



Parks, Recreation, and Arts Commission Report

Subject: Sunset Whitney Recreation Area Project Updates – Item 10

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Department: Parks & Recreation

- **Staff Recommendation:**
 - Appoint two Commissioners to work with staff on drafting a Master Plan for the Sunset Whitney Recreation Area.

BACKGROUND:

Council has directed the Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission to solicit ideas and feedback from the community on the Sunset Whitney Recreation Area. This includes potential uses, priorities, funding sources and partnerships.

Actions To Date:

- In January, Commission adopted Guiding Principles and Objectives for outreach and planning of the SWRA and approved the working name, Sunset Whitney Recreation Area.
- A webpage for SWRA was created on the city website. www.rocklin.ca.us/sunsetwhitneyrecreationarea
- The first community workshop was held on February 28th, 2018 with approximately 300 participants.
- The first organized community volunteer SWRA beautification event was held on March 10th, 2018.
- An online version of the forum was developed and placed online for citizens to share feedback. The online forum was open to the public for one week and received feedback from 533 participants.
- Subcommittee consisting of Chair Hartwell and Commissioner Richey reviewed all community input and prepared a recommendation to the full Commission for consideration.
- At the May meeting, Commission voted on recommendations to the Council regarding SWRA.

Next Steps

At the May meeting the Commission discussed and voted to recommend that the City Council adopt the name Sunset Whitney Recreation Area as the permanent name for the site; work with staff to determine feasibility and costs for the top 6 recommendations; implement portions of the top 6 recommendations if using existing resources and where costs are minimal or a funding source is identified.

- Trails
- Reuse of Clubhouse buildings
- Historic Bridges
- Restroom Restoration
- Nature/Discovery Play Areas
- Conversion of tennis courts to pickleball courts

And, prepare a Master Plan for the Sunset Whitney Recreation Area. These recommendations are scheduled to be presented to the City Council at the June 26th City Council meeting.

Preparation of a Master Plan can be largely done in house with consultants assisting with technical portions, if needed. Staff recommends that the Commission appoint two commissioners to work with staff between regular commissions meetings to begin working on a Master Plan. Steps may include;

- Outline contents of Master Plan
- Timeline
- Community Outreach & Feedback
- Identification of resources, possible partners
- Further analysis of priority recommendations including costs and feasibility

Staff anticipates the subcommittee will bring back information to the Commission over the course of the next several months as sections of the Master Plan are drafted.