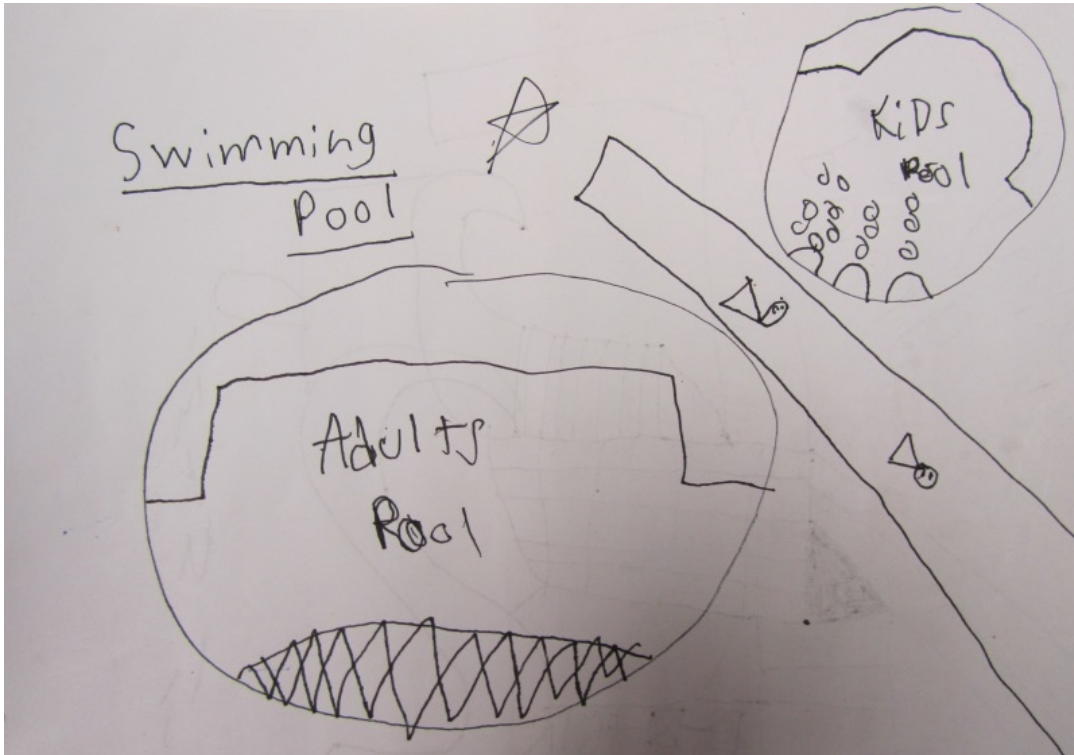
Appendix B – Group Discussions

Group notes from worksheets are provided below, along with maps and legends for the groups that provided comments in that manner. There were seven groups that participated in this activity. More tables were set up and numbered than participants utilized; thus the group numbers below are not all in sequence.

Group 1 Worksheet Notes

Best Things About the Park Now	Top Ideas for Improvements
(No comments written.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Little dogs park• Shade / sombra• More light around and in the park• Put some fencing or low wall around the pond so the children won't fall in.• Security• Another playground• Put pool for kids and another one for adults• Clean up the algae around the lake• No ducks in the pond only fish• More play grounds• Seguridad alrededor del parque un dia me – security around the park• Mas quiscos y banquitos – more kiosks and benches• Seguridad en el pasto; Que no aigo navajas o vidrios – <i>Safety in the field/grass; don't bring knives and glasses</i>

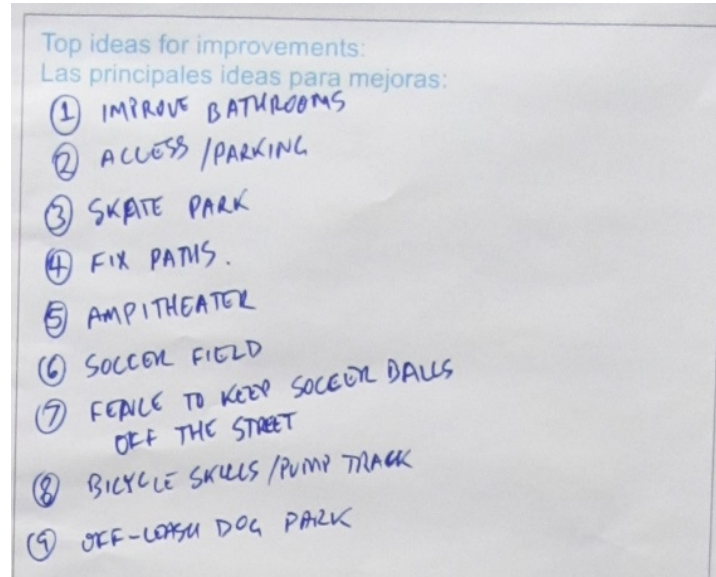
Group 1 Maps



Group 2 Worksheet Notes

Best Things About the Park	Top Ideas for Improvement
(No comments written.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improve bathrooms• Access/parking• Skate park• Fix paths• Amphitheater• Soccer field• Fence to keep soccer balls off the street• Bicycle skills/pump track• Off-leash dog park• Wider walking path with directional lanes• Amphitheater/outdoor entertainment area• Clean up from the ducks/too many• More frequent trash collection• Repair damage to paths from tree roots• Improve. bathrooms.(two commodes in one stall)• Bike trail (separate)• Bicycle skills area with pump track• Improve water quality

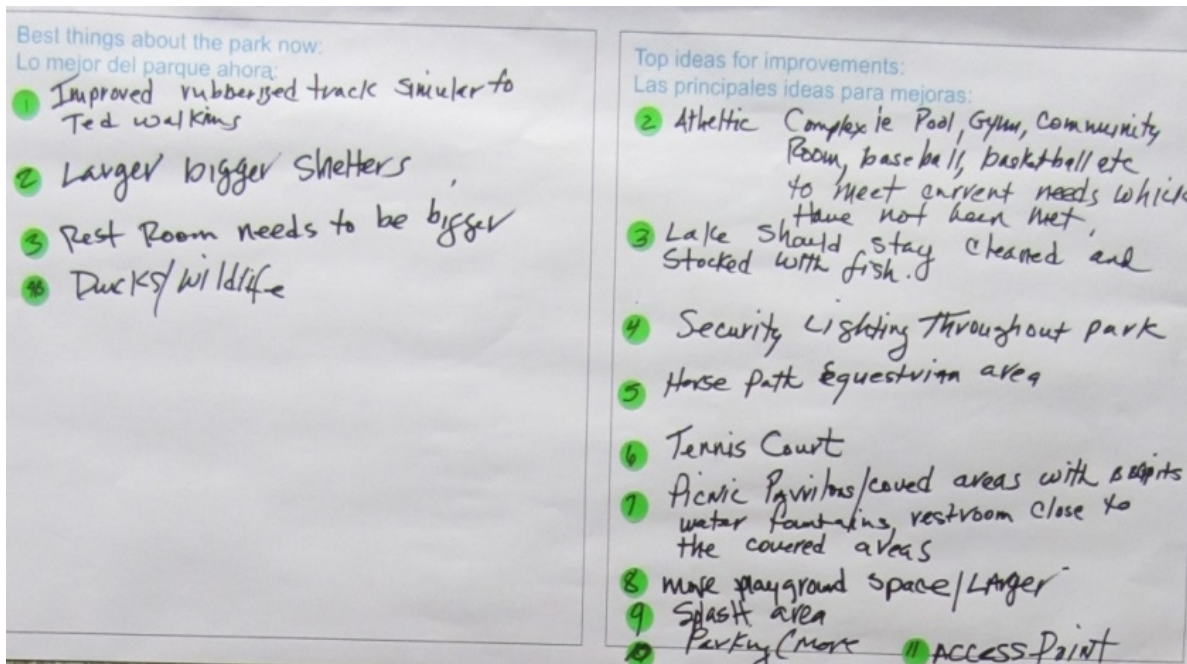
Group 2 Map and Legend



Group 3 Worksheet Notes

Best Things About the Park	Top Ideas for Improvement
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lake is a beautiful feature but it needs to be improved and stocked to allow fishing again • Grass and trees/vegetation are beautiful , maybe additional enhancement with more flowers (that don't call for a lot of water) • Farmers market (periodic) not every day but it would provide access to fresh fruits and vegetables. • Moving parks policy (sheriff's base) to Magic Johnson from south district property 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Horse trail (equestrian area) • Would not like to see soccer field destroys grass area and there are other parks in south district which are available • Continue to provide opportunity for public input • One meeting at Magic Johnson • Splash area/mini golf etc.

Group 3 Legend



Group 3 Map



Group 4 Worksheet Notes

Best Things About the Park	Top Ideas for Improvement
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Size• Name• Good location	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• More restrooms (2)• Remodel existing restrooms• Event center with Indoor pool• Dog park off El Segundo• Additional parking and repave existing lots• More tables and picnic area with covers• New children's play area at 120th and El Segundo• Pave parking off Avalon Blvd• Astro turf off El Segundo for soccer• Bike Trail• New Bridge• Update senior area• Clean up and maintain park and beautification• New lighting• Tennis courts• More police presence

Group 5 Worksheet Notes

Best Things About the Park	Top Ideas for Improvement
<p>(No comments written.)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community center & gym – same area • Exercise equipment – updated • Add more rest rooms • Bicycle trail • Sun covered tables • Additional parking • Indoor swimming pool • Added entry of El Segundo • Signed posted – pool dept. • Added play area for small kids • Water fountains through the park • Skate area • Drain the pool/clean it • Dog poop signs – clean up after dogs • More security adults and children

Group 5 Map



Group 9 Worksheet Notes

Best Things About the Park	Top Ideas for Improvement
(No comments written.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• More rest rooms• Gym for seniors• Basketball area• Pool inside• Dog park• Bike path• Man power (staff)• More staff to maintain park• Keeping water off walking path• Enforcement of park rules (dog poo)• Walking trail, not bike trail• Landscape• Playground – gym equipment• Buy back the native 'Willowbrook park'• Rule of enforcement, soccer, dogs• Parallel bars• Higher/taller pull bars for tall people• Clean up concrete slabs• Buy back private property• Finish research into level of contamination• Does Magic want his name on park?• More BBQ pits

Group 9 Map



Group 12 Worksheet Notes

Best Things About the Park	Top Ideas for Improvement
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lake & wildlife• Walking trails with exercise stops• Open space – multipurpose uses• Picnic areas• Social interaction	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community center programs (day and summer year round—computer, parenting, health)• Gym – stage performing• Garden – fruit trees – markers market• Animal science / horses equestrian, petting zoo, pony rides• Parking• Park sanitation & improvements• Require increased staffing• Putting greens/golf• Tennis courts• Fee for service programs to raise money paddle boats• Skate board park• Dog park – training

Group 12 Map



Group 14 Worksheet Notes

Best Things About the Park	Top Ideas for Improvement
(No comments written.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• More restrooms (2)• Remodel existing restrooms• Event center w/indoor pool• Dog park off El Segundo• Additional parking & repave existing lots• More tables & picnic area w/covers• New childrens play area – 120th & El Segundo• Pave parking off Avalon Blvd• Astro turf off El Segundo – soccer• Bike trail• New bridge• Update senior area• Clean up & maintain the park & beautification• New lighting• Tennis courts• More police presence

Group 14 Map



Appendix C – Additional Comments

Note 1

These comments were provided to a workshop facilitator. They are the key findings from a participant who had asked people on her block (Traub Avenue) and in Magic Johnson Park about their ideas for improving the park.

Would like the following:

- Keep the Sheriff, especially on the north side
- Exercise stations along Greenleaf Ave are great; would like to see those in the park
- Gym

Note 2

These comments were written by a participant whose teenaged son is a student in a school that uses Magic Johnson Park; they are his suggestions for the park.

Magic Johnson Clean Up

- Clean water in both ponds
- Remove ducks/ contamination
- Better exercise equipment
- 2 basketball courts on each end
- Clean bathrooms
- Skateboard park
- Update kid apparatus
- New water fountains
- Bicycle trail
- Recreation center for senior citizens
- Equipment for exercise on the inside center
- Gym
- Swimming pool

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Community Workshop 2 *Taller Comunitario 2* August 23, 2014



Workshop Summary

Overview of workshop

A community workshop was held at Athens Park Gymnasium on August 23, 2014 (Saturday) between 10:00am-12:00pm, for the community to review three (3) master plan conceptual designs for the update to the Earvin “Magic” Johnson Recreation Area. The three concepts were developed based on input from the #1 workshop participants on June 4, 2014, and historical project background material. Approximately 120 individuals attended the workshop, including several families with small children. Also, the workshop included representatives from Supervisor District 2 office, South Agency, Department of Parks and Recreation, and the RBF Consulting team.

The workshop began with a welcome and introduction to the project by County staff and consultant, and a summary overview of Workshop 1. The RBF team (landscape architect) described the three conceptual designs, the key design elements of each design and how these elements were developed for each concept. The workshop facilitator then led participants through two activities to gather individual input into the three designs.

During the first activity, participants placed dots on the boards stationed at the front of the room with each of the three concepts to show their preference for different attributes of each design. As they were placing the dots on the boards, participants had the opportunity to both fill out comment cards on their thoughts relating to the concepts, and could also utilize the flipcharts in the front of the room to give more feedback.

The second activity involved using survey polling equipment to further gauge participants’ opinions on various aspects of the design. This activity also allowed the architect to further explain each concept, as well as answer questions on each of the designs. The polling software shared the results back with the workshop participants as the questions were answered.

The workshop closed with a reminder of future workshop dates, and an opportunity for participants to offer any other thoughts they had.



Activities

Activity 1 – Dot Exercise Activity

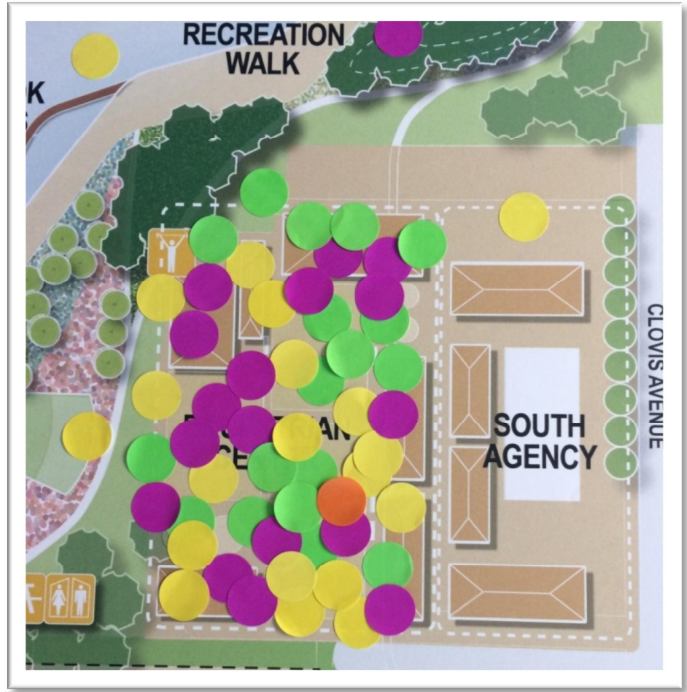
In this activity, participants were given 12 dots to place on any of the three concepts, as well as the pictures accompanying the designs. Three boards were set up in the front of the room, with a concept and accompanying graphics on each board. The landscape architects and consultants were available to answer questions on any of the design elements, and there were two flip charts available for open comments.

Some of the dots were placed in areas that are difficult to define (ie. a dot near “Splash Pad” might actually mean the Lake), but dots were counted and listed near the activity or design closest to the Dot, or with the group of Dots where the area for response was too small to contain all of the Dots.

Some design element categories were represented twice on a single concept, like the Equestrian Center and Outdoor Amphitheater. These Dot totals are combined although they were on different locations on the board. The top 6-7 categories in each Concept are listed below:



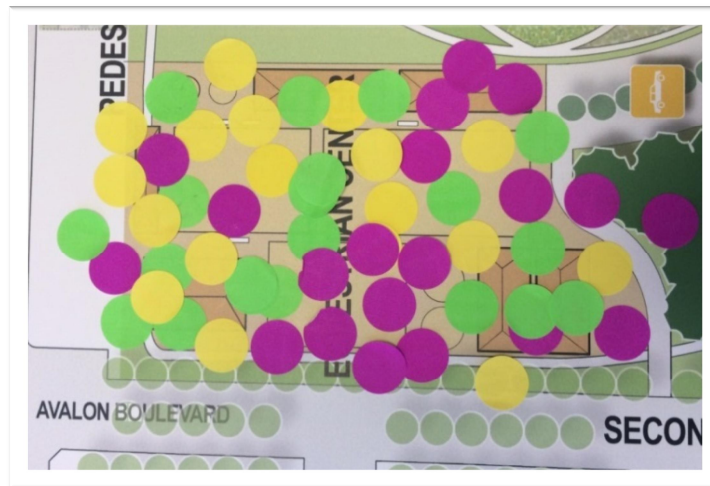
Conceptual Design 1	
Preferred Design Elements	Number of Dots
Equestrian Center	54
Community Center	34
Paddle Boats	23
Northern Lake Area	23
Avalon Blvd Green street	18
Outdoor Amphitheater	17



Conceptual Design 2	
Preferred Design Elements	Number of Dots
South Agency	17
Children's Play area	16
Dog Park	14
Outdoor Performances	13
Wedding Pavilion	12
Picnic area	12



Conceptual Design 3	
Preferred Design Elements	Number of Dots
Equestrian Center	182
Equestrian Trail	99
Fishing	31
Eco Parking Lot	20
Dog Park	19
Urban Camping	18
Bike Trail	18



See **Appendix A** for the counts of all “dots” for each conceptual design.



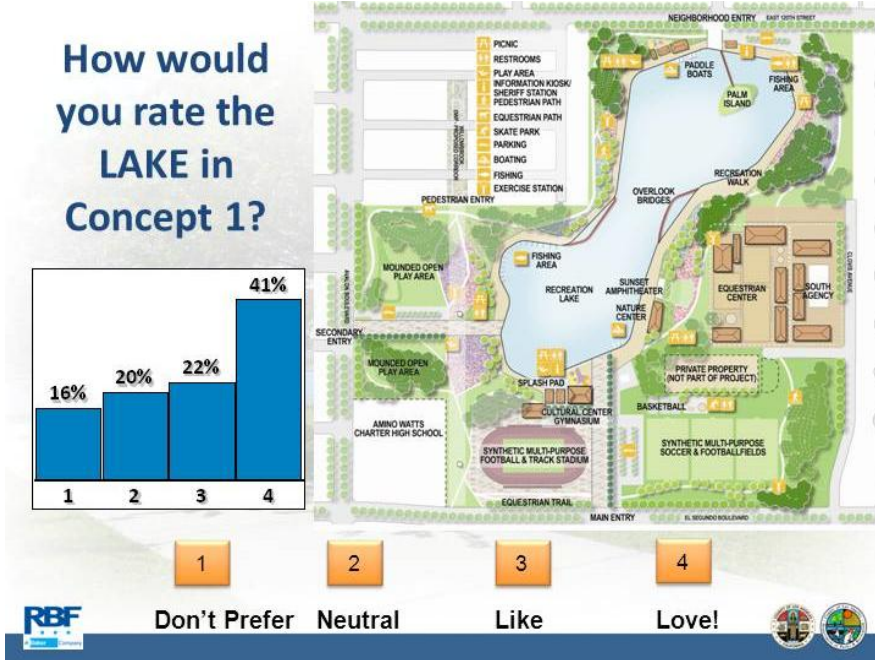
Activity 2 – Survey Polling Activity

Participants were given polling devices to answer questions in relation to specific aspects of the designs, including the lake, the location of the parking, the amount of recreational amenities, the cultural centers/gymnasiums, and the walking trails. The final three questions related to how the participants rated the concepts overall. Between 78 and 95 people responded to each question.

Before closing each poll, the facilitator opened the room up for questions for the landscape architect. The results from the poll are meant not only to rate the different elements of the designs, but to provide an opportunity for the architect to clarify various aspects of the design and for participants to have the opportunity to ask questions.

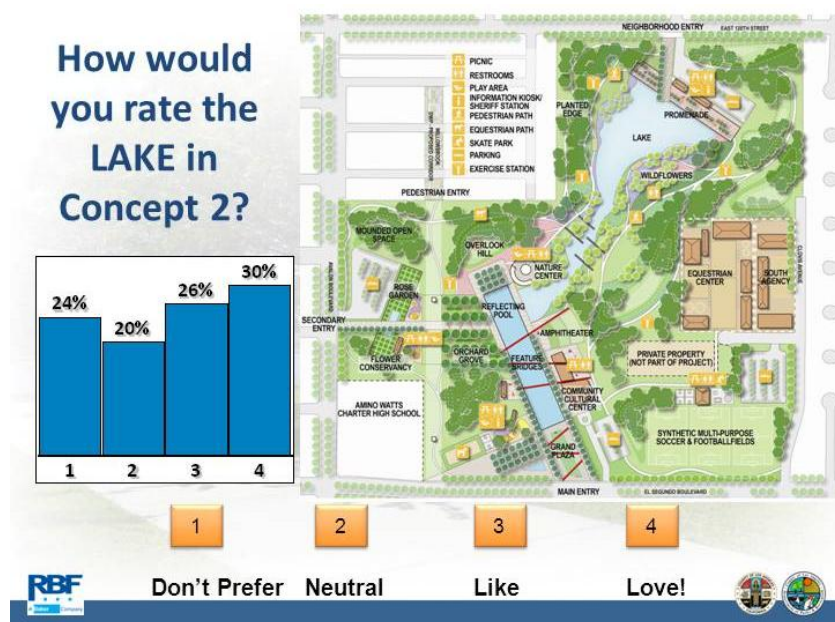
Survey Polling analysis: The results from the polling questions are represented graphically in the order the questions were asked below. Analysis of each response, including comments made during the workshop, is included as well.

Question 1 – How would you rate the lake in Concept 1?



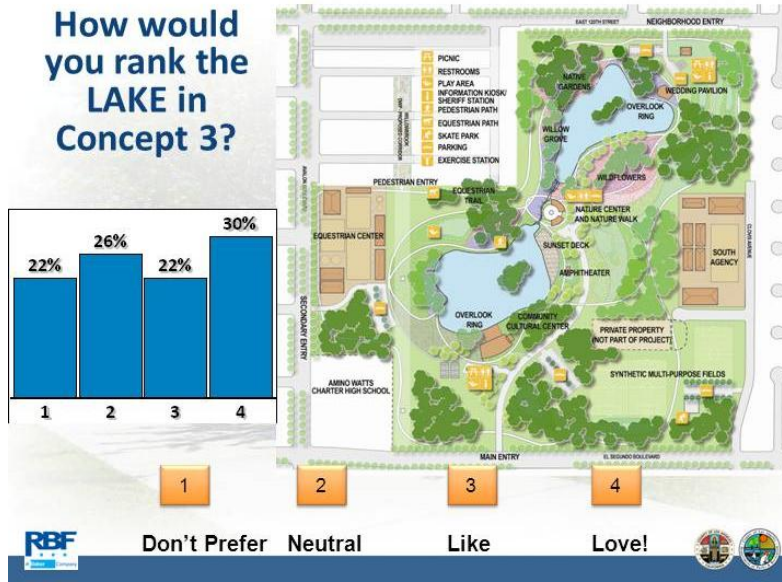
RBF team addressed questions relating to what the overall design of the lake was, as well as how Concept 1 was different than the other two Concepts in terms of activities on and around the lake.

Question 2 – How would you rate the lake in Concept 2?



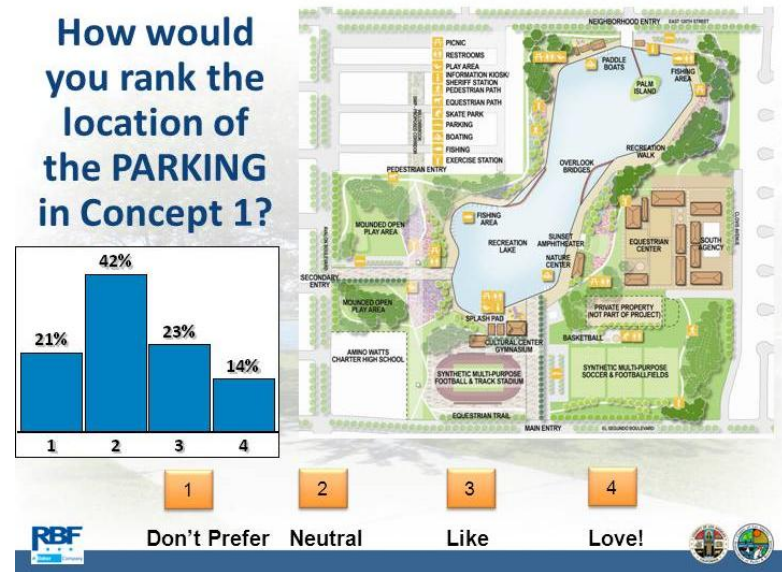
Participants asked whether or not people could wade in the reflecting pool, and about the depth of both the lake and the pool.

Question 3 – How would you rate the lake in Concept 3?



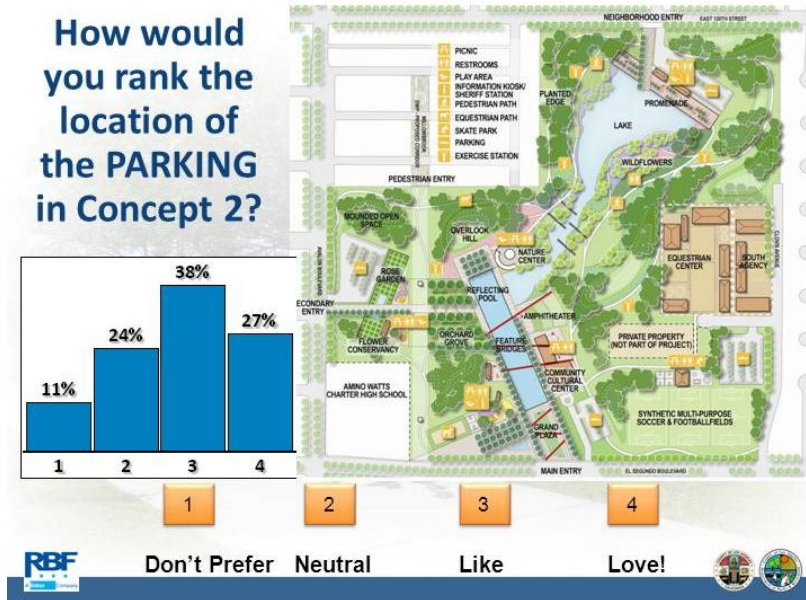
There was discussion around the Lake in Concept 3 in terms of whether or not the two lakes were connected. The landscape architect explained that the two would be connected by a marsh, and participants had a discussion about whether a marsh would attract bugs or foster wild animals.

Question 4 – How would you rate the location of the Parking in Concept 1?

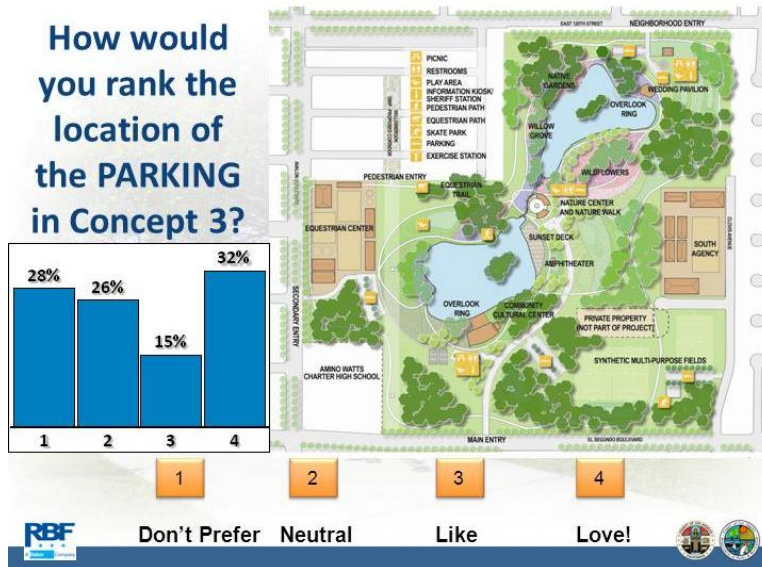


The landscape architect explained that all three designs increase parking at the park, but that the parking is laid out differently in each concept.

Question 5 – How would you rate the location of the Parking in Concept 2?

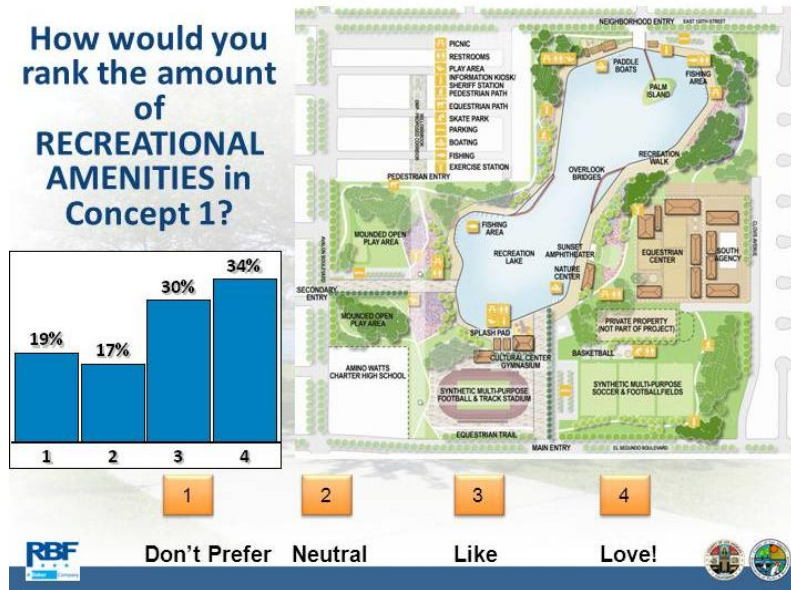


Question 6 – How would you rate the location of Parking in Concept 3?



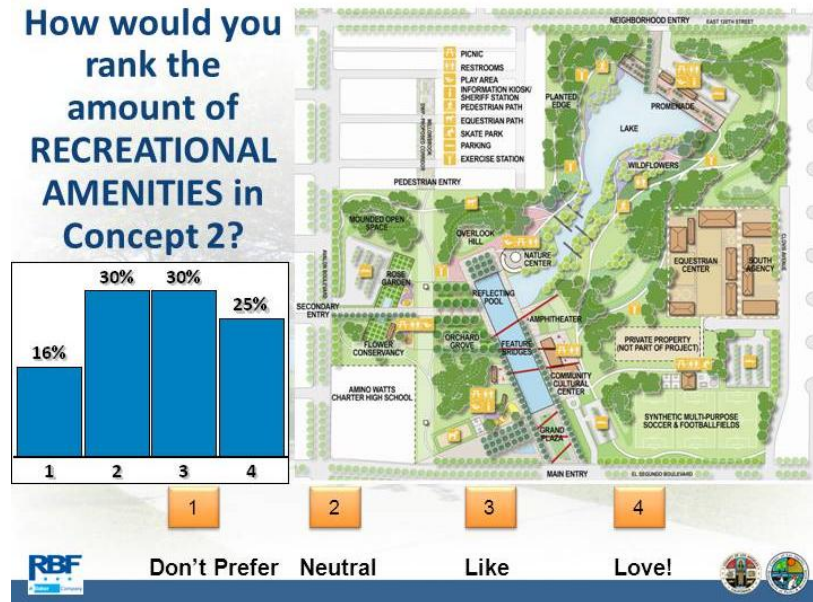
Some participants expressed concern that there would be a road going so deep into the park towards the Nature Center, but some also expressed that they liked how spread out the parking was throughout the design.

Question 7 – How would you rate the amount of Recreational Amenities in Concept 1?



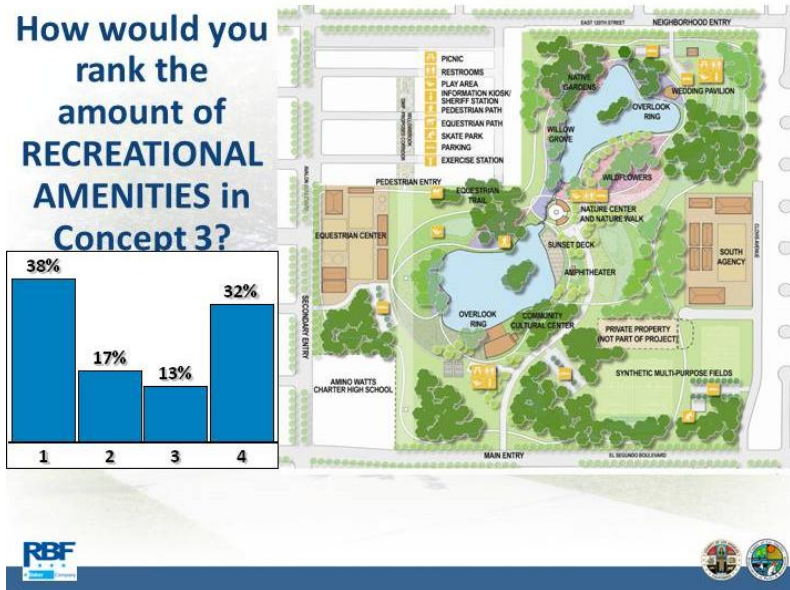
There was a lot of back and forth about the Recreational Amenities in the Concepts. The landscape architect explained that Concept 1 was focused on recreation, and if people wanted more recreational activities they should rate the amenities in this design higher.

Question 8 – How would you rate the amount of Recreational Amenities in Concept 2?



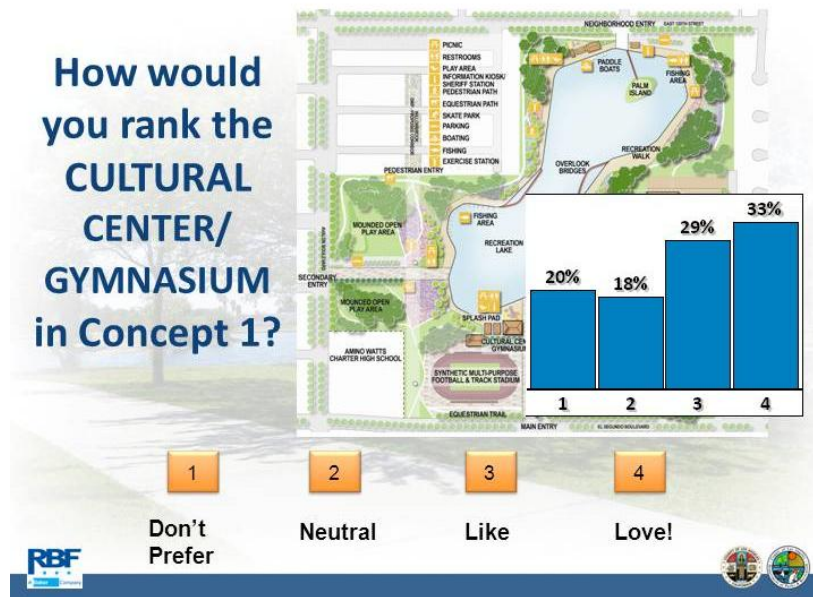
RBF team shared the “cultural” aspect of Concept 2, and that although there was no gymnasium/ rec center displayed on the design, any of the three designs could have a gymnasium.

Question 9 – How would you rate the amount of Recreational Amenities in Concept 3?



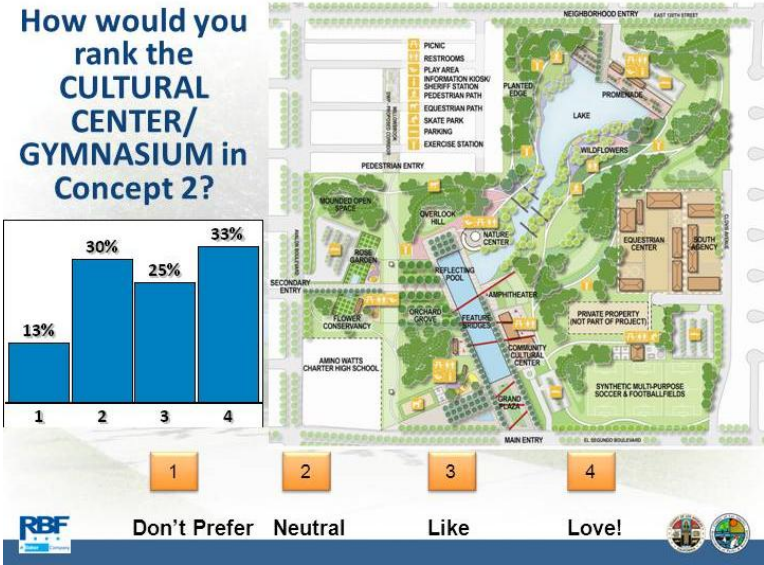
As in the previous question, the architect shared that a gym/ rec center could be in Concept 3 even if it wasn't represented here visually.

Question 10 – How would you rate the Cultural Center/Gymnasium in Concept 1?



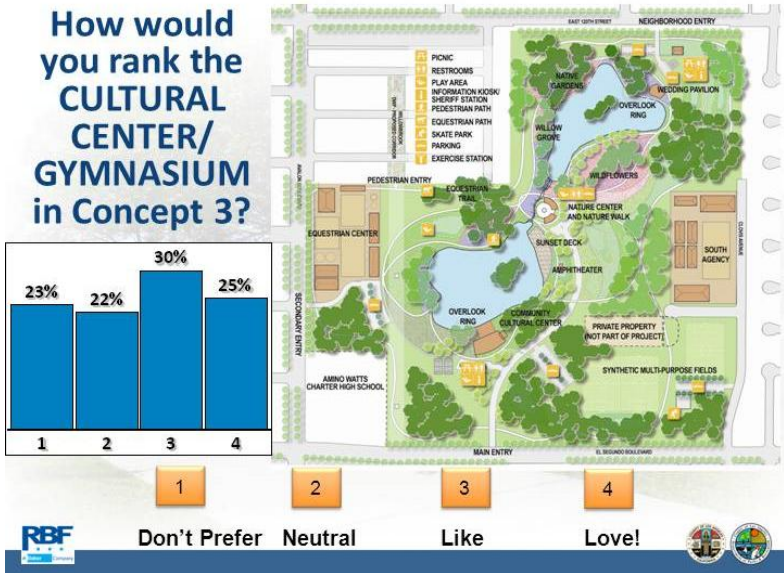
The architect pointed out the location of the gymnasium on Concept 1, and again emphasized that this design was more focused on recreation/ athletics.

Question 11 – How would you rate the Cultural Center/Gymnasium in Concept 2?



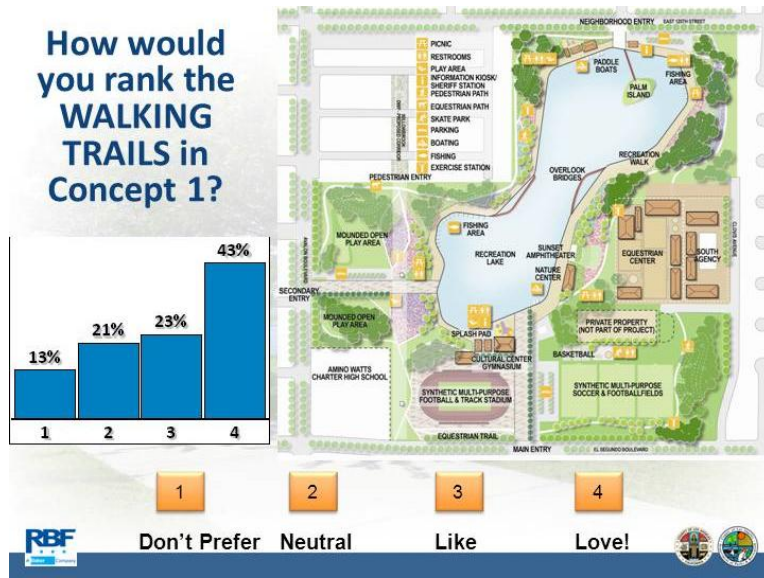
Participants asked whether or not the cultural center could be a gymnasium as well, and the architect said that anything was possible within the designs.

Question 10 – How would you rate the Cultural Center/Gymnasium in Concept 3?



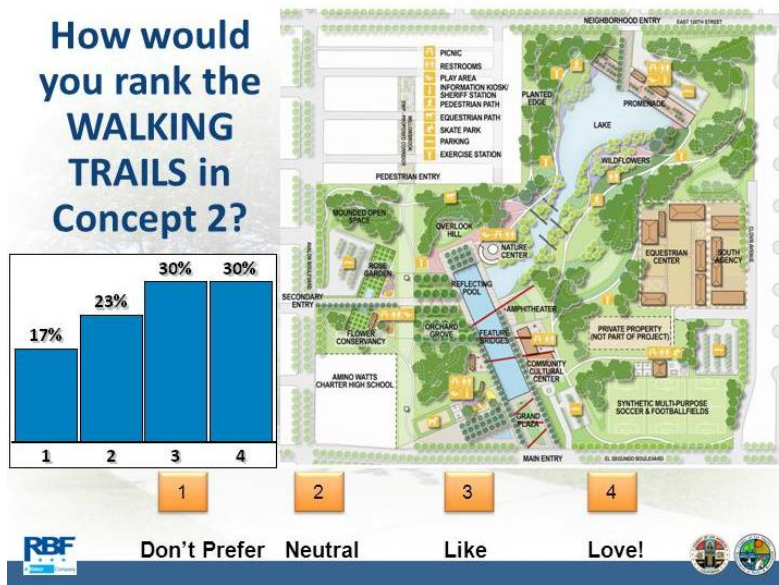
Some participants expressed interest in the “Nature Center” as well as the Cultural Center.

Question 11 – How would you rate the Walking Trails in Concept 1?



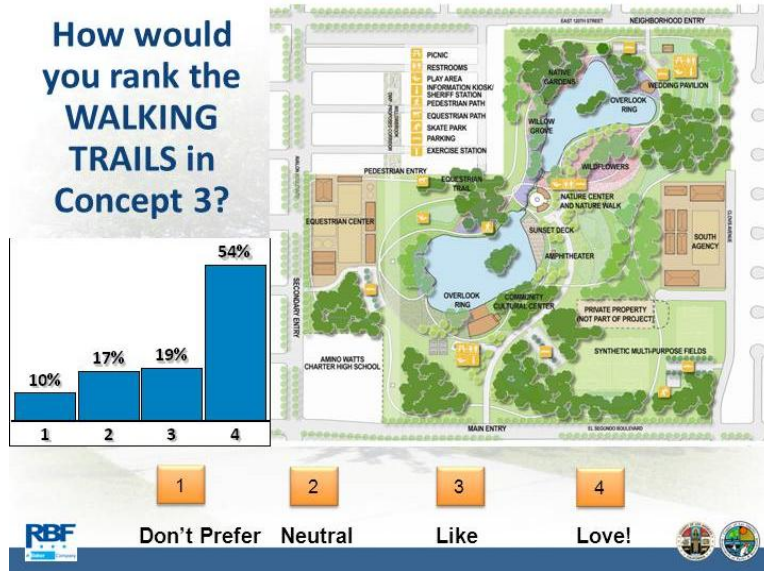
Participants were interested in where the walking trails were located, how long they were, whether they were lighted, and if there were more trails than what currently exists in the Park. The architect showed the location and path of the Walking Trails, and explained that they went around the lake.

Question 12 – How would you rate the Walking Trails in Concept 2?



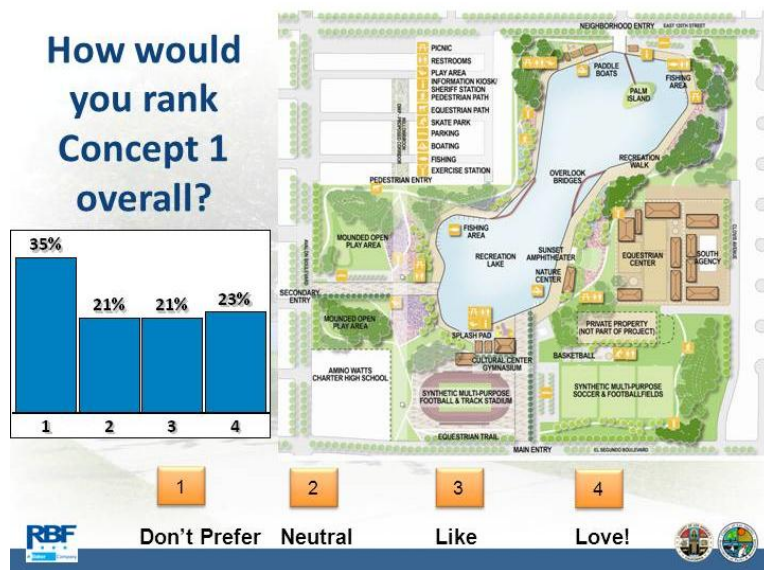
RBF team showed the location of the walking trails, and explained that the trail was more focused on “reflection” around the pool, and that there were pedestrian bridges that would cross over the reflecting pool. He also explained that the trails in this Concept were longer than Concept 1.

Question 13 – How would you rate the Walking Trails in Concept 3?



Participants again asked how long the walking trails were on Concept 3, and the architect explained that this design had the longest and most varied walking trails. Several participants expressed interest that these trails were the longest, and that they could walk more locations than just around the lake.

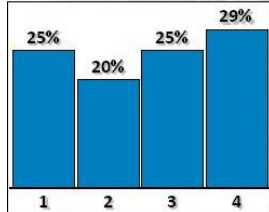
Question 14 – How would you rate Concept 1 overall?



After the discussion based on the different elements of the design, the architect again explained the specific aspects of Concept 1. Participants voted with little discussion.

Question 14 – How would you rate Concept 2 overall?

How would you rank Concept 2 overall?



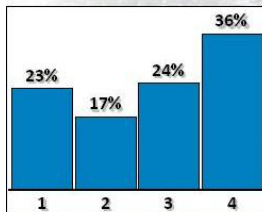
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The landscape architect gave an overview of Concept 2 again, and participants voted.

Question 15 – How would you rate Concept 3 overall?

How would you rank Concept 3 overall?



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RBF team gave an overview of Concept 3 again, and participants voted.

See **Appendix B** for additional comments provided by workshop participants.

Appendix A: Dot Activity

The full count of ‘Dots’ grouped by each concept are represented below. In some locations where it was difficult to determine the correct category for the ‘Dot’ based on the overlap of design elements, the Dot was grouped either closest to the title of the element or with the group of ‘Dots’ that overlapped.

Concept 1	
Design Elements	Number of Dots
Equestrian Center	54
Community Center	34
Paddle Boats	23
Northern Lake Area	23
Avalon Blvd Green street	18
Outdoor Amphitheater	17
Water Play	14
Gymnasium	11
Bike Skills Area	12
Staffing	10
Kayak	9
Fitness Trail	8
Tennis	7
Mounded Open Plan Area	6
Pedestrian Promenade	6
Fishing area	5
Multi-purpose Soccer/Football Field	5
Athletic Complex	5
Open Lawn Area	5
Pedestrian entry	4
Mounded open play area	4
Paddle Boats	4
Fishing Area	4
Synthetic Multi-purpose Football & Track Stadium	4
Sunset Amphitheater	4
Equestrian	4
Recreation Lake	3
Overlook Bridges	3
Cultural Center	3
Multi Use Synthetic field	3
Overlook Bridge	2
Palm Island	2
Recreation Walk	1
Basketball	1
Skate Park	1

Concept 2	
Categories	Number of Dots
South Agency	17
Children's Play area	16
Dog Park	14
Outdoor Performances	13
Wedding Pavilion	12
Picnic area	12
Restrooms	11
Waterside seating	11
Outdoor Movie Screening	10
Community Cultural Center	9
Rose Garden	8
Bridges & promenade	7
Lake	7
Park Entrance	7
Feature Bridge	7
Improved Lighting	7
Garden Conservatory	7
Overlook Hill	7
El Segundo Blvd Revitalization	6
The Willowbrook	6
Exercise Stations	6
Benches	6
Synthetic Multi-purpose soccer & Football Fields	5
Reflecting Pool	5
Promenade	4
Community Cultural Center	4
Flower Conservancy	4
Main Entry	3
Nature Center	2
Cultural Facilities	2
Art Gallery	2
Grand Plaza	2
Photovoltaics	2
Sculpture Park	1
Orchard Grove	1

Concept 3	
Conceptual Elements	Number of Dots
Equestrian Center	182
Equestrian Trail	99
Fishing	31
Eco Parking Lot	20
Dog Park	19
Urban Camping	18
Bike Trail	18
Adventure Play	14
Rock Climbing Wall	13
North lake Area	13
West lake Boardwalk	12
Wildflower	8
Athletics & Nature	8
Children's Playground	8
Outdoor Classroom	7
CA sycamore	7
Bird Watching	7
Nature Center	7
Nature Plants & Wild flowers	7
Native Garden	6
Nature Walk	5
Synthetic Multipurpose Fields	4
Community Cultural Center	4
Coast Line Oak	4
South Agency	4
Australian Tree Willow	4
Amphitheater	3
Overlook	3
Wildflowers	2
Desert Willow	2
Sunset	2
Willow Grove	1

Appendix B: Additional Comments

Comment Cards and Flip Chart Notes

Participant comments on both comment cards and flip charts are grouped by topic. When comments include statements on more than one topic, they are repeated in each applicable category.

Equestrian Center

- Covered riding arena to have \$\$ - generating income
- Day stalls for equestrian – secure parking/ enough parking
- Covered arena in the equestrian complex
- More horse trailer parking near equestrian center
- Concern about Equestrian Center
 - Adequate space?
 - Security?
 - Smell impact on neighbors
- Like Concept 2 except for Equestrian Center
- No equestrian trails
- Multiple equestrian trails/stables if possible
- Covered Riding arena to generate Income
- Clovis entrance for horses – create traffic plan

Nature

- Garden conservatory would enhance the park
- Willowbrook Culture Garden special, emphasizes on the Willowbrook Rose Garden Lake Amphitheatre
- Flower conservatory and cultural center can be used as a learning venue for our youth and adults.
- Walking trail, different experiences and extensive throughout the park. Cultural / Gym clustered; expanded nature center less like to love; Overall (1)sports park (2)Civil Cultural garden park (3) nature park more than
- Garden center an experience
- We need a wetlands to provide for wild life
- Will you work on providing vegetation that attract butterflies
- Nature Center helps teach local residents about how to help with wildlife right around/in their areas or safely avoid

Pool

- Indoor heated swimming pool, open 12 months a year

- Projects 1, 2 & 3 needs (1)swimming pool “Indoor”; (2) walking path needed incline to exercise the heart
- Concept 1 (best) Need badly (1) indoor swimming pool in use 12 months a year. Jessie Owens is extremely crowded and an indoor pool is extremely needed I this area. (2) On walking path, an incline area at various places
- Indoor pool, Jacuzzi, sauna
- Magic Johnson Park should have basketball courts inside and out. His name is basketball. This park should also have pools inside and out.
- Indoor Pool (12 months)
- Swimming Pool
- Sauna

Maintenance

- What about maintenance and budget cuts
- Please consider lighting needs for parking areas
- Lighting
- More lighting/security
- Citations for cleanliness (i.e. dogs)

Safety

- Children’s playground under power lines
- Emergency call button throughout park
- More security stations
- Quality of water concern
 - Gray water?
 - Compare to Echo Park

Walking Trails

- Walking trails should be around the Lake to provide a beautiful scenic route providing a more varied experience.
- Walking trail, different experiences and extensive throughout the park. Cultural / Gym clustered; expanded nature center less like to love; Overall (1)sports park (2)Civil Cultural garden park (3) nature park more than
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Synthetic/Multi-purpose

- The synthetic multipurpose use vs just soccer

Concept Choices

- Concept 1 (best) Need badly (1) indoor swimming pool in use 12 months a year. Jessie Owens is extremely crowded and an indoor pool is extremely needed I this area. (2) On walking path, an incline area at various places
- Concept 2 is the best even if 3 had highest score

Park Name

- Would like to have the ducts accommodated they serve as the legacy of the park originally called "Willowbrook" State Park
- I think that the cultural facility would provide an opportunity to pay tribute to our culture and those things which reflect "Willowbrook"
- Keep Magic Johnson name on park

Cultural

- I think that the sculpture park would establish a value which would also enhance the beauty and cultural emphases
- Add cultural space for art space and education youth development intergenerational
- Cultural center should be large enough to accommodate community affairs/meetings

Parking

- Make sure the parking can accommodate truck and trailer
- Parking structure
- Day stalls for equestrian – secure parking/ enough parking

Exercise

- Exercise stations/equip dispersed throughout the park
- Surrey bikes

Outreach

- These meetings should have been at Magic Johnson Park. I believe people need to be in the environment that they are making decisions about.
- It is sad none of the patrons of the park were here to have a say as to the changes being made to the park they use.

Dog Park

- No dog park please. Many residents don't act responsibly when dogs are not on leashes.

Miscellaneous

- Like the idea of a skate park, but think it should be location near Avalon park
- What is going to be done to somewhat camera flyer the private property so as to maintain the continuity of the design?
- Wedding pavilion is much needed
- Reflection pool should have reflective jets to enhance the beauty
- I think that fishing should be emphasis for lake instead of boating opportunities which is consistent with Park legacy
- In planning can they recommend that for Family Reunion (etc) they can have a close "kitchen" like at Community Park on El Segundo & Prairie.
- Will park have WiFi capabilities?
- LEED certification
- Roots in Willow Trees destructive to sidewalks
- Beatify Avalon from station to the park
- Restroom – individual occupancy

Appendix C: Sign In Sheets

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Workshop Summary

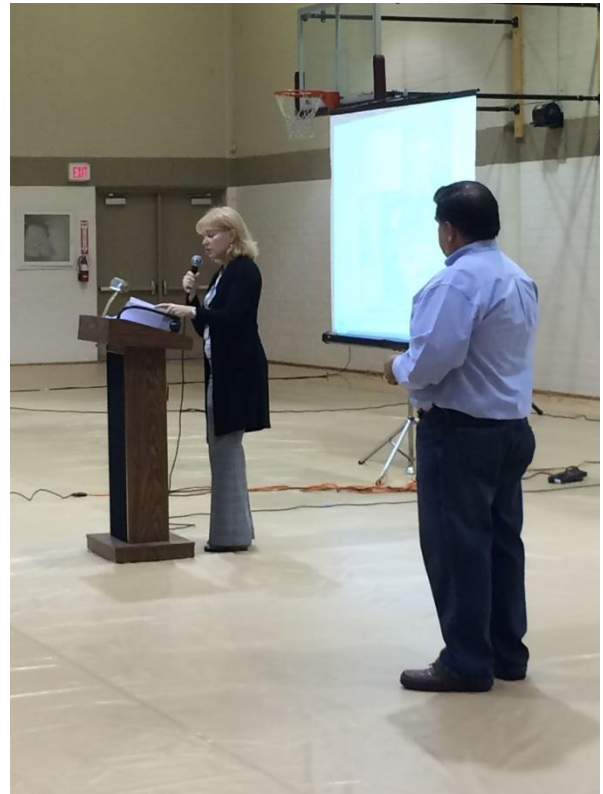
Overview of workshop

The final of three community workshops was held from 10:00AM-12:00PM at Athens Park Gym on Saturday, November 1, 2014 with the combined purpose of presenting the final conceptual plan for the Earvin “Magic” Johnson Park as well as serving as a scoping meeting for the Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The workshop was heavily attended with vocal participants numbering approximately 180 people. Thirteen participants utilized translation equipment. Many participants expressed negative sentiments about the equestrian center throughout the course of the Workshop, both in comments while signing in, through written comments, and during the environmental scoping discussion.

Upon arrival, participants were given information on the environmental scoping meeting, an agenda, and comment forms when they entered in order to speak or leave a written comment for the environmental scoping portion of the meeting. The Workshop was

opened by Joe Mendoza from the County, followed by a presentation by Juan Villalobos from RBF introducing the project and the community process that took place before the final conceptual design. A representative from the landscape architectural consultant AHBE presented an overview of the first three design concepts and then details on the final conceptual design. Community members were asked to hold their questions until the end, but several community members spoke up and expressed their dissatisfaction about the equestrian center being included in the design.

After the presentation, the consultants gathered the comment forms from community members and categorized them by theme to present back to participants.



Environmental Scoping Meeting

The facilitators then transitioned the meeting to the Environmental Scoping meeting. Ruth Villalobos introduced the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and Environmental Impact Review (EIR) process.

Much of the environmental scoping portion of the Workshop was focused on the process of the concept designs and the County's decision to include an equestrian center in the final plan and in all three conceptual plans when it was not mentioned as a given at the beginning of the process. Many participants who expressed negative sentiments about the equestrian center responded positively towards the rest of the plan.



Kathleen King from the County led the comment/discussion portion of the workshop, and read a series of comments from participants about their concerns related to the environmental process. Several participants expressed frustration about not being allowed to speak and instead wait until the presenter was finished reading comments. The presenter eventually allowed community members to speak. She emphasized on several occasions that the discussion was to be focused on the environmental process and not on the equestrian center, leading participants to phrase their questions and comments around environmental concerns related to horses. Of those who spoke, some expressed appreciation of the final design excluding the equestrian center, and others spoke about their concern for school safety during construction. Several commenters received standing ovations for noting the existence of the equestrian center, and several noted that the County should incorporate community comments into the next design.

A full list of comments captured on notecards, written forms, and flip charts is included in **Appendix A**.

Appendix A: Written and Spoken Comments

Comments transcribed on flip chart

- Environmental Concerns with Ujima Village
- No horse stables
- Dog park
- Exercise for seniors
- Consider public comments in next design
- Social Justice in relation to Equestrian Center
- More restrooms – single stall for safety
- More parking
- Does a Regional Plan have the same criteria as neighborhood parks?
- Why equestrian center on all three plans
- Consider surrounding infrastructure issues (ie. road paving and sidewalks) – livability
- No horses
- Aquatic Center should be where county owns land already
- Concerns about school safety during construction
- Clean up park before building
- Yes to project, no to equestrian Center
- How will information be sent to community and cleanliness and equestrian center
- Vote on equestrian center?

Written comments organized by theme

Equestrian Center

- **Concerns Regarding Equestrian Center**
 - **Equestrian Center Smell**
 - Do not like the ideal because of smell. I lived in farm and I did not like it.
 - I probably don't, won't this project built for hoses because of the smell. This project has no value to my home is not safe for kids who lives in this area, who attend school nearby. Our road has not been touched in 4 years. Traffic is too heavy. I would like to see a play area for kids swimming area tennis court, skate boarding, police patrol in the park. I would like for Mark Ridgley to be at the next meeting if he wants our vote. Anything you do in this area let the community vote for it's our money not yours.

- Horse Center would create smells, horse poop along the trail. Danger of horses to people. You are putting horses above the people in this community. As a home owner, I will be paying higher taxes. Is there some way to reject the horse center? Are you and the outside backers of this program trying to harm home owners – meaning gentrification? Not enough bathroom facilities. Bathroom design is important. Have you considered single stalls that have been used in other L.A. parks (that provide security). A park in Encino has single stalls. Put the water center in another part of the park NOT on the private land.
 - Value of property will go down. No equestrian path, this is not wanted here; odors would increase and that’s not good. Bring in educational things that would help our children and communities. Make plans to improve safety in our communities. Set up a plan that would educate our young people where it would improve their future in a positive way.
 - We are very adamant not to have an equestrian center. Horses stink and will bring flies. The property will go down because of the smell. People will not be able to sell their property due to smell. You are making the park smaller by squeezing all these changes. We do not need an amphitheater. We do need swimming pool and gym instead of the equestrian place.
 - No equestrian center because of smell and flies. Also, the theater will smell the bad odor of hay for miles. We ask for dog park and and a center for senior to walk out to pool now? You have lied to residents that live in the area, the trees are not to cut down. Oak trees been there for a long time. “Dog’s Park” is a must. Ara’s made study 41,000 dog, 150,000 horses.
 - No equestrian center. Have a concern about the smell and danger.
 - The idea is good, but not in this area because of safety issues and the smell that cannot be controlled.
 - Richmond Farms. In 1949 my family moved intentionally away from Richmond Farms. Yes the brook was nice but we didn’t want large animals, may causes severe allergic reactions. Smell, Flies, etc NO!!!
- **Cleanup**
 - If a need for dog and horses clean up. There needs to be people that can check that it happens.
 - Security of individual. Restroom stalls v large open, restrooms that are not secured.
 - What about the displacement of the duck and geese during renovations?
 - Want to insure project is asset and beautification of the community. Insuring cleanliness, safety and programs
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- **Maintenance**
 - What agency will be responsible in maintaining the equestrian center? Are there any restrictions from riding horses in residential areas?

- How will the park be kept clean and the smell kept clean? Who will provide the horses?
 - **Social Justice**
 - Social Justice/Environmental Issues – coming to a site location which is a brownfield, site (whether free of toxins or not – is the ultimate racism. A “proposed” equestrian center/horse trails 1,000 feet of stakeholders in an urban center, ignores potential adverse health issues, odors, waste, flies /the quality of life. How many equestrian centers in the COC are located in an urban community? Are you aware that El Segundo Blvd. is a “proposed” route of the WesPac Jet Fuel Pipeline? Another social justice issue.
 - Park has never been cleaned from oil tank farm. Before any changes are made the damage must be remediated. The county of LA won’t talk about the contamination with the community because of law suits. This plan is a lot like the plan that caved problems in the first place. Don’t build on contaminated site. This is being shoved down our throats.
 - The park had (gasses) in the ground when they removed some of the drums in the ground. The water we drink sometimes smells like sulfur and gas. What can be done for the parking from the residents in our area?
 - **Conflict of Interest**
 - Toxicity of the land chemical composition of proposed turf for soccer. Continued soil monitoring, keeping in mind those of us suffering with cancer. Hay causes allergic reactions for many. Our local horse owners allow or do not clean up wastes deposited on Belhaven. The Akbar family represents a conflict of interest. Indoor pool should be heated.
 - Conflict of interest. Marisa Akbar and family have vested interests regarding the equestrian center. My autistic son went for therapy. But her stables were nasty. They have stables in the Richland Farms area of Compton and she cannot be assumed to represent without bias. Their stables smell. She does not live far enough to be impacted. We live across the street. Ridley Thomas chose someone who will personally benefit with prejudice. I don’t want another
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 - **Need for Aquatic Center Over Equestrian Center**
 - This area consists of many senior citizens and equestrian center in not in the best use for surrounding community. An aquatic center would be best fit. Jessie Owens has a great aquatic program that is always filled to capacity. Being that the current duck poop is not cleaned up how is it that horse poop will be cleaned up. Bottom line horses are not a need of this community.
 - I do not want an equestrian center in my community. An aquatic center would be a better fit. An indoor pool for swim lessons, swim team, water aerobics. This community will use a pool more than horses. Plenty will come from elsewhere but those who live here don’t want an equestrian center.

- As a member of the community, and current park user I have my opinion with the Majority of the community, that an equestrian center is not in our best interest and is something we do not want. Also why is the 'proposed' aquatic center located in a part of the park that is privately owned, prolonging its development, why not incorporated in a part of the park that is already county owned.
 - **General Anti-Equestrian Sentiments**
 - We don't want horses in our area. What is going on with the ducks live there in the lake? We don't want higher taxes.
 - My family and I have been in the community 20 years and we will love to see this project to improve and make our park beautiful and a better asset for the community. But don't agree with the equestrian center, horses need more land than what is going to be designated. And also we need to address the dog issues. Need improvements on street pavements.
 - Please no equestrian center. Consider the safety of our children to this with the amount of water throughout the park. Children are attracted to water. We don't want drowning etc. Taxes is a question? Will they go up? No ducks in park (they poop all over the park)
 - No equestrian
 - I don't want horse trial in our community
 - I am not in agreement with the horses
 - Is the conceptual plan a done deal? The equestrian plan is a joke. The smell, the cleanliness effect. Do we have an opportunity to reject the equestrian plan? Will my taxes go up? Horses are not more important
 - No horse, No goats, No Chicken – All dog Park. Enda Aliewine would not like at all if she was living.
 - Do not consider moving the equestrian center to 118th and Figueroa. We just had one removed from that area where people would ride their hoses at night and let them use the sidewalks and along the 100 freeway.
- **Support Equestrian Center**
 - I understand that some people don't want horses because they are allergies, but what about people who are allergic to dogs yet – they want a dog park.
 - I'd like to see the equestrian center be a part of the park. This would be great for the community and the youth in the area. I noticed in this meeting a majority present being seniors. May not have an immediate sensitivity or for equestrian this element really can serve the youth, future generating as well as those of us that are older. I'd like to see bike paths also incorporated.
 - The Figueroa Horse Stables were privately owned with no centralized oversight or supervision. M.J. Park Horse facility will be organized and supervised. It could generate income by renting stalls. Horse manure can be collected in dumpsters, stored and even

used and sold as fertilizer. Fly abatement can be controlled by a known fly controller called a natural fly predator (insect) that has proven to control fly populations. There are a lot of children that want to be exposed to horses.

- Horses are good animals, they are kind and loveable horses. I think horses should be in the park. I think horses should be in the park because they are kind animal that love people
- It seems the community does not understand how an equestrian center works and how clean it is.
- Our kids would like the opportunity to learn about horses at a 10 acre well-maintained facility. Many kids from LA have been learning about horse riding in other communities because there isn't a local facility. This is an activity that exposes our kids to experience that more affluent communities already have.
- Support for equestrian center – mitigation for manure – require manure management plan. Require stormwater management plan, flies, vector management plan. Runners and dogs on leashes allowed on horse trails to use walking. Horse trailer for loading and unloading that does not need to develop a county equine advisory committee. Develop a wetland for water purification. Develop a trail and dust mitigation plan.
- Equestrian Center would bring property value up! Trails that lead to other area of the city. Hiring of staff that reflect the community. Which would provide residents a more sense of ownership. Especially when there a part of building construction.
- Public horse stables are cleaned daily – manure hauls off or put in covered bins – reduces flies and odor. The odor most people dislike is the smell from feed lots with cattle. Horses are vegetarians, feces not like dogs, cat or humans. No e-coli, manure is recycled hay – useful for plants. Horses provide important recreational opportunities for youth and adults. El Fig stables were unsupervised on private land. This proposal equestrian center will be supervised.
- An equestrian center would be an aspect in our community. Many people in our community have horses but no where to ride them. Having an equestrian center would bring variety and open new doors for kids in the community. If our community would be open to new ideas and changes then we would set new experiences for the future generations. Even the folks that live in surrounding community help make our community so their voice should not be excluded.
- The equestrian facility does not pose an environmental issue if the facility is maintained properly. While there is opposition to this feature, I believe that the facility would offer greater opportunity for the county to provide services to more people and specifically kids who need a place and sport to install responsibility and leadership.
- **Environmental Impact of Project**
 - What is environmental impact as it related to “horses” near residential community?
 - What are some strategies/methods the project plans to implement minimize distraction during construction, maximize safety of pedestrians, and minimize air pollution to the 1,000 students that learn at the three schools which abut eh south west section of the EMJ park?

- How much water will be recycled? What percentage of landscaping/hardscaping will be designed to capture rain water?
 - My concern is regarding flies resulting from the equestrian center. How does this impact the environment? Also, what diseases if any, could result from this? How does the affect the schools (children, staff, etc)
 - The 10 acres of horse stables and trails should not be built because of environmental reasons
 - Placing an equestrian center behind schools is unhealthy. State of art gymnasium that will allow basketball as well as volleyball. The water/pond area needs gated for safety of children
 - With the equestrian center, it brings horses, which brings flies and pesticides. This is not good for the environment around the houses. The air quality and the smell of the animals will affect the overall status of the residents in that area.
 - How big is the geographical are for this park? Can the EIR provide a map?
- **Process Questions**
 - Does Magic Johnson know about this? We as a community should be able to make decisions not people that don't live in the community. Why was Mr. Thomas & staff not present?
 - **General Project Questions**
 - How many equestrian centers are in the regional area? Or are there any equestrian centers in the regional area?
 - Tennis courts are missing from plan
 - How much of the water is recycled? Do you plan to capture as much rain water as possible in the garden and landscape areas?

