

## **McKinley Water Vault Park Enhancements FAQ**

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### **Why is the baseball field not going back in?**

The Youth Parks Community Enrichment Department is proposing a multi-use field rather than a baseball field. The reason is that it allows for use for multiple activities including community events, youth soccer games, gatherings, and festivals. It was also determined that the space is not equipped to be a baseball field due to the safety issue of baseballs going onto the jogging path, near parked cars, the street, and in close proximity to residents' homes.

### **What is the current use of the baseball field?**

The baseball field is currently used only for practice games and not official league games.

### **How many feet are currently used by the baseball field and how many will the soccer field/multi-use field take up in comparison?**

The baseball field currently takes up two acres and the proposed soccer field/multi-use field will take up two acres.

### **Why are the bathrooms facing the street?**

It is good practice to place restroom buildings visible from the street. This allows for natural surveillance by pedestrians, and residents. It also allows Police and Park Patrol to have clear sight lines when driving along the street.

### **Why are the bathrooms proposed where they are?**

The new restrooms are in an appropriate location for direct access from the multi-purpose field, group picnic areas, tennis courts and jogging trail. There is already a restroom next to the basketball court which serves the playground. Any landscape that is added needs to keep the sight line clear for park safety.

### **How many stalls in the new restroom?**

There are four unisex stalls, including utility chase.

### **There is already a problem with illegal parking during weekend soccer games. Will a new multi-use field create more traffic congestion?**

Parks is working with the City's Public Works Department on a transportation management plan and will have more information on traffic mitigation and parking enforcement soon. This is one of the reasons why the baseball field is being removed and not replaced. The existing field is only used for practice games, and not league baseball games.

**Who and how will the park enhancements be maintained after installation?**

The City's Park Maintenance Staff will be responsible for maintaining of all of the park including the new enhancements. If there are any issues, residents are encouraged to contact 311.

**Are the funds for the restoration of the park a part of the existing McKinley Water Vault project budget?**

Yes, \$1 million for the park improvements. If the Water Vault is not installed, then these park enhancements will not be installed.

**How many trees will be removed, and how many trees and what type of trees will be planted?**

Four trees will be removed.

There will be 62 trees planted and 207 Shrubs. The types of trees and shrubs include the following:

- Maidenhair Tree
- Natchez Crape Myrtle
- Purple Leaf Plum
- Blue Oak
- Valley Oak
- Sawleaf Zelkova
  
- African Iris (Shrub)
- Putah Creek Myoporum (Shrub)

**How many shade structures will be going in?**

There will be two shade structures similar in size to the playground picnic area shade structure