

CUPERTINO's DRAFT PARKS AND RECREATION SYSTEM MASTER PLAN

Input on Draft Master Plan, Additional Public Comments, though Jan. 28, 2019

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39	Well thought out.	I suggest: 1. Consider adding to MP4, 4.F, ii Safe Adventure experiences such as ropes courses, zip lines, giant slides, climbing walls, skate board parks, giant swings. Note that MP5, 5B already has some of these things, but they are focused on teens. All ages need some safe adventure. 2. Currently MP4, 4G, vii says, "Provide equipment and technology in parks to support recreation activities, especially fitness." Add "For example a sound system that would enable regularly scheduled outdoor zumba classes" (Note that in Ecuador and other S American countries outdoor Zumba classes are held early each day and roughly 50 people attend. The cost is very low and the benefits of social interaction and exercise are huge.) 3. I see no mention of tourists. Cupertino could be a tourist destination. We have many assets tourists would enjoy including nearby museums, bicycle trails, wineries, horse back riding, hiking, birding, and Apple Campus. Being a tourist destination can be a significant economic engine powering lodging, restaurants, and guide services. In our travels we've found towns that became tourist destinations by offering nothing more than the world's largest sweater, for example. Cupertino has far more to offer as a tourist destination.		Dan Marshall	DanMarshall22@gmail.com
38	It is very forward-thinking. It preserves resources that would otherwise be lost	nothing		Ron	rknock1@gmail.com
37	The plan creates a vision for a healthy sustainable community that keeps folks connected		Thank you for your inclusive and thoughtful process.		
36	Environmentally friendly		I support the mission to restore, preserve, and protect our creeks, meadows, trees and natural areas", and look forward to the implementation of the goal of "Conservation: Protect nature, trees and natural areas in parks and throughout the city to support wildlife, ecological functions and a stronger connection to Cupertino's natural environment"	Kim Freitas	kim.freitas@gmail.com

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35	I want to give my support for the Plan's vision which aspires to "create an inspiring, lively, healthy, diverse and sustainable community by connecting our residents to outstanding parks, nature and one another"; that you support the mission to restores, preserve, and protect our creeks, meadows, trees and natural areas", and look forward to the implementation of the goal of "Conservation: Protect nature, trees and natural areas in parks and throughout the city to support wildlife, ecological functions and a stronger connection to Cupertino's natural environment".			Marian Fricano	fricano.marian@gmail.com
34	Its work connecting people with outside spaces and nature				
33	Connecting residents to nature. Restoring and protecting creeks, meadows, trees and natural areas. and we helped create Protecting nature, trees and natural areas in parks to support wildlife, ecological functions. Improving park and facility access and trail connectivity. Overall I support the plan.	Speed up implementation of habitat restoration			
32	Bike trails	The master plan needs to include more hiking trails.			
31	Will help people connect to nature, and also help to restore some natural features/areas.				
30	It is a comprehensive, pro-active approach to planning recreation areas and use currently and in the future.	In Canmore, Canada, they did an innovative design combining their library, city administrative office, café and sports facility in one building. If the City Center site is redeveloped, it merits exploration.	On page 82, the proposed changes should only be pursued if approved by City Council	M.G. Wong	
29	Audubon society likes it and I love keeping the nature park	Can you add a trail from the orchard at blackberry on the west side of th creek back to the picnic area so we have a little loop ??	Thanks for all your hard work. It really shows !!	Susan norman	Norman.susan@comcast.net
28	I do not like it overall because it is vague and does not appear to be a plan but brainstorming with a \$200Milliion price tag. The survey samples are small and not reflecting the population.	Delete the Performing Arts Center. Move park equity to the top of the importance list. Halt the Stevens Creek Corridor Plan until park equity is resolved.	City funds need to be allocated in a balanced way. This plan fails to take care of that both from a geographical standpoint and when addressing age groups. It's a great start but isn't ready.		
27	Enhancements to existing parks and trails. School joint use partnerships.	less indoor and theaters, items in pages 87, 88 and 89	Have more open spaces and green lawns at Northeastern part of the city. Establish new parks.		

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26	Seems well thought out except getting a balance across the entire city.	1. Put a General Plan Policy in place preventing 'Quasi-Publicly' zoned/land use areas from changing. Add a municipal code (law) that would give the City first dibs on purchasing these parcels. They are typically churches, utilities, etc. Keeping them quasi-public means they can be easily converted to parks and community facilities or fire, police substations, libraries, senior centers, etc. 2. Also, develop a relationship with fitness centers, private pools, etc. to work towards a joint relationship.	#3. Page 173 of 209 (Table E1sites). Add "Joint-use sites then list - Lawson Middle School which has a track, outdoor fitness equipment, tennis and basketball courts - Sedgwick Elem School which has multiple facilities open to the public - Cupertino High which has a track, tennis courts - Fremont High School in Sunnyvale but cupertino residents have access to the pool and track - Homestead High School residents have access to the track #4 Table E-3 page 179 of 209, under Basketball Courts ADD AN 'X' under 'Schools' and 'Public/Private Partnerships because Lawson, Sedgwick, Cupertino HS, etc come under this. Under 'Outdoor Recreation Diversity' ADD AN 'X' under 'Schools' they have outdoor fitness and tennis. #5 On Map D-2, add a spur off of the I-280 trail along the Apple wall (behind Larry Way) that goes from I-280 trail straight to Lawson Middle School. This would give kids in Garden Gate off-road access to the middle school (no crossing De Anza!). It would also give kids safer access to classes at Memorial Park, Quinlan, Garden Gate area.	Peggy Griffin	Griffin@compuserve.com
25	The idea and motivation to have a master plan for long term development is good.	I think it should address the issue of park land being very insufficient on the east side of De Anza. This is a known issue and has not been addressed in at least 12 years since I moved to Cupertino.	Green land will be much more important than a performing art center. The city should prioritize them. Green land park will benefit almost all residents and accessible in the daytime, any time, but performing art center has its own specific use that only a portion of the residents may benefit from it.	Ping Gao	gaoping@gmail.com
24	I like that the plan has considered adding more neighborhood accessible small parks that are family friendly and close to home. I also am glad that more water play has been recommended, since this is something I wanted to bring up as I notice there is no water play facilities in the public parks in Cupertino, and every summer we had to go to other cities for the kids.	I would add having more shade in the play areas. I would also recommend more public schools' sports or play ground to open up for the neighbor after school hours.	1. I hope the city would exploit more ways to approach for public inputs, the current schedules for public meetings are generally not friendly to people like me who work full time, got little kids at home, with partner or myself had to work overtime quite frequently. In this age, an app can be more convenient for us to provide feedback in such public issues that we do care. 2. I live in eastern park of Cupertino, we don't have as many parks or trails per household. I'd hope to have more trails planned in the future so we can take a walk after dinner or on the week more conveniently.	Lili	lili.l.xu@gmail.com
23	Not like it	Add fund for some park at east side.	Don't waste city money to build art center. East side need park. Should be more urgent.	Dongming yao	

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22	I don't like this plan	Add a park @east Cupertino	We don't need performing arts center in Cupertino , there is a Flinter center already		
21	Don't like it at all. I was totally shocked by the ridiculous master plan, especially that it claimed to spend two years and with resident outreach but still manage to resemble nothing close to the real need of the residents. It is fishy who was behind the master plan, but one thing is for sure, it is definitely not pro-resident.	We don't need performing arts center. We need parks!!!	Master plan should be redone to include more parks and no performing arts center.		
20	I don't like the plan at all. This plan does not represent residents need at all. We need parks!!! Spending 100M on performing arts center is totally ridiculous.	No performing arts center. More spending on parks.	The master plan redone all over.		
19	Not sure I can use "like" for a 20yr master plan which will change the city I live, but I did know anything about it until this week	Do we need to spend \$100m out of the total \$204m budget 9n a performance art center?! Does every resident know about it? I for one strongly oppose to this project	Remove project "performing art center" from page 104, cause I don't believe we have been well informed in this big budget spending ahead of time		
18		Remove the performing art center at Vallco. It is not only costly, but also not necessary. We can use Flint Center.	Add parks on the east side of Cupertino.		
17	I like the part that we need to build more parks on the east side of the city- but I'm very shocking to see that among the 200M budget, 100M is devoted to a performing art center- why performing art center is consider as park, as it's not going to be accessible every day for citizens , for two why we need a new performer art center where we already have two under utilized performance center at de Anza college already. And why another 60M for a swimming pool- how many people will use that pool? We need more park space on the east side of the city.	Please add specifcilly the budget that city plan to help build more park on the east side of the city .		Qin Pan	Qinpan@gmail.com
16	I like that the plan is general enough to allow staff to work with. It's far better than a plan that is too detailed.		page 85 CUSD is ready and available to work with the City on these plans.	Steven Kaufman	Kaufman_steven@cusdk8.org

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15	The diversity of input from interest groups and community members has produced a very comprehensive plan that reasonably addresses everyone's concerns. I love that we have the opportunity to make Cupertino an even better place to live, work & go to school by improving and properly maintaining our parks & rec site. I'm most excited about improving Memorial Park, which is currently an uninviting "eyesore".	No changes necessary.		Keith Warner	
14	-Robust, exemplary planning process led by excellent staff and consultant. -Focus on protecting nature and integrating habitat into city park policies	Add educational training to ground maintenance crews about native plantings and how to care for them and keep viable habitat	Cupertino should be proud of this plan!	Shani Kleinhaus, Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society, McClellan Ranch	shani@scvas.com
13	A lot of work and public input was put into it! I love the preservation of our ecology and natural assets. I would add our historic markers into our master plan...the Native American habitats, DeAnza's encampment and the early settlers influence	I would add an historic element. So much history occurred along Stevens Creek...The Ohlone's DeAnza encampment, Elisha Stephen's settlement. Historic markers can memorialize Cupertino history	Goals and vision should add the importance of our unique history!	Donna Austin	Primadona1@comcast.net
12	I like that you are doing a Master Plan. And, I like that you are asking residents what we residents think should happen at our parks.	I would like to see our parks without organized outside groups using them for organized soccer leagues and outside baseball groups renting them. I feel our parks should be available to our residents all the time. There is little enough space for kids to just run and play in open spaces, and to have "dis"organized groups playing volleyball, soft ball, or just running on our open green space,	Yes I do: We are so fortunate, as a community, to have open green space. Let's keep it "open" to all our residents, and not just to organized groups.	Ruby Elbogen	rgelbogen@aol.com

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11	None. The fact that you are putting more money into a cricket field (>\$5M) and Dog park (>\$600K) than the sorely needed lighted basketball field (>\$250K??)	Not enough emphasis on having more basketball courts in the city. Most of the parks (eg. Jollyman) have excess grass area but only allocated a half sized basketball court at the moment and even those courts are neglected (surface cracked, etc). To get kids to go out and be more active especially in the winter time, create more "lighted" basketball court area. Out parks are pretty much "dead zone" after 5pm, consider looking at how some southern California towns have done in upgrading their parks so they are still pretty much utilized extensively even after 7-8pm by kids, young adults, etc.	Again, number of basketball courts in the city of this size is laughable. The best court right now is not in Cupertino but in West San Jose (Calabazas Park).	Andy Teoh	kateoh@sbcg lobal.net
10	performing arts center, aquatics	add park land on north-east side of city. consider a junior museum/zoo like in palo alto. de-prioritize jollyman park, stevens creek corridor	senior center and sports center are good enough today		
9		The park space is very limited around the city. Are there plans to acquire additional land to expand parks in residential neighborhoods? The current park space in the Monta Vista area, and Memorial Park is difficult to get to, especially with traffic, from other parts of the city.	Blackberry Farm Park should be open year round.		
8	I like the idea of increased trail connections and bike connections to the parks.	Parks are getting more overburdened. We need more parks and especially parks with trees around the outside perimeter. There are more and more units being built and more people in each park. This is making the parks less desirable and off-leash dogs are taking up large sections of the parks even though it is posted "all dogs must be on-leash".	Parks are getting overcrowded as residents per unit park area increases. Also, the average size of homes lot is decreasing significantly. In 2013, the average size of lot per home sold was 11,000 ft^2. But in 2018 the average size of hot per home sold was 9,000 ft^2. This is almost a 20% drop in 5 years. Homes are becoming more and more cramped and parks are too. Homes are becoming more like prisons and this is ruining the feel of Cupertino. If we stay on this trend, within 30 years, the average lot size per home sold will be 2400 ft^2. This is approaching prison-like conditions. No one would want to live in such a city. San Francisco is a mess. I don't want that crime, crowd, traffic, or stench. That is why I AM in Cupertino and not San Francisco. I will fight with the City, the State, the money-grubbing developers and whoever else wants to ruin the existing city in this way. Thanks for asking my sincere opinion.	Randal Salvatore	rsalvatore@i nfinera.com

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7	Not much	Should be more accessible to the illiterate			
6	I didn't read it	Portals	Portal park doesn't live up to its name.		
5	Please spend park funds on parks. It is wrong for park funds to be spent on a duplication of the under utilized Flint center. I am very happy with Flint center. It can meet all of Cupertino's needs.	Cupertino needs more parks especially in east Cupertino. We have no need for another performing arts center. An arts center would be a misuse of precious funding.	The residents of monta vista are fortunate to live amongst nature. Not so for east Cupertino. We who live east of miller live on crowded streets and in dire need of beautification and s serenity. Rancho Rinconada is the slum of Cupertino. A very expensive slum.	Hanna Drive resident and parent	
4	I am very hopeful that lots of trails (bike, walking, paved/unpaved) will be built. We have fantastic weather and outdoor assets - we should do everything we can to encourage people to get out of cars and walk, bike, run, skate, stroll etc.		Please please please figure out how to get access from West Stevens Creek into Rancho park. There was access before, and then it was all fenced off for the flooding project. Now there is no way to enter the park without going all the way around. Please figure out how to allow pedestrians and cyclists to get to Rancho via Stevens Creek	Rama Polefka	
3	Interest in expanding the number of parks throughout the city by purchasing the land is good for the city.	Pg. 87 Aquatics Facility has listed Wilson Park as a Potential Location. This is a small park and should not be considered for aquatics. We need to keep the ball fields at this location.	Pg. 82 Longer Term Selected Enhancement Opportunities. Must modify the statement "Connect via trails and bike lane network to Cupertino High, Wilson Park and Civic Center/Library" to specify that these are subject to city council approval of design and environmental impact review.		
2	It must have taken much time to draft this detail plan. To attract many responses with comments on the draft, the draft wording is a long documents for initial responses. Shorter highlighted version can interest more Cupertino citizens	Shorter highlighted version can interest more responses			
1	Very Little.	I'm disappointed with the utter lack of genuine community engagement. Get a broad outreach of different neighborhoods and age demographics.	What is going on? Please be more transparent and have genuine community engagement. Have you taken into consideration the needs of park-starved East Cupertino? Please make another attempt because Cupertino Residents demand accountability from those that hold office and commission posts	R	