

# Reichmuth Park

## Community Workshop #2

### Meeting Notes

**Attendees:** Community Members

**City Representatives:** Council District Four Councilmember - Rob Fong  
Council District Four District Director – Lisa Nava  
Park Operations Division Manager – Janet Baker  
Park Project Manager – Jeff Nittka  
Junior Landscape Assistant – Julia Cox  
Program Analyst – Jonathan Rewers  
Park Safety Patrol – Greg Narramore  
Police Officers – Jeff Rath and two additional POP Officers

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Introductions: Councilmember, District Director, and City Staff

Brief Discussion of Reichmuth Park:

Residents requested a survey/questionnaire. The City responded that the community may contact the project manager with input, and that this input, the community meetings, and the Parks and Recreation Programming Guide influence the direction of the project.

The City of Sacramento identified a need at Reichmuth Park for additional improvements. The need was identified through the Parks and Recreation Programming Guide (PRPG). Reichmuth Park was identified as the highest priority project for Planning Area 3, the Pocket Area (See PRPG Summary Sheet). As a result, funding was encumbered for improvements at Reichmuth Park.

Staff reviewed the existing park location and amenities. Then staff asked, “What do you like about Reichmuth Park?”

- The nature area is an amenity which the community wishes to protect because they value it as a wildlife habitat area. Community members expressed a wish for more natural areas like this throughout the City. Community members also wanted added amenities in the nature area like the Sundial Bridge in Redding and improved trails and benches to enhance the area for community and school use. There are also concerns that development in and around the natural area will deter animals from living there.
- Additional maintenance is required for the natural area, also consider adding interpretive elements.
- Enjoy the lighted softball field and the fields get lots of use.

- Enjoy the tennis courts, however they have poor lighting and the City should consider upgrading it. The timing on the lights works well as the lights turn off at 10:00 PM.

The City worked with the Alice Birney Elementary START Program to see what the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students on what improvements they think need to be added to Reichmuth Park. The City reviewed the ideas from the children with the community. See the attached list of items suggested by the START Program for Reichmuth Park.

Proposed improvements or needed changes:

The City reviewed with the community the Deficiency Analysis for Planning Area Three along with the map for Planning Area (see attached documents).

Some top priorities to fill deficiencies in Planning Area 3 are:

- Basketball Courts
- Skate Park
- Community Garden
- Play Pool/Water Spray Feature

Community Participation Process – comments and suggestions:

- Maintenance / Safety Issues (signage, loose dogs, code compliance, garbage in the nature area, signs in poor condition at tennis courts, sign needed at Silverlake requiring dogs to be on a leash and for owners to pickup after their dogs). Community requested that fines are noted for on signs for off-leash dogs
- Residents were concerned about soccer and football by tennis courts, a play area maybe a good solution to add near the tennis courts to reduce use as a sports field.
- Community requested additional parking areas, as current parking practices create possible ADA access issues
- Elements need for teens – Skateboard Park
- Irrigation improvements are need especially along Gloria between the sump station and the tennis courts. Maintenance makes a large dust cloud when they mow this area in dry months. Community requested additional landscaping to this area such as low-water use shrubs.
- Add additional benches and walkways, especially in the Nature Area
- Install different Landscaping @ Nature Area and surrounding areas
- Senior Exercise Stations
- Ball Wall at Tennis Courts
- Larger Parking Lot
- Additional Bike Racks
- Neighborhood Spa
- Exercise Stations for Teens

- Concrete Steps/Seating/Amptheater for spectators at Soccer, Skate Park or Basketball Court Area.
- Concession / Seating area for recreation elements
- Horseshoe Courts
- Shade Structures
- More/Larger picnic area
- Add a garden at existing water spray feature
- Change the entrance to the restrooms so they face the street not the park.