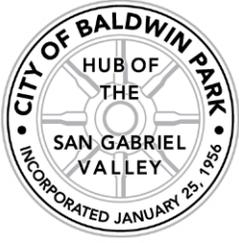


STAFF REPORT



TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Manuel Carrillo Jr., Director of Recreation and Community Services

DATE: February 5, 2025

SUBJECT: Approval of Conceptual Design for Ana Montenegro Park

SUMMARY

The purpose of this staff report is for City Council to consider approval of the conceptual design for Ana Montenegro Park

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve the conceptual for Ana Montenegro Park; and
2. Authorize Director of Recreation & Community Services to proceed with any supplementary documents required for the project.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund at this time.

BACKGROUND

At their November 1, 2023, City Council Meeting, the City Council awarded an agreement to David Volz & Associates for professional design services for the Ana Montenegro Park CIP24-035-56012. This decision marked the official launch of the design phase for the park, which aims to reflect community priorities and honor the legacy of Mrs. Ana Montenegro.

To gather input on the park's amenities and design, staff conducted several community engagement meetings that were actively promoted on all city social media platforms, including a press release and the city's website. Additionally, Active San Gabriel Valley supported these efforts by canvassing in the immediate project area to encourage residents to participate in the meetings. As a result of these outreach efforts, two (2) conceptual renderings were developed based on feedback from the community design meetings. Mrs. Ana Montenegro's family attended several of these meetings, offering crucial insights that inspired key elements of the park's design. Once the two conceptual designs were completed, shared through community engagement meetings and at various events to ensure continued engagement and gather additional input.

Staff also organized a dedicated community engagement outreach at the vibrant Downtown Street Market to present the two (2) alternative layouts for the park. This interactive setting fostered open dialogue, encouraging attendees to provide meaningful feedback on the proposed improvements. Community members actively participated in prioritizing their preferred designs, playing a vital role in shaping the final concept. To broaden community input, the proposed designs were also showcased at the Julia McNeill Senior Center during a Lotería event. Active San Gabriel Valley's collaboration was instrumental in conducting outreach and engaging project area residents to review the two (2) concepts and share their insights. In response to specific concerns, staff held a meeting with a resident to address specific concerns and questions regarding the project's conceptual design.

The feedback from this meeting was incorporated into the design process, ensuring that community voices were thoughtfully considered.

This comprehensive outreach effort provided multiple platforms for stakeholders to express their perspectives and contribute to the park's development. The conceptual design being presented integrates the majority of community suggestions while adhering to best practices. These collective efforts have culminated in a design that reflects the community's vision and honors the legacy of Mrs. Ana Montenegro.

The design draws profound inspiration from Mrs. Montenegro's illustrious career as a dedicated Public Educator and her unwavering passion for the arts. It intricately weaves elements that celebrate her admiration for the rich heritage of Pre-Columbian artistry and the vibrant, intricate patterns of Talavera pottery, creating a harmonious blend of history, culture, and education. These influences shine through in the park's vibrant color palette and intricate aesthetics, fostering a cohesive and culturally enriched atmosphere that infuses every space. Main features of the park include vibrant public art papel picado shade structures, alebrije serpentine tower playground with Talevera-inspired pour-in-place rubberized flooring, an iconic monumental park sign, cloud-based surveillance system, bike repair station, hydration fountain, scenic walking trail, seat walls adorned with colorful mosaic tiles and energy-efficient LED security lighting. Additional amenities enhance accessibility and appeal, such as a welcoming entry gate, perimeter fencing, drought-tolerant landscaping, and restrooms designed in Spanish-style architecture. The proposed design is fully compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), ensuring inclusivity for all visitors. A special memorial tree has been reserved in honor of Mr. Humberto "Monty" Montenegro, serving as a lasting tribute to his memory and contributions.

The conceptual design thoughtfully integrates extensive community feedback, ensuring the park reflects the needs and aspirations of its residents. Together, these elements celebrate heritage, community, and the arts, creating a vibrant and dynamic space for everyone to enjoy.

ALTERNATIVES

The alternative is not to approve the conceptual designs and provide alternative direction.

LEGAL REVIEW

None is required.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Final Concept Plan



ANA MONTENEGRO PARK

LEGEND

- 01 SHADE STRUCTURE WITH FABRICATED POWDERCOATED STEEL ROOF PANELS INSPIRED BY FESTIVE PAPEL PICADO
- 02 CONCRETE PAVING
- 03 ENHANCED PAVEMENT INSPIRED BY MEXICAN 'TALAVERA' TILE
- 4A PEDESTRIAN ENTRANCE AND EXIT
- 4B SERVICE VEHICLE ENTRANCE AND EXIT
- 05 5-12 PLAY STRUCTURE INSPIRED BY AN ALEBRIJE SERPENT
- 06 SWINGS
- 07 COLORFUL RUBBER PLAY SURFACING WITH TALAVERA DESIGN IMAGERY DEPICTING THE SUN AND MOON
- 08 SPANISH STYLE RESTROOM BUILDING
- 09 MEMORIAL TREE AND PLANTER IN HONOR OF ANA MONTENEGRO'S HUSBAND
- 10 LARGE SEATING BOULDERS
- 11 WALL, 10' TALL ALONG NORTH AND WEST PARK BOUNDARIES
- 12 LOW CONCRETE WALL, 36" TALL WITH 8' TALL STEEL PICKETS
- 13 DROUGHT TOLERANT PLANTING
- 14 PARK LIGHTING
- 15 LITTER RECEPTACLE
- 16 PROPOSED TREE
- 17 CRESCENT MOON BENCH WITH COLORFUL MOSAIC TILE
- 19 PERIMETER WALKING PATHWAY
- 19 SECURITY CAMERA SYSTEM
- 20 BIOSWALES
- 21 BIKE REPAIR STATION



JOANBRIDGE ST.

MAINE AVE.

- (E) WATER QUALITY PLANTER
- (E) UTILITY POLE - TYPICAL
- (E) SIDEWALK