



AGENCY: City Council  
MEETING DATE: July 8, 2019  
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## AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

### **TITLE:**

**Receive Report and Provide Direction to Staff on Statewide Park Program Grant Application for Bainbridge Park Improvements**

### **ISSUE:**

In 2016, the City developed a Bainbridge Park Master Plan to upgrade and add facilities to Bainbridge Park. Beginning Phase 2 of this project is a City Council priority in the FY 19/20 adopted budget. The Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program (SPP) is accepting grant applications until August 5, 2019 for new parks, park expansions and park renovations. Staff seeks Council direction on the development of the City's grant application for Phase 2 Bainbridge Park improvements.

### **ANALYSIS:**

As part of the City Council's February 9, 2015 adoption of program guidelines for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Microenterprise General Support Services, City Council prioritized the Bainbridge Park Enhancement Project for CDBG Supplemental Activity funds. City Council directed staff to work with the community to develop a plan for park improvements and to enhance the "family friendly" environment at Bainbridge Park. The City held a Community Workshop at the park, Community Development Committee meetings and Council meetings to receive input on park improvements. The table below summarizes the input at the Community Workshop:

Bainbridge Park Community Workshop Preference Results			
Potential Amenity		Votes in Favor	Votes Opposed
Most Favorable	Petanque Courts	20	0
	Covered Structure (Pavilion)	26	5
	Public Art	26	12
	Improve Tennis Courts	32	2
Favorable	Landscaping	17	9
	Grills	11	0
	Improve Basketball Court	10	0
Not Favorable	Batting Cage	1	8
	Golf or Putt-Putt	0	11
Least Favorable	Community Garden	0	32
	Plaza or Square	3	19
	Allow Soccer on Tennis Courts	0	32
Most Debated	Fencing	22	17

Ultimately, the Council adopted a Bainbridge Park Master Plan (**Attachment 1**) that includes perimeter fencing for security, expansion of the basketball court, resurfacing the tennis courts, tree replacement, new petanque courts, storywalks, playground improvements and a multi-use pavilion.



In the spring of 2017, Council discussed using CDBG Supplemental Activity funds to begin park improvements. Council directed staff to solicit bidders to install security perimeter fencing, replace dying trees, resurface the tennis court, expand the basketball court, and develop a new entrance into the park at the western boundary. The City entered into a contract with Fort Bragg Electric to construct the Phase 1 improvements for \$89,611 and construction was completed in the fall of 2017.

The City's adopted budget includes "Funding for Phase 2 improvements...for a total makeover of the Wiggly Giggly playground and construction of the pavilion" as a FY 2019/2020 top priority. The Capital Improvement Program Project Details estimates costs to be approximately \$800,000 for these improvements. This figure could vary depending on the type of pavilion constructed and the options pursued for playground restoration. Staff will also explore renovations to the irrigation system and lighting as components of the grant application.

Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program (SPP) has created and improved over 7,400 parks since 1965. The SPP offers competitive grants to create new parks and new recreation opportunities in critically underserved communities across California. Through Prop 68 funding, over \$650M will be distributed through multiple funding rounds.

The SPP Application Guide states that California cities are eligible to apply for funding to create a new park, expand an existing park, or renovate an existing park. Examples of eligible activities include amphitheater/performing arts stages, picnic/barbecue areas, playgrounds, and shade

structures. The grant will fund projects at a minimum of \$200,000 and a maximum of \$8.5M. Design, plan and specification development, and permits are eligible pre-construction costs (up to 25% of the total grant), meaning that projects do not have to be “shovel ready” for eligibility, and the costs to get a project ready for construction would be covered by the grant. The Council’s budget priority of renovating the playground and developing the pavilion in Bainbridge Park would be an eligible and competitive project for SPP funding.

The application deadline is August 5, 2019. In order to receive community input on the content of the City’s grant application, staff is scheduling the following meetings and outreach opportunities:

<b>Monday, July 8</b>	City Council Meeting
<b>Wednesday, July 10</b>	Farmer’s Market Table
<b>Sunday, July 14</b>	Library and Park
<b>Monday, July 15</b>	Library and Park
<b>Monday, July 22</b>	City Council Meeting

Through the meetings above, staff will seek input from Council and the public on the following questions:

1. Pavilion
  - a. Where and how should the pavilion be situated?
  - b. What activities should the pavilion be designed to accommodate?
  - c. How should the pavilion look?
2. Playground
  - a. What types of surfaces are preferred?
  - b. What types of equipment should be included?
  - c. What types of themes are preferred?
3. Other Park Facilities
  - a. What facilities should be included in the southwest portion of the park?
    - i. Open lawn?
    - ii. Volleyball?
    - iii. Petanque?
    - iv. Exercise course?
    - v. Storywalks?
  - b. What would you like to see for public art?
  - c. What ideas do you have for landscaping?

Staff will develop and provide informational boards with different options to encourage ideas and collaboration. At the July 22, 2019 Council meeting, staff will present the outcome of the public outreach to the Council, receive additional public comment, and then seek direction on the contents of the final grant application. At tonight’s meeting, staff is looking for preliminary input from Council and the public on Phase 2 improvements for the development of an SPP grant application.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Provide direction on the public input process for grant development, and on the facilities to include in the Phase 2 effort.

**ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S):**

Direct staff not to apply for SPP funding for Bainbridge Park improvements.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

If the City applies for and receives SPP funding for park improvements, the funding would cover the costs of park facility design, construction, and staff time associated with the project. The City has not otherwise identified funding for Phase 2 improvements to Bainbridge Park.

**GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACT:**

Construction activities would have temporary greenhouse gas impacts, but the ultimate park improvements would have little effect on greenhouse gas emissions.

**CONSISTENCY:**

Renovating the Wiggly Giggly Playground and constructing a pavilion in Bainbridge Park would carry out the vision of the Bainbridge Park Master Plan and fulfill a Council priority in the FY 2019/20 budget. Additionally, park improvements would be consistent with the following General Plan policies:

- **Policy OS-9.3:** Recreational Facilities: Provide recreational facilities to meet the needs of all Fort Bragg citizens, especially children and teenagers.
- **Program OS-9.3.1:** Consider teen recreation needs when planning new or redesigned parks.
- **Policy OS-9.4:** Playground Facilities: Add or upgrade playground facilities at existing neighborhood parks.
- **Program OS-9.4.1:** Provide additional playground facilities and basketball courts at appropriate locations within neighborhoods.
- **Goal OS-10:** Develop park and recreation facilities with the coordination of other agencies and the public.
- **Policy OS-10.4:** Public Participation: Actively solicit public participation in the selection, design, and facilities planning for existing and future park sites.

**IMPLEMENTATION/TIMEFRAMES:**

The SPP grant application is due August 5, 2019. Grant awards are expected in early 2020. Facility design would follow, and construction could occur as early as fall 2020, depending on the full scope of work included in the grant application, staff workload and contractor availability.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Bainbridge Park Master Plan