

**Tammy Cloud-McMinn**

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**From:** Michael Z <mzerbib2@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 17, 2024 6:38 PM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** Roberto Ranch Park design

All Receive - Agenda Item # 13  
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Can you add 2 to 4 chargepoint chargers? Please avoid putting them in the parking lot where you have pickleball courts or other heavily used facilities like you did at Poinsettia park because Tesla owners use these spots without charging their cars and block chargers for use which defeats the purpose. When you spend 70-100K on a car a fine will not be a deterrent. Easier to consider alternate locations if possible.

Thanks for your consideration.

Michael Z. Landis  
Carlsbad resident.

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**From:** Doug Hansen <doug6636@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 17, 2024 6:57 PM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** Robertson ranch

Based on the email that I was sent today, it looks as though that Robertson Ranch property will be developed with a ton of valuable space for Carlsbad residence to enjoy. I would like to emphasize that the only thing I'm aware of that Carlsbad has dropped the ball on terribly is the expansion of pickleball courts for the thousands of pickleball players who are here and have to endure long long Waits at poinsettia for the Four Courts available to regular players. You have done a terrible job on that, but a great job on most everything else

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**From:** William Dunmeyer <william.dunmeyer@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 17, 2024 8:03 PM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** Robertson Ranch Park

I have kept up with the progress of the development of the park and provided input. I am very impressed with both process and the design being presented to the council. The design provides a rich fabric of uses from leisure to organized activities. Placing the picklball courts near the fire station provides an opportunity for first responders to utilize them for exercise as well, plus it separates the courts from nearby residential areas that can have a problem from noise generated by play and participants. This is an exceptional plan!!! Well done!

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**From:** Lauren Brimmer <lrbrimmer@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 17, 2024 8:06 PM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** Robertson Ranch Park concept positive feedback

Hi,  
Reviewing plans for the new Robertson Ranch Park in development for over a year, I'm happy to say the final design looks terrific! In the same way that Bringle Terrace over in Vista incorporates multi-use spaces as well as wraparound (and less obtrusive) parking, this park makes great use of its relatively small space. Get to work, team! I'm looking forward to some great pickleball games soon!

Lauren Brimmer  
858.674.5749

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**From:** Mary <marykola2@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 17, 2024 9:13 PM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** Robertson Ranch

I was disappointed that there will only be 6 pickleball courts.  
Overall, I like the rest of the plan.

Mary Kolar  
92010

Sent from Gmail Mobile

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**From:** Kathy Heymann <kathysaraheymann@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 19, 2024 9:28 AM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** Tennis courts

Hi please consider tennis courts in the design I have been following and there were designs that included tennis courts . We are a tennis family that includes our grandsons and adult children all that are actively playing tennis. We live in the Camino Hills 55 plus community and this would be close by to use if implemented in the design! Thank you for your consideration!

Kathy

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Judy Frankel <judyfrankel@att.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 19, 2024 10:17 AM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** Robertson Ranch park comments

I pretty much like the design but being a runner I see a problem with the running path going behind the bleachers.

There should be a bigger separation because the path should be available during games and the path will be blocked with people standing in it. Should continue in a full rubberized loop with greater spacial and visual separation to make it clear that it is a running track behind the bleachers.

I see this happening around sidewalks in other parks where it hasn't had a designated loop. People park themselves on sidewalks to watch.

Please adjust it. It would also be good if the track had .25 mile markers.

I do run on the trails to the park and really appreciate having a flat place to run. We used to be able to use high school tracks which our taxes pay for. But they seem to be all locked up.

Thank you

Judy Frankel

Sent from AT&T Yahoo Mail on Android

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**From:** Mike McMahon <2mmcmahon@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 19, 2024 12:48 PM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** July 23, 2024 - Agenda Item #13 - Recommended Robertson Ranch Master Plan - Remove Toxic Plastics from Design Plan

Dear Mayor and City Council,

The park design narrative by the selected design group states:

The design is inspired by the aesthetic of the natural rolling hills of Carlsbad and reflects the gentle terracing of the adjacent agricultural land use (both past and present).

The planting palette will include California native and water-wise plants that will help create a connection to nature, the adjacent open space preserve and the Agua Hedionda Lagoon to the southwest while following sustainable design practices.

However, when we closely look at these "sustainable design practices" we see that the largest feature of the park will be the multipurpose, synthetic turf field adjoining a 1/3 mile of rubberized track for walking and jogging.

Please, do not install hundreds of square yards of plastic in our new park.

Synthetic surfaces:

- Are toxic and greenhouse gas emitters from their manufacture through their eventual disposal in a landfill.
- From the day these items are installed, these toxic plastic surfaces start to break down and cause micro-plastic pollution.
- Are 40-70 degrees hotter than their natural counterparts creating a massive heat island effect impacting all who are nearby and extending into neighboring residential areas.
- Independent peer reviewed research has found, have a higher incidence of sports injuries compared to natural grass and poses an increased risk of Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus infection.
- Reduce soil biota, grass seeds and insects with a trophic impact on local biodiversity.

Our city's *Sustainability Material Management Plan* states, "The city is to responsibly develop and account for long-term projected population growth and its potential impact on the environment, reduce its contribution to global climate change, minimize its reliance on fossil-fuel sources and demonstrate its commitment and leadership in sustainability"

The city needs to step up and be leaders in sustainability and give Carlsbad a natural jogging surface and natural grass playing field that our community will feel safe to enjoy and truly be that connection to the surrounding beautiful natural areas.



Michael McMahon  
District 2 resident

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**From:** Diane Nygaard <dnygaard3@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 21, 2024 11:28 AM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** Comments on # 13 Robertson Ranch Prk Master Plan

Honorable Mayor and City Council

We appreciate the extensive public input that went into the design of this park. But there are two key issues that really were not addressed during that process. We ask you to provide direction to staff on these two issues as they move forward with the design and environmental review. These issues include

- choice of materials- particularly rubberized mat and artificial turf
- sustainable building design

The following provides more detail on our concerns with these two issues.

### **Choice of Materials**

When we were children our parents would drive for hours, smoking, with windows up and three children in the backseat. They never would have done that if they had known about the carcinogenic effects of cigarette smoke. Today we know a lot more about carcinogens and other environmental pollutants. We also know that for many of these toxins the levels we think are safe at one point in time are later shown to adversely impact health. Today we already know that rubberized mats and artificial turf include many carcinogens. These materials impact the health of particularly children that are exposed to them, Artificial turf results in more injuries, overheats, affects water quality and has to be disposed of as a hazardous material.

We appreciate that maintenance staff support the use of these materials because of reduced labor to maintain them. But don't you place a higher value on preserving the health and safety of children, and the health of the environment over any perceived staff convenience?

### **Sustainable Building Design**

At the Planning Commission hearing on the Veteran's Park Master Plan, the commission raised concerns about sustainable building design. Things like rooftop solar, and provisions for natural light and ventilation. They were not a key concern in project planning. While buildings are a small part of the footprint of this new park it is important for the city to set the standard for sustainable building design. These issues have not been called out in the staff report or in the narrative of the park prepared by the consultant. Please ensure that all of the proposed buildings will be designed to meet the highest possible LEED standards.

The staff report emphasized the intent to respond to community input and design a park that is "uniquely Carlsbad." There would be nothing unique about including more carcinogens or poor building design.

Thank you for considering our comments.

Diane Nygaard  
On Behalf of Preserve Calavera

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