Oak Grove Area Improvements Project
Public Meeting ~ October 22, 2014
CIP Process

Projects are added to the CIP
Funding is identified
Precise design and environmental review
Implementation
The Preamble

- HWP Master Plan includes goals and objectives.
- The City has secured grant funding for several of these projects.
- The City desires to spend the grant award funds.
- These grant applications include descriptions of work to be performed however, in some instances, those descriptions are no longer accurate.
- There is no guarantee a scope of work revision would be granted by the granting agency.
- The former sports field #2 and associated parking lot expansion has been de-funded and removed from the CIP project description.
- This design exercise is for the implementation of specific projects. It is NOT a master planning exercise in itself, however the results can be used as the basis for a Master Plan revision.
- The stakeholder group will to assist the City in developing a design that meets the City’s and Public’s desires for HWP.
- Time is of the essence!
• Elizabeth Bour, *Friends of Hahamongna (FOH)*
• Don Bremner, *Sierra Club*
• Sarah Horner Fish, *Tom Sawyer Camps*
• Porfirio Frausto, *City of Pasadena, Council District 1*
• Patricia Keane, *HWP Advisory Committee*
• Sue Lafferty, *Rose Bowl Riders (RBR)*
• Joy Rittenhouse, *MACH1*
• Tecumseh Shackelford, *Arroyo-Windsor Neighborhood Association*
• Howard Tan, *Oak Grove Disc Golf*
• Charles Thomas, *City of Pasadena, Council District 1*
Location of Funded Projects

Oak Grove Area
Improvements
- New Restroom
- Foothill Drain
- Park Road Improvements
- Existing Parking Area upgrades

Trail Development
- Trail Improvements in Lower Oak Grove area
- Westside Perimeter Trail

Berkshire Creek Area
- Restoration and Improvements

Habitat Restoration
- Western side of the park, from Flint Wash to Annex

Oak Grove Disc Golf Course
Improvements
## Department of Public Works

### Schedule

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<td>HWPAC Regular Meeting</td>
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<td>• Introduce the re-start-up of the project</td>
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<td>• Guest speakers: Ed Wallace, Hydraulic Engineer and Mickey Long, wildlife expert/biologist</td>
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<td>• Stakeholder homework: Review the concepts provided and edit/develop their own concept for consideration at the next Stakeholder group meeting</td>
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<td>• Refine and confirm preferred design</td>
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<td>• Develop and confirm the draft project description</td>
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<td>HWPAC Special Meeting</td>
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<td>• Present the proposed design and project description as developed through this process</td>
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<td>• Seek the HWPAC’s support for the project design and description.</td>
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GENERAL NON-DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

- Provide for regular annual meetings between the user groups that share this area of the park.
- Consider programs in the park that teach youth about conservation and that provide a youth work program to serve as an extension of City maintenance crew.
- Encourage multiple use were possible (such as multi use-trails).
- Incorporate recreational uses that are in keeping with the area and that cannot occur in any other park.
- Include Gabrielino -Tongva native Americans in this process.
- Consider ADA where possible (such as trail segments, certain disc golf holes).
- Use the park as a base for various education programs for youth (camping principles, park stewardship, LNT principles (LNT), trail maintenance, native plant nursery, create a library for learning about nature and the outdoors).
- Improve public transportation access for all recreational users.
GENERAL NON-DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS continued

- Recreational opportunities for underserved youth
- Keep mindful of local hiring when project is implemented
- Consider the park as a gateway to the Angeles National Forest
- Nature based recreation
- Consider family/overnight camping program
- Consider revenue earning strategies (retail plant nursery, charging buses that enter park with busloads of kids)
HABITAT: Design Considerations

- Enhance understory planting in Willow and Oak plant communities
- Enhance alluvial coastal sage scrub plant community where feasible & appropriate
- Keep large trees, even if not native (like Ash trees along perimeter trail)
- Keep active recreation out of oak woodland area known as “Enchanted Forest”
- Habitat restoration throughout the park
- Erosion control measures
- Increase planting of cottonwoods
SIGNAGE and SECURITY: Design considerations

- Master signage plan for the park *(including: trail markers, directional signage, interpretive signage, map/rules for disc golf, park rules, horse trailer parking)*
- Remove portion of chain link fence at oak woodland, north of disc golf ‘back nine’
- Consider safety and security of Pasadena Equestrian Center tenants in any option to remove chain link fencing
Signage Considerations

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ARROYO SECO NATURAL PARK

NO ALCOHOL, BEVERAGES ALLOWED IN THE PARK

PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE 9.26.005

PARK OPENS AT SUNRISE & CLOSES AT SUNSET

Visitors will be cited. Pasadena Municipal Code 25.21.130(A)(2)

ALL DOGS MUST BE ON LEASH

DOG OWNERS RESPONSIBLE FOR PET CLEAN UP

PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE 5.24.030 & 5.01.050

NO BICYCLES OR UNAUTHORIZED MOTOR VEHICLES ALLOWED

ON PARK TRAILS

PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE 5.24.118.01

BICYCLES ALLOWED ON PAVED PARK ROADS ONLY

VIOLATORS WILL BE PROSECUTED

PASADENA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Park Rules Sign

Interpretive Sign

Disc Golf Course Signage

Directional Signage
PARKING LOT, BATHROOMS and OTHER FACILITIES: Design Considerations

- Keep bathroom in the Equestrian Picnic Area
- Alternate public use of OGMO in the long term future
- Create “Backyard space” out of OGMO
- New bathroom at lower parking lot
- Design space for storage and concession stand that can be utilized by multiple user groups
- Remove asphalt in parking lots for greater sustainability
PARKING LOT, BATHROOMS and OTHER FACILITIES: Design Considerations continued

• Maintain capacity of current overflow lot, east of field; consider use of other underutilized areas in lieu of current overflow lot to meet capacity needs

• Better use of area currently used by LA County Trail crew for the benefit of the park
VEHICULAR CIRCULATION: Design Considerations

- Improved turn-around at terminus of park road in lower oak grove for ease of circulation and improved safety
- Traffic calming on park road leading to the Arroyo Seco Environmental Education Center
TRAILS: Design Considerations

- Keep use of the existing Perimeter trail for recreational users
- Keep use of the existing upper Rim trail
- Keep all trails safe and Multi-use for horses and pedestrians
- Define trails (*use trail markers to help define, abandon volunteer trails etc.*)
- Bridge trail crossing at Berkshire Creek
- Re-establish perimeter trail between Berkshire Creek and Flint Wash Bridge
- Restore Sunrise Trail above Berkshire Creek
TRAILS: Design Considerations continued

- Remove asphalt on park road between Berkshire Creek and Flint Wash Bridge for improved trail surface for equestrians
- Restore Sunrise Trail above Berkshire Creek

TRAILS – Non-Design Considerations

- Trail etiquette educational component
BERKSHIRE CREEK: Design Considerations

- Pedestrian bridge trail crossing (no vehicular access)
- Rehabilitate/restore all aspects of Berkshire Creek (including: vegetation mgmt., hydrology, habitat restoration, erosion control & slope stabilization, water quality, stream rehab, trail renovation)
- Raise park road over Berkshire Creek
60” storm drain outlet

Upper Reach (looking upstream)
Eroded apron D/S of the 24” culvert

Upper Reach (looking downstream)
Eroded banks

24” culvert under the park road
Undersized 24” culvert

Storm water spilling over the park road

Concentrated high flows re-entering the creek

Discharge from the 24” Culvert

Inundated Lower Reach
Restoration Goals

• Restore the channel / riparian habitat while recognizing limitations imposed by the operation of the flood basin

• Reduce erosion
• Stabilize channel banks
• Allow establishment of vegetation
• Activate channel/floodplain process
• Reduce sediment / backwater impact from the flood basin
• Biotechnical, self sustaining methods
**DISC GOLF: Design Considerations**

- Course layout should be with the primary goal of improving public safety and mitigating for any conflicts with park users.
- In addressing safety issues of course, make reasonable accommodations for course layout (i.e. use of current underutilized areas may need to be considered).
- Maintain an 18 hole course that is playable all-year round with a maximum of 27 holes for permitted events/tournament play.
- Locate all holes outside of the flood zone (above el. 1040).
- Design alignments seasonally (considerate of other permitted user groups schedules).
DISC GOLF: Design Considerations continued

- Re-adjust/resolve the current conflict areas with other park users (holes 4, 5, 6 and group picnic area south of Oak Grove field)
- Course maximum number of shooting positions per hole
- Fairway distances desired: 9 holes less than 300 ft. + 9 holes less than 350 ft.
- Signage for course (including: interpretive kiosk, map of course, directional signage, safety warning signs, rules of the course, signage at each hole depicting hole pins & par)
- Provided space for storage and concession stand at new bathroom
- Rehabilitate wooden bridge crossing over storm drainage area near hole 9, if new course layout dictates the need
DISC GOLF: Non - Design Considerations

- Maintain cultural history of the course
- Develop an Operating Agreement between Disc Golf Club and the City *(consider including items such as: regular meetings between city and other park user groups to coordinate seasonal changes to course and any other pertinent issues, volunteer work days, club responsibilities, City responsibilities etc.)*
THANK YOU!

Next public meeting for the OGAI Project is Tuesday, November 18th at 6:00 pm
This is a special meeting of the Hahamongna Watershed Park Advisory Committee (HWPAC)

For more information go to http://www.cityofpasadena.net/PublicWorks/arroyo_plans_and_projects/