Table 3: Added Recreation Elements

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Potential Added Recreation Facilities																								
Nature Play Area	Provide nature play elements in parks to connect people to nature and support experiential play.	-climbable elements such as logs, stumps, boulders, mounds and trees -water features or water play features (e.g., hand pump) -sand, mud, wood chips, rocks -movable pieces, such as branches for fort-building -other natural play elements consistent with the site character -plants and trees	Develop 3 to 4 geographically dispersed across the city. Provide play areas in a mix of community, large neighborhood parks, smaller parks and trail corridors. Locate at least one in a more natural site and in a park where natural elements/native plantings exist or are being added. These may replace an existing play area at the end of its lifecycle. Create at least one destination nature play facility in a more centralized, accessible location.	Short Term: Create a pilot program at one site, considering a park with good tree canopy and natural features. Evaluate opportunities for a destination nature play area that incorporates water play elements.	X	X			X		X		X						X					
				Longer Term: Build a permanent nature play area. Develop 2-3 additional nature play areas at parks or along trail corridors.	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X			
Universal/All-Inclusive Play Area	Support inclusive and universal play by providing a destination universal / inclusive play area and considering additional elements.	-play area designed for all ages and abilities -parallel play with different levels of challenges -stimulation for eight senses (including tactile/touch; auditory/hearing; visual/sight; gustatory/taste; olfactory/smell; proprioception (body awareness); vestibular processing (understanding changes in location, orientation in space, and balance); and interoception) -shade -accessible and diverse seating arrangements	Provide one that is centrally located in a community park or large neighborhood park. Accessible parking necessary and nearby transit access desirable. Consider integrating other universal play elements in additional parks.	Short Term: Plan, design and build a destination all-inclusive play area.	X		X																	
				Longer Term: Consider opportunities to integrate other universal play elements (e.g., swings, slides) at existing play areas when replacing play equipment at the end of its lifecycle or renovating a park site. Emphasize community parks and large neighborhood parks for installation of more extensive universal elements.	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X							
Water Play	Integrate a variety of water play opportunities at existing parks.	-interactive water play feature -playable water channel -spray play areas -splash pads -hand pump and sand play area	Geographically distribute 3-4 different types of water play opportunities. Consider adding to community parks and large neighborhood parks, taking into account the existing interactive fountain at Community Hall and a potential new water play feature at a new Aquatics Facility. Provide one destination water play feature in a community park that is centralized for easy access.	Short Term: Consider as part of the Memorial Park Master Plan. Develop an action play to identify top sites and prioritization for implementing at least one new water play area in the short term.	X																			
				Longer Term: Consider opportunities in community parks and large neighborhood parks to add water play features. These may be stand-alone new areas or integrated into existing play areas.		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X									
Improved Outdoor Event Space -- Citywide Events	Provide event space to support large group events and programs (500+ people).	-infrastructure -utilities (electricity, water, restrooms, lighting) -staging areas -loading and unloading zones -large group amphitheaters -event hardscape or lawn -portable stage and other equipment -improved park circulation -support amenities (mix of permanent and portable elements, including shade, seating, restrooms, parking, bike parking, drinking fountains, trash receptacles)	Focus on improvements to existing event space, such as Memorial Park and the Civic Center to take advantage of the existing amenities, centralized location and transit access. Improve pedestrian/bike access and infrastructure.	Short Term: Include better event infrastructure and amphitheater and circulation improvements in the Memorial Park Master Plan. Begin improvements, phased as per the site master planning timeline. Longer term: Evaluate options and improve Creekside Park and the Civic Center for large events and markets.	X	X		X																
Improved Outdoor Event Space-- Neighborhood Events	Provide event space to support small group events, programs and outdoor classes (50-500 people). Smaller event spaces could accommodate neighborhood movies, small performances, cultural events, meet-up group activities, mobile programming and outdoor classes, such as yoga and tai chi, and 'art in the park' activities.	-hardscape -utilities -sloped hillside and stage -portable stage, screen and other equipment -lawn area -shade -pavilion or outdoor classroom with movable chairs and tables for flexible program use -support amenities such as restrooms and parking	Parking, electrical power, restrooms, room to accommodate stage(s), bike parking, and seating are considerations. Nearby transit is desirable.	Short Term: Develop one pilot project. Provide hardscape/softscape areas and access to power. Longer Term: Identify and plan projects for 1-2 additional sites. Include an outdoor pavilion.	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X						X		X

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Multi-Use Sport Fields	Increase the playing capacity of existing sports fields. If feasible, add new multi-use rectangular fields. Address needs for fields if an existing field is displaced by new facility development.	-regulation-size rectangular field lined for soccer, football, multi-use -regulation-size diamond field designed for baseball/softball - diamond field with rectangular field overlay where feasible -turf or artificial turf -field lighting, if feasible -amenities such as bleachers, dugouts, concessions, and shade	Given size requirements, provide improvements and new fields where feasible.	Short Term: Explore options to keep the existing sports field at Memorial Park as part of the site master planning process. Explore joint use agreements with schools to provide access to existing sport fields (See Table 2: Neighborhood Parks). Evaluate changes to field scheduling to increase capacity and usage. Longer Term: Continue to improve amenities at existing fields. Acquire other site(s) as opportunities arise.	X	X	X	X	X			X		X						X	X			X
Cricket Field	Develop a community-size field to support youth and adult cricket play.	-regulation size turf field and pitch for adult play, but if space is constrained, to support youth play -may be overlay on other field sports -may consider international size field if developed through partner collaboration -may include amenities such as lighting, storage, shade, concessions	Provide one field in an accessible location. Consider large neighborhood parks, community parks and partner sites, such as schools and parks provided by other cities or agencies. Avoid displacing existing fields. See Cricket Field Study for reference regarding necessary support amenities if an international size field is considered at a partner site. Cupertino needs are based on providing a community-size field for youth and adult play.	Short Term: Explore opportunities to partner with the County, Sunnyvale, School District or other jurisdiction to create a shared/joint-use facility in region to support youth and adult play. Longer Term: Partner to design and build facility. Depending on the nature and type of facility constructed, re-evaluate needs for the Library Field youth cricket field.															X				X
Dog Park(s)/Dog Area(s)	Provide additional dog parks and dog off-leash areas.	-smaller dog run, mid-size dog area, or full size dog park with two different fenced areas for small and large dogs -fence, suited to character of park -double entry gate -turf, decomposed granite, or combination -dog waste dispensers -dog drinking stations -water pools -seating and picnic tables -shade shelter -lighting -topography and landscaping	Provide two additional facilities to be geographically distributed (away from existing facility at Mary Avenue). Consider large and small neighborhood parks.	Short Term: Identify potential sites and determine neighborhood support. Longer Term: Develop dog runs, off-leash areas or dog parks. Note: the timing may be considered in conjunction with other site master planning.		X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X							X
Basketball Courts	Provide basketball courts to diversify recreation and sports opportunities.	-full-size courts are strongly preferred and are prioritized -consider half-size courts or hoops where space does not allow full-size -lighting, if feasible	Provide 3-4 or more courts to be geographically distributed. New facilities may be considered in replacement of existing half courts and hoops (Somerset, Hoover, Jollyman, and Creekside), at additional large neighborhood parks or joint-use schools.	Short Term: Develop 1-2 courts. Longer Term: Develop 1-2 or more courts.		X	X		X		X	X		X	X	X	X							X
Pickleball Courts	Provide pickleball courts to diversify recreation and sports opportunities.	-pickleball courts (paired) -tournament-friendly pickleball venue (6+ courts)	Provide 4 or more courts to be geographically distributed and a tournament venue in a centralized location. Consider joint-striping of existing tennis courts at Varian Park, Monta Vista Park and Memorial Park. (Avoid joint-striping tennis courts used for competitive play.) Consider providing courts in neighborhoods or sites in need of low-impact fitness activities for seniors and adults.	Short Term: Develop 2 courts. Consider overlays or joint striping of existing tennis courts that only support recreational play. Consider pickleball striping for multi-court tournament venue in conjunction with Memorial Park Master Plan. Longer Term: Develop 2 or more courts and pickleball complex.	X	X	X		X		X	X		X	X									X

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Gardens	Provide opportunities for community gardens. Consider opportunities for gardens of other types in parks, such as demonstration gardens, healing gardens, rain gardens and orchards.	For community gardens: -combination of in-ground, raised beds, and accessible planting areas -individual reservable plots and group spaces -fencing, water, composting/green waste recycling area -seating, shade Other gardens: -demonstration garden showcasing methods of gardening or different plant palettes such as organic gardening techniques, xeriscaping, native species, plantings for pollinators, birds and wildlife -bird baths and bird houses -rain garden and stormwater garden elements -orchards or permaculture plantings -sister city-inspired gardens	Provide 1-2 community gardens at a site agriculturally suitable for growing, based on soil conditions, topography and solar access. Geographically disperse from existing facility at McClellan Ranch. Consider locations suitable to support educational and social use, such as near a school or senior center.	Short Term: Develop a community garden implementation plan that identifies suitable sites and priorities for implementation. Add one community garden in an underutilized area or unneeded lawn area within a park, preferably in an area with higher density population. Longer Term: Evaluate demand and needs for another community garden; or consider development of other types of horticultural gardens.
Outdoor Recreation Diversity	Provide a broader range of outdoor recreation opportunities, including facilities that support individual and group activities, with a broad range of varied challenge levels. Diversify facilities to appeal to Cupertino's diverse population and reflect of Cupertino's unique character.	-loop paths -outdoor fitness equipment -bocce, lawn bowling or petanque -outdoor table tennis -outdoor chess -badminton -volleyball -futsal -tai chi -disc golf -bike skills area/pump track -parkour obstacle course -climbing spire -zip line -outdoor "living rooms" -family-style long tables -thematic play areas -sound garden -self-directed hike/app stations -other facilities to respond to new trends and diverse	Provide at least one unique feature or facility at every community park and large neighborhood park. Consider smaller unique elements other sites, or use art, colors, and facility choices to create different recreation and play experiences.	Short Term: Plan and develop one pilot project in the first year. Then rotate through parks and update one to two parks a year with new elements. Longer Term: Continue rotating through parks and update one to two parks a year. Evaluate options to add more diverse and unique features whenever existing facilities are renovated or replaced.
Improved Comfort Amenities	Provide amenities to create welcoming, inclusive, safe, and comfortable parks for people of all ages and cultural groups. Integrate amenities to reflect park character.	-seating with shade through structures or plantings -shade shelters (with movable tables/chairs, picnic tables, or other seating) -variety to seating options and groupings -restrooms where appropriate -drinking fountains/ bottle fillers/ dog drinking dishes -lighting -trash/recycling receptacles -parking -permeable paving -bike racks, docking stations -alternative transportation pickup/drop offs -art (playable, integrated, or standalone displays) -signage and wayfinding -interpretive elements, information kiosks -wifi -co-working stations/outdoor work space -multilingual or icon-based signage	Consider needs at all parks. Small neighborhood parks may not need restrooms or parking.	Short Term: Update amenities and furnishings at 1-2 sites in conjunction with other park projects. Prioritize parks with trails, with active walkers and that lack shade. Longer Term: Seek to provide comfort improvements at one site every year, distributed throughout system.

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Gardens			X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X							X
Outdoor Recreation Diversity	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X					
Improved Comfort Amenities	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X				

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Natural Vegetation Enhancements	Reduce turf areas where not actively used for recreation, and replace with a range of alternative plantings while considering maintenance needs.	-lawn reduction -invasive plant removal -native plantings -natural area protection/restoration -habitat enhancements -bioswales -invasive plant removal -tree preservation and protection (including orchards, park forests) -successional tree plantings -pollinator patches, gardens/corridors -bee hives -bird habitat, baths and houses -riparian enhancements	Explore opportunities to naturalize park spaces not used for recreation. Provide pollinator corridors through the city.	Short Term: Integrate natural elements into parks upon renovation or development. Work with partners to identify significant natural areas to prioritize enhancements and restoration (potentially in conjunction with trail development). Consider natural vegetation enhancements as part of the Memorial Park Master Plan. Longer Term: Seek to reduce lawn and provide alternative planting throughout the system annually, focusing on parks with underutilized lawn areas and/or needing irrigation improvements, trail and riparian corridors. Coordinate with Public Works to identify street-rights of way suitable for pollinator corridors.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X				

* Note: Sites will be determined through site master plans, trail plans and other decision-making processes based on community priorities, the availability of project resources and site opportunities emerging over time.

**The actual phasing and sequencing of projects is opportunity-driven and may vary depending on funding, site master plans recommendations, business planning, partnerships, the lifecycle of existing facilities and similar variables. Longer term projects may be moved to the short term under the right circumstances.