



Northwest Quadrant Community Park

Master Plan Report

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Executive Summary

The Northwest Quadrant Park will provide the citizens of the Northwest Quadrant, as well as the City as a whole, a new community park to enjoy a wide range of recreational activities. Located in the most densely populated area of the City, the downtown Village, this park will afford the residents needed open space for passive and active recreation, as well as a place for the community to gather, socialize, and participate in life long learning. This park will be an important piece in the puzzle to help fulfill the City's overall park master plan that contributes in a significant way, to the overall quality of life in Carlsbad.

The final Northwest Quadrant Community Park Master Plan is a product and result of the many public workshops (four in total); the most extensive public outreach process for a park project to date. In addition, the master plan team sought out specific stakeholder input (e.g. seniors, sports organizations, social services groups) and produced exhaustive project studies for alternative designs.

While complying with the many constraints of the project, the master plan team feels that the proposed plan reflects a solution for the park design that will best serve the majority of needs for the community. The plan proposes both active and passive recreational elements.

The proposed Master Plan includes:

1. Community Center / Gymnasium with lobby, offices, teen room, fitness room, activity room, restrooms and storage (19,500 square feet)
2. Multi-purpose Sports Field (one baseball/adult softball field and one soccer overlay field).
3. ½ Court Basketball (two)
4. Skate Park (8,000 square feet--about ½ the size of the current skate park at the Safety Center)
5. Tot lot
6. Picnic Areas
7. Open Play Area
8. Community Gardens (at the "Madison Properties)
9. Parking

The following report documents the park development process that resulted in the Northwest Quadrant Park Master Plan.

Introduction

This report documents the design process, the alternatives considered, and the Preferred Master Plan for the Northwest Quadrant Park in Carlsbad, California. The master plan was prepared and reviewed by a team of City staff and a consultant team comprised of landscape architects, park planners, engineers, architects and a public artist. The design process included progress presentations for all City departments responsible for the future construction, ongoing operation and maintenance of the park. The general public had an opportunity to provide feedback into the park planning process. A series of public workshops were held to gather public input.

The consultant team's evaluation of public comments resulted in a finalized program, which was incorporated into the Master Plan. The program includes a community building as well as a variety of outdoor activities including field sports, a skate park, a tot lot and picnic areas. This report contains the preliminary design concepts and preferred master plan. An alternative master plan was also considered early in the process and is included in Appendix A. All the park facilities are expected to be built in one phase.