



BURNHAM PARK CONCEPTS
PUBLIC OUTREACH ON JUNE 16, 2018

FINAL Summary of Community Comments | July 26, 2018
Update: Summary of GCSD Board Comments | August 30, 2018

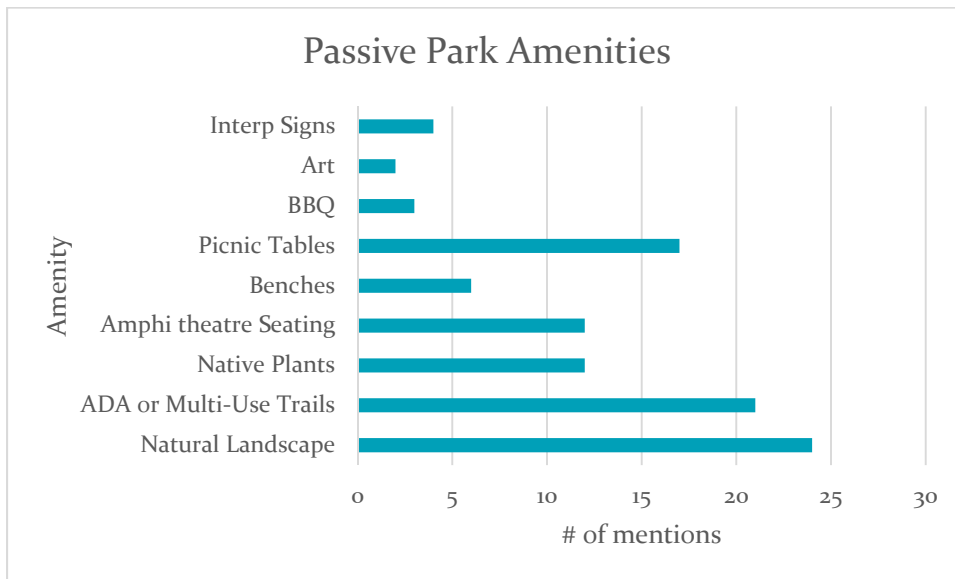
OVERVIEW

- On June 16, 2018 members of the Communications Committee of the Board of Granada Community Services District as well as several Parks Advisory Committee (PAC) members worked with Kikuchi & Kankel Design Group (K&K) to present K&K's three conceptual designs for a potential Burnham Park to the public for comment. The informal community outreach event was noticed on the District's Facebook page and on social media; posters were displayed at the District Office and El Granada Post Office, for about 10 days before the event. The event was held under shade tents on the Burnham Strip at the base of Avenue Portola, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A "constraints map" for the parcel and three park concepts were displayed on large posters; throughout the event, either Tom Conroy or Steve Kikuchi from K&K, and up to 2 Board members and up to 3 PAC members were on hand to answer questions and encourage written input on prepared comment forms. In addition, the Midcoast Parklands group provided an overview of the history of preserving the Burnham Strip and their initial park concept for this parcel. There was a constant flow of people at the event from the set up at 9:00 to well after the scheduled breakdown at 1:00; people expressed a great deal of curiosity as well as enthusiasm for the proposed project.
- Seventy written comments were received at the event. Several people asked if they could submit comments later by email and took blank comments sheets away with them, however, only three email comments were received. All of the comments have been recorded verbatim in an excel spreadsheet, noting which potential amenities were mentioned, as well as any element specifically discouraged.
- Many comments referenced certain attributes that are outside the scope or control of this proposed project or GCSD. Most common in this regard were suggestions to improve crossing of Highway 1 from the existing dirt parking lot.
- Overall there was great enthusiasm for pursuing a park on the Burnham strip, with 60 of 70 comments expressing a positive view. Nearly 2/3 of the comments expressed a desire for active recreational amenities, especially preservation and/or expansion of the existing skate ramp.
- Several positive comments were received regarding incorporation of the parcel next to the Post Office. Ideas for use included a plaza, parking (instead of parking on the strip), and a restaurant with outdoor seating.

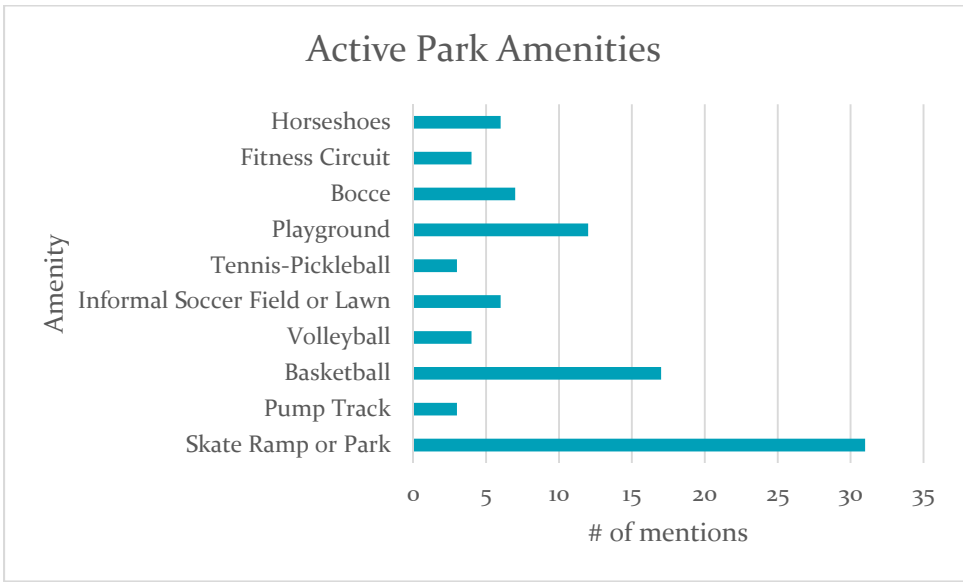
- Only 18 of the 70 comments specified elements they *didn't* want. The most common elements that were discouraged include parking/crossing access from Highway 1 (5), no parking (4) and lawns that require water and maintenance (4).
- The charts below provide details on the number of times specific amenities were positively mentioned. (Note that the number of specific amenities mentioned varied from 0 to 15 on any one comment form).
- Although members of the public were asked to focus on what elements in the conceptual designs they would like or not like rather than choose one concept over another, a number of people referenced a preference for a particular concept and those mentions are included below. The option preferences reinforce a general preference for at least some active recreational elements.

REVIEW OF COMMENTS

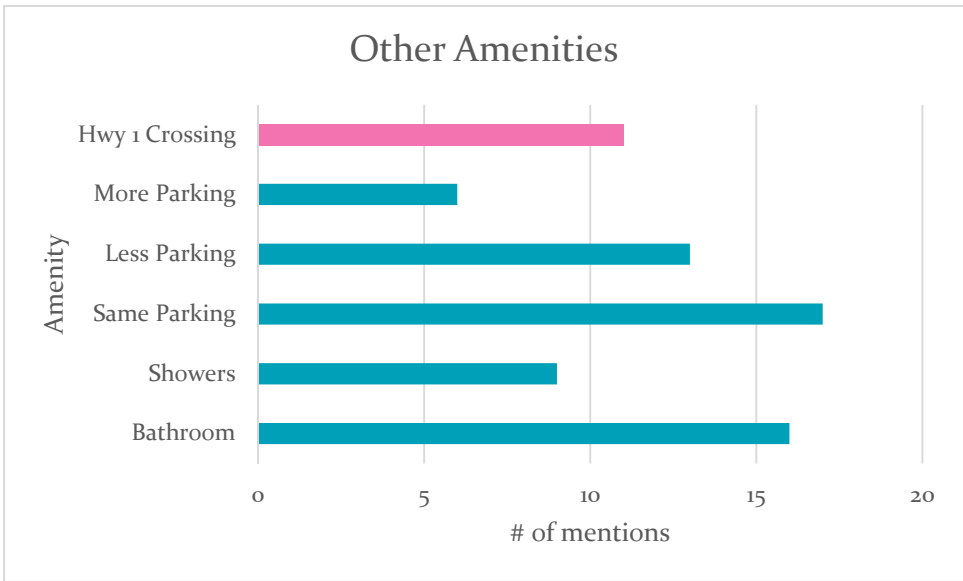
The charts below indicate the number of times a particular amenity or option was mentioned in the written comment sheets received.



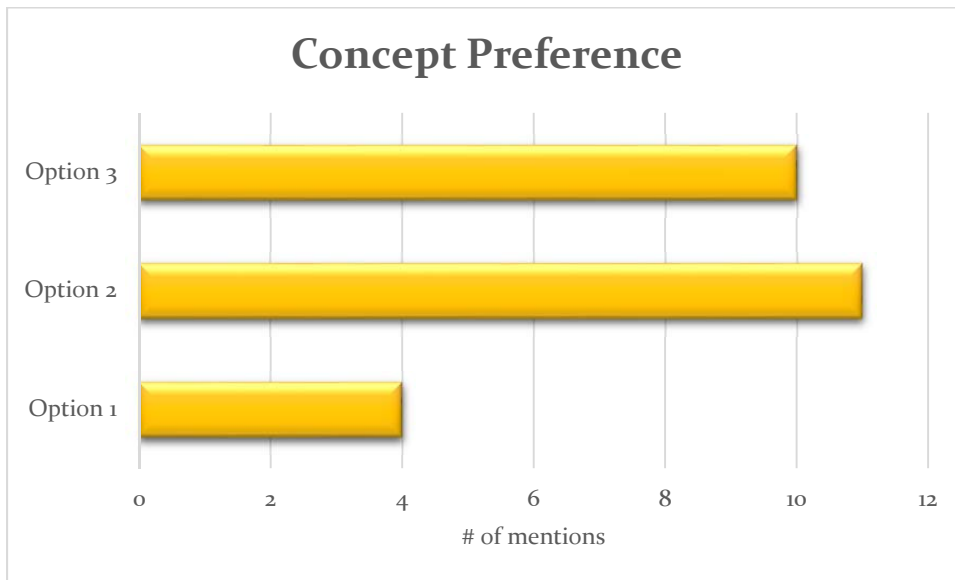
Note: "Natural landscape" was mentioned in some form in combination with both passive and active amenities.



Skate Park comments varied between preserving and/or expanding the existing half pipe and building a more elaborate cement skate park.



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Note: Option 1 is the most minimal concept with mostly passive elements and Option 3 is the most elaborate concept with many active elements.

SUMMARY

Considering, as an example, those elements that received more than 5 mentions, those who came to the event and commented would generally prefer a park with:

- A natural landscape with mainly native low maintenance, low profile plantings and a limited, unstructured green lawn area that would support pick-up soccer games, lawn volleyball, kite-flying, etc.
- For passive use: Multi-use trails (walk, bike, skate), with those drawn in concepts 2 and 3 the most popular. Picnic tables and benches. An amphitheater setting that would support ocean viewing, as well as music, theater or movie events.
- For active use: The existing or an expanded skate ramp, basketball, playground, horseshoes and bocce.

Summary of GCSB Board Discussion, August 30, 2018

The Board agreed that the June community outreach event provided a good start on feedback on the Burnham Park concepts, but more community discussion is required, with widely distributed promotion and ample notice to encourage a broad cross section of the community to be engaged in this project.

In preparation for next steps, the Board provided the following guidance on potential park amenities:

Passive Amenities:

- Interpretive Signs – should be whimsical as well as informative, and include Burnham and Granada history.
- Art – a lower initial priority, wait and see.
- Barbecues – a natural gathering spot, include permanently installed barbecues, but be sensitive to local neighbors when choosing picnic and barbecue locations.
- Picnic Tables and Benches – definitely include these. Provide ocean-facing views and allow for benches with dedications.
- Amphitheater seating should be ocean-facing, with performers' backs to the ocean
- Native Plants/Landscape – include flowering native plants; these don't require water once they are established. Investigate whether there is a well or ground water on the recently acquired parcel.
- Trails – add perimeter trail as well as winding interior trails. Investigate whether the County plan for a parallel trail east of Highway 1 could be incorporated into the perimeter trail. Prefer decomposed granite (which can be ADA compliant) to paving; be mindful that park amenities must have ADA access.
- General – note that “passive” features such as hills and walls can be great for active play for kids.

Active Amenities

- Horseshoes/Bocce – low cost and low impact. People will bring their own equipment.
- Tennis/Pickleball – not right for this windy site – hardscaping and fences are not desirable.
- Fitness Circuit – could be modest initially and scale up if interest is there.
- Playgrounds – include small and big kid versions; avoid colored plastic. Prefer natural or natural looking materials that integrate into the look and feel of the park, e.g., don't block the view corridor. Consider innovative and diverse play structures.
- Lawn – it would be good to have a versatile lawn which could be used for informal soccer (not organized leagues), volleyball, etc. Consider need for a low wall or fence.
- Basketball – requires significant hardscape and expense as well as fencing; not right for this site. Look into contributing to improvements at EG School courts.

- Pump Track – not right for this site; maintain support for pump track at Quarry Park
- Skate Ramp – clearly the most popular amenity, and it's important to support it. The current ramp is on the Caltrans easement, not District property. Explore whether there is a place for the ramp within the park (not in view corridor) and develop options for a low profile (e.g. bowl) permanent skate amenity that could be developed in the future.

Other Amenities

- Parking – scale parking to what will be required for community park usage and Coastal Development Permit (CDP). Consider parking fees for non-district-residents.
- Restroom/Showers – CDP will likely require a restroom to support the park; best placement may be near the parking lot. Consider including outdoor showers.
 - Note: Strong view that HMB/Harbor District should require the RV Park to re-open the restroom that previously served Surfer's Beach.

Next Steps

A committee to include Directors Woren and Dye, PAC members Tierney and Marsh will work with K+K to develop next steps to evolve the design(s) and robustly engage the public on further. A proposal will come back to the Board.