

Civics Academy



# PARKS & RECREATION

Recreation Center  
October 4, 2023  
6pm-8pm

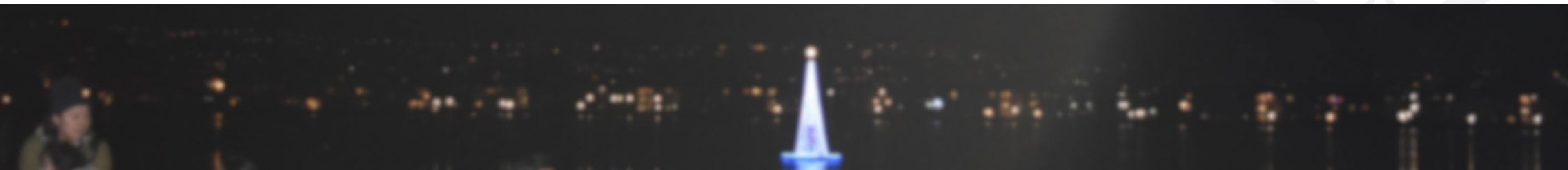
# Tonight's Agenda

01. Welcome  
Tour: Leo J. Ryan Park  
Vibe

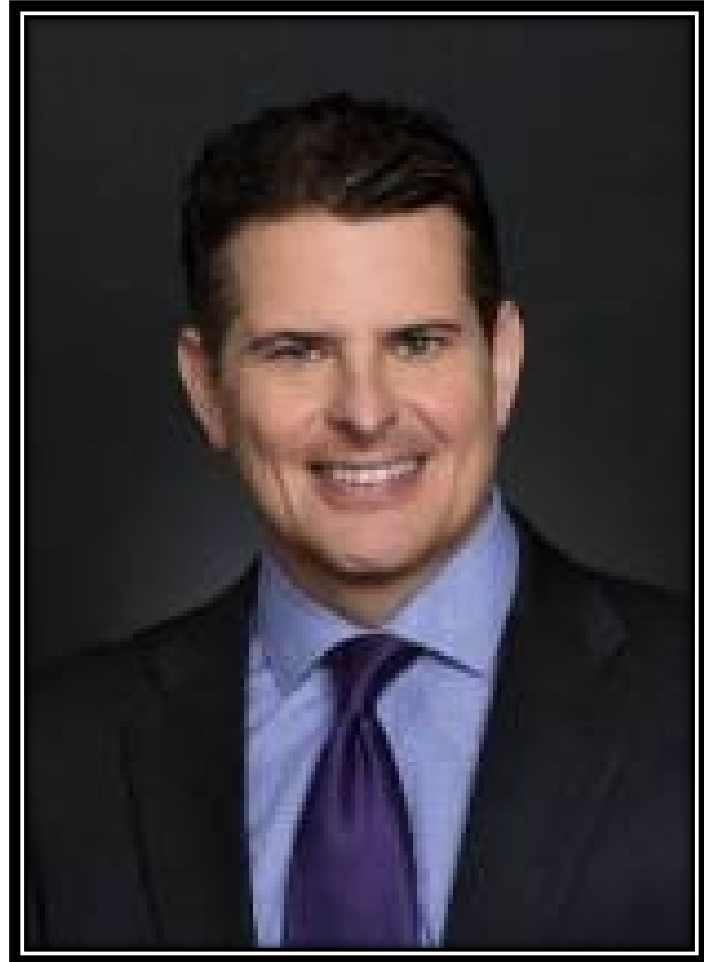
02.  
Dinner

03.  
Presentation

04.  
Group Activity /  
Wrap-up







# Welcome Message

and Student Intros

- Derek Schweigart, Director







# Tour: Leo J. Ryan Park & Vibe Teen Center



# About Us

Foster City Parks and Recreation manages the City's parks, recreation activities, and community events.

We pride ourselves on offering a wide range of educational, creative, and fun programs and events, and beautiful outdoor spaces. We do this through the use of our three recreation facilities to offer classes and room rentals; **24 community parks** that provide a variety of amenities for any occasion; and **over 20 special events** a year that bring the community together!





# General Info FY 23/24



## Operating Budget

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- \$10,889,042

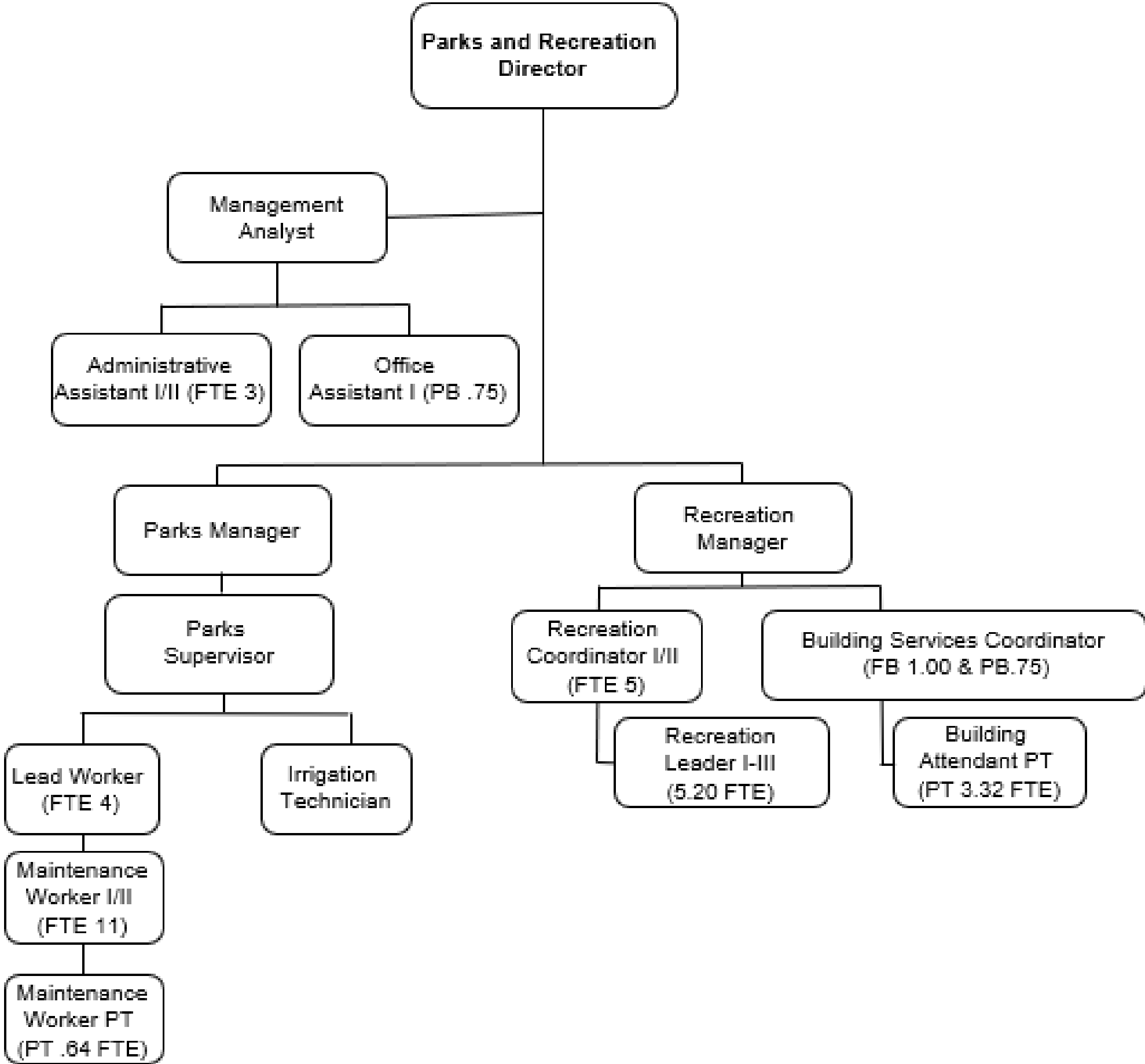
## Staffing

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- 30 Full Time Positions
- 40+ Part Time Positions  
(10 Full time equiv.)




**Parks and Recreation  
Department FY 2023/2024**





Two of our team members  
shared what they most loved  
about working for Parks &  
Recreation



A portrait of Dusty Landwehr, a man with dark hair and a goatee, wearing a dark blue polo shirt. He is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera. The background is a brightly lit room with white tables and chairs, possibly a community center or recreation area. The image has a teal-to-purple gradient overlay on the right side.

My favorite part is the large events we put on for the community. It's really fun and rewarding to see the happiness we provide to the community.

DUSTY LANDWEHR, RECREATION COORDINATOR



It's gratifying to see a job through from start to finish. Whether we landscape, do irrigation or park signs, we're out there as a team, and it's great to see our work complete.

DAN WEBER, PARKS  
MAINTENANCE WORKER





# Parks Division

## STATS



24 Parks

Most per capita in Bay Area

**Sports Fields**  
7 Synthetic Sport Fields  
5 Natural Turf Sports Fields  
13 Tennis Courts  
6 Pickleball Courts  
7 Full Size Basketball Courts



**Medians, Other**

8 Medians  
44 Cul-de-Sacs  
3 Walkways  
16 Georgina Squares  
7 Island Bridges





The Parks Maintenance Team



# Parks Maintenance at Work





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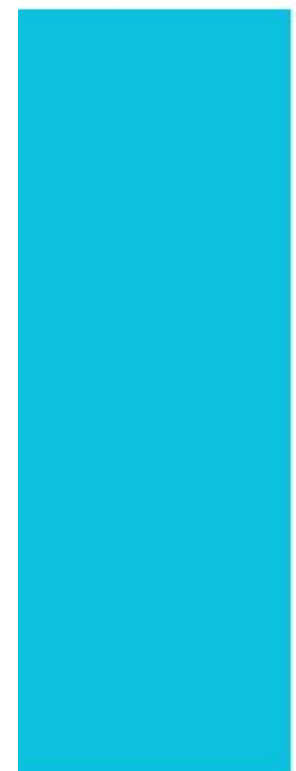




# The Parks Maintenance at Work

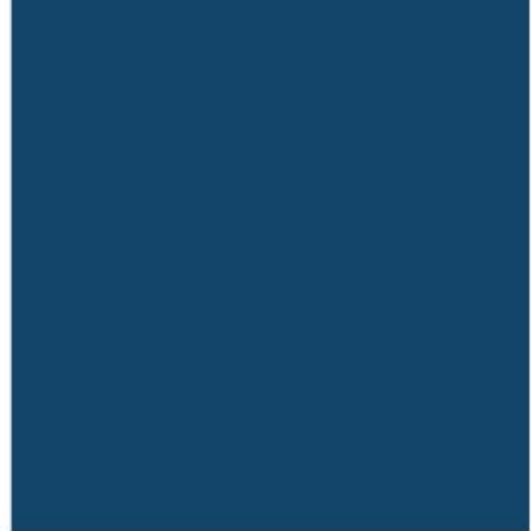






# Meet the Recreation Division





# Staffing

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7 full time staff  
up to 40 part time staff



Fun fact: Half of our full-time staff grew up in Foster City and attended the same programs they now supervise!





## Program Areas

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- Classes and Programs
- Rentals (facilities & parks)
- Special Events







## Our Facilities

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- Recreation Center
- Community Center
- Vibe Teen Center

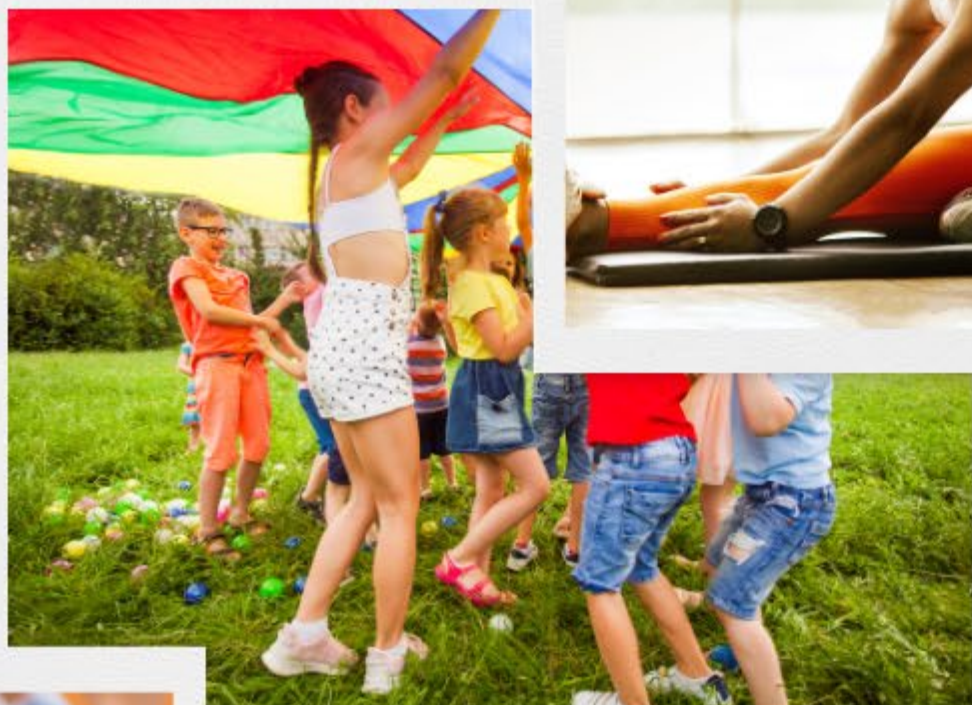


Facilities typically open 7 days a week from 9am-10pm





# Recreation PROGRAMS



- Contract Classes and Camps
- Sports Leagues (Bocce, Softball, and Pickleball)
- Senior Trips and Drop-in
- The VIBE Teen Center
- Park Concessions







## CLASSES AND PROGRAMS

# 144-300

PER SEASON

During our peak season in the summer we offer about 300 classes and programs (including camps)





# *Facility & Park* **Rentals**

**Event Spaces for celebrations, meetings, and more!**

- **Recreation, Community Center, Vibe**
- **Parks and Sports Fields**
- **Other (School sites, tennis, pickleball courts)**





# RENTALS & RESERVATIONS

In an average year we process:

**5,926** room rental applications

**746** park rentals

**178** field application permits

*(translates to 5,147 individual  
field reservations)*







## Special Events

“ We create community through people, parks, and programs. ”



# SPECIAL EVENTS

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- 15** City sponsored special events on average
  - 33,000 est. attendees at 4<sup>th</sup> of July
  - 26,000 est. attendees multi-day Summer Days

- 13-16** Independently sponsored events/programs
  - Including Holi, Dragon Boat Races, etc.



We create  
community through  
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# The Future: Recreation Center Rebuild Project





# Recreation Center Rebuild Project

## Project Overview

- Project Background
- Project Outreach and Community Input
- Conceptual and Schematic Designs
- Council approval of Schematic Design and Budget on September 18, 2023
- Next Steps

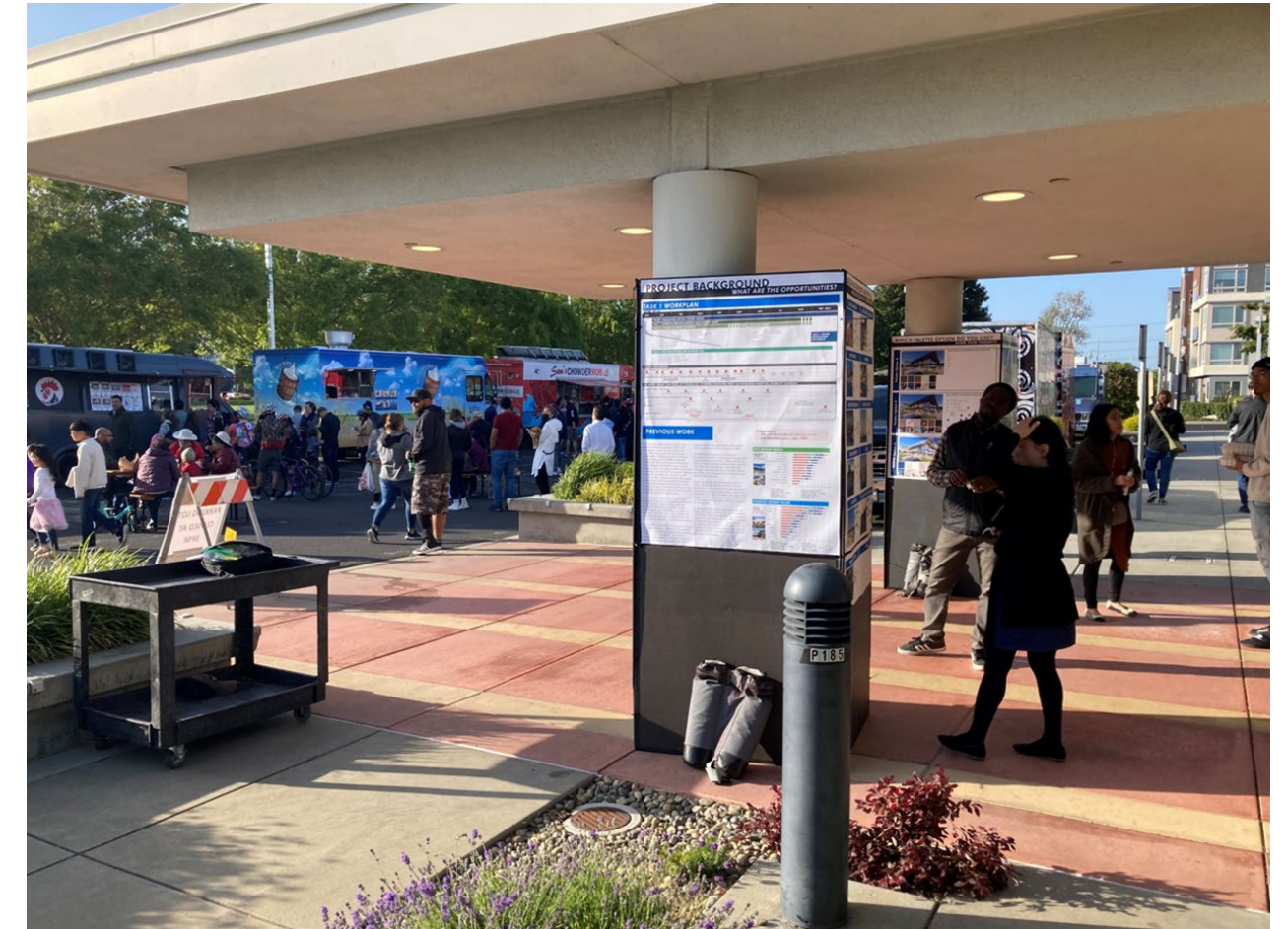




# Recreation Center Rebuild Project

## Project Outreach and Community Input

- ✓ *Project Task Force Meetings*
- ✓ *Joint Planning Commission and Parks & Recreation Committee Meetings*
- ✓ *Outreach at Off the Grid*
- ✓ *Public Meetings*
- ✓ *Library Outreach Events*
- ✓ *Outreach at Senior Meals*
- ✓ *Outreach at Movie Night*
- ✓ *Little League Opening Day*
- ✓ *Open House*
- ✓ *Farmer's Market*
- ✓ *Holi Festival Event*



TOTAL PARTICIPANTS (in person + online)

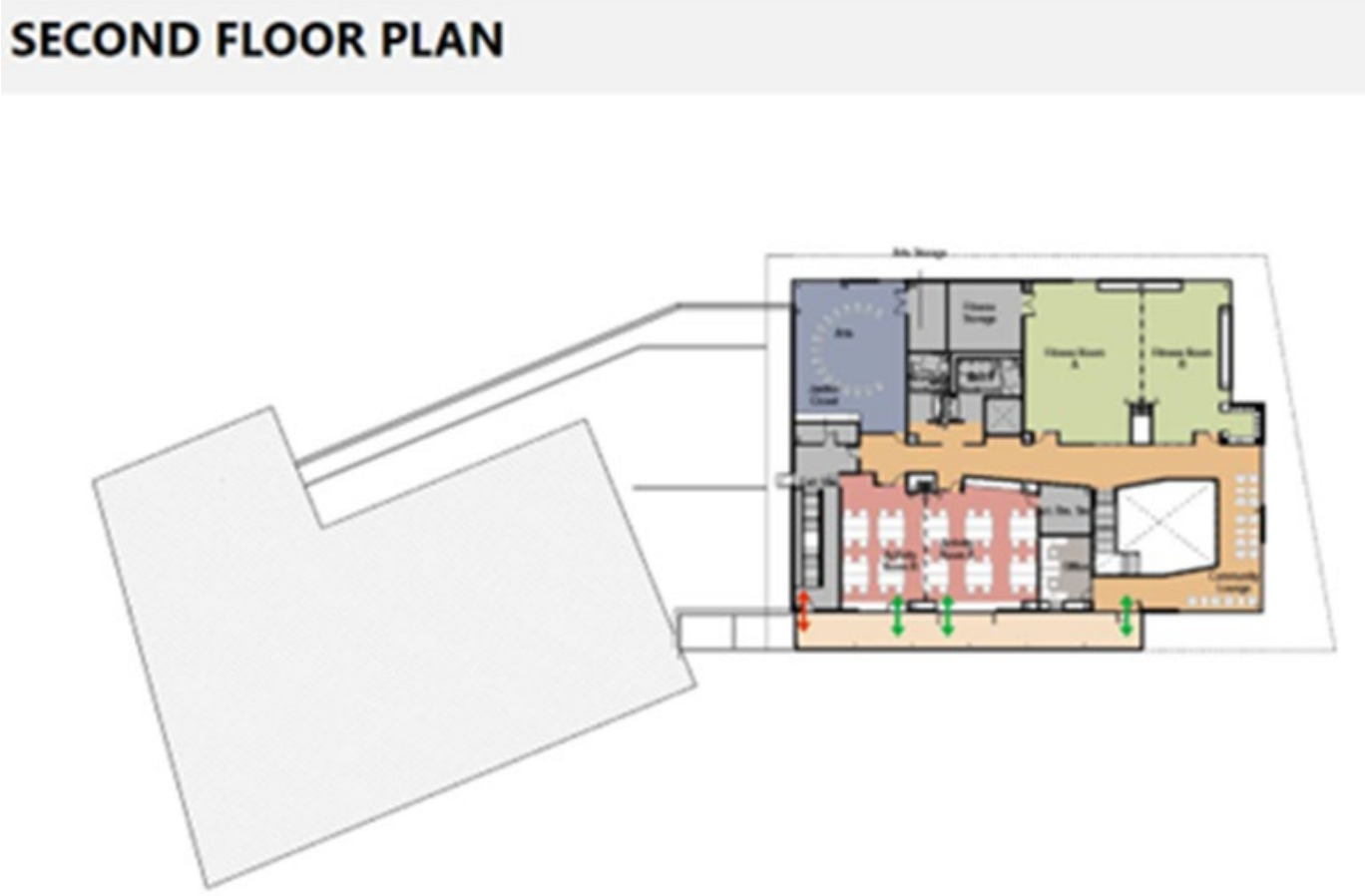
**TOTAL ROUND 1+2 = ~1,852 responses**





# Recreation Center Rebuild Project

Two-story building design





# Recreation Center Rebuild Project

## Site Plan





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## Sustainable Building and Site Design

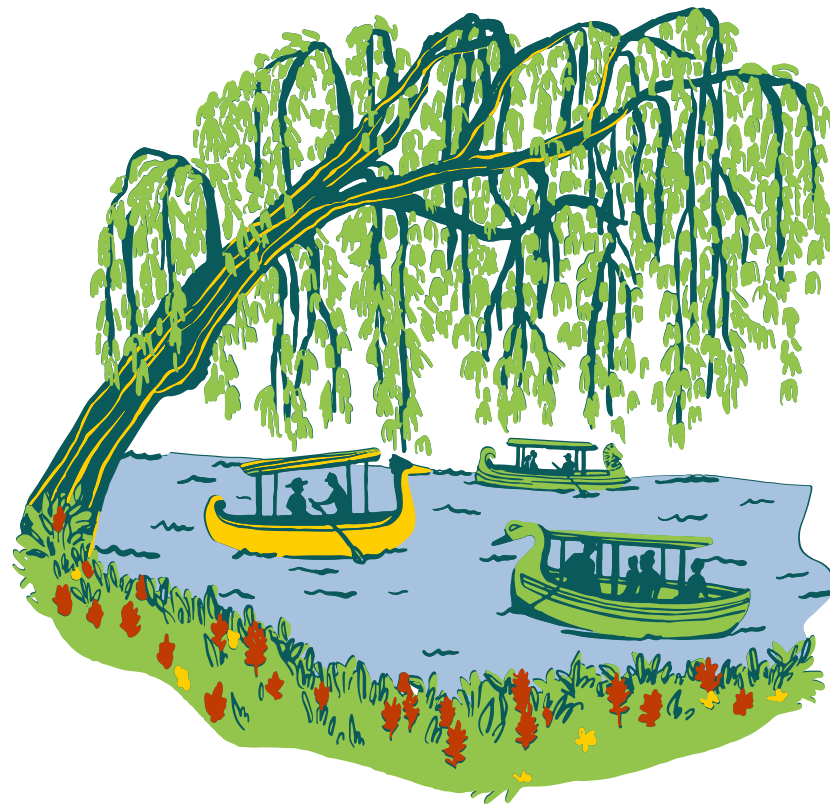




# The Future: Park Master Plan

## Project Overview

- Project Background
- Project Goals and Scope
- Next Steps





# The Future: Park Master Plan

## Project Goals and Scope

- Guide the City in the planning, development, maintenance, funding of the City's parks for the next 20-30 years.
- Engage and educate the community
- Understand community priorities
- Prioritize park improvements given limited City resources
- Ensure parks sustainability (environmental and financial)

### Next Steps:

- City Council to approve request for proposal (RFP/RFQ) in the fall 2023
- Project kickoff in March-April 2024
- Approximately a 12-18 months process





# Capital Projects (CIP)

## Overview of Projects

### FY 2023-2024 Projects

- Recreation Center Rebuild Project (Construction 2024-2026)
- Sea Cloud S4 Sports Field Resurfacing Project (Complete)
- Boothbay Tennis Court Lighting
- Edgewater Sports Field Resurfacing Project
- Sea Cloud Park Maintenance Shed Replacement (Design)

### FY 2024-2025 Projects

- Recreation Center Rebuild Project (Continued)
- Sea Cloud Park Maintenance Shed (Construction)
- Median refurbishment (E. Hillsdale and Foster City Blvd).
- Catamaran Park Improvements







• GROUP ACTIVITY  
COMMUNITY GARDEN  
PROJECT



# SCENARIO

As a result of public demand, the Park & Recreation Committee has asked staff to investigate the feasibility of establishing a community garden. Staff members are tasked with identifying optimal garden locations and assessing the project's budget to potentially facilitate its inclusion in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) schedule.



# WHAT IS A COMMUNITY GARDEN?

A community garden is a piece of land that is home to individual plots that are gardened and cultivated by the community. The garden is located on City owned land and is typically operated by the community or service club.





# Instructions

- The goal of this group project is to design a community garden for a designated park location. Each group will be responsible for designing a unique community garden in a specific park, taking into account various factors such as neighborhood impact, traffic, and the costs of fencing, soil, wood, and other materials.





# Phases

- **Research and Analysis** Research the designated park and its surrounding neighborhood. Identify the needs and preferences of the local community. Consider factors such as demographics, existing park features, and potential garden users. Analyze traffic patterns and accessibility to the chosen site.
- **Garden Design:** Develop a detailed garden design plan for the designated park. This should include the layout, number of garden beds, pathways, seating areas, and any additional features you deem necessary.



A close-up photograph of several stalks of leafy greens, likely Swiss chard, with vibrant yellow, pink, and red stems. The leaves are green and have a slightly serrated edge. The background is dark and out of focus.

**Budget Planning: Create a comprehensive budget for the project, including the costs of fencing, soil, wood, and other materials required for garden construction.**





# POTENTIAL LOCATIONS

Edgewater Park

Boothbay Park

Pompano Park



# Get Connected With Us

## Contact Information



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THANKS ! Thank you swag?