

Meeting Notes
Council District 9
June 7, 2007
Camden Community Center

Parks

- Need more parks with water features (4)
- Add more parks to meet gap in acreage (2)
- Need skateboard park (2)
- More sports fields (2)
- Do not count schools in the park acreage count
- Lights? Basketball & Tennis
- Parking at Parks? more green space in lieu of parking
- Coyote Valley: Large Park
- Leigh HS has extra land, try to use/reuse
- Walking, Basketball, Fishing, skateboard parks are all needed in CD 9.
- PG&E sites and water districts are opportunity sites.
- Large Parks for families to gather and families
- Need more picnic activities/Limit picnics in neighborhoods
- Acquire more parks
- Trails and parks unite neighborhoods
- Dog parks
- Artificial turf for the future
- Need more parks like Vasona
- Alum Rock:- Bring back its early history in uses (circa 1900)

Programs & Services

- Extend swimming and lap pools hours (2)
- Allow us to bring refreshments and turn the event into a gathering place
- When Leagues get access to fields, publicize schedule and increase turnout for the events.
- Need Senior Fitness Services
- Need more activities like the “Celebrate Cambrian” festivities
- Crime will decrease as opportunities to connect people increase.
- Need focus on youth and senior programs
- Desire for senior dances
- More after school programs
- Teen programs
- Open Gym Programs
- Family Themed Events
- Senior Trips and Tours from Camden
- On street Bike Lanes for commuting
- Facilities for Training and Fitness programs (i.e. Triathlons, marathon cycling)

- Organized walks from the Community centers
- Dancing for 20's, 30's and 40's
- Senior Nutrition Services
- Spin Cycling Classes
- Early morning opportunities (6:30-8:00 a.m. before work)
- Classes that allow for parents to drop off kids and take concurrent adult classes
- Legal advice for seniors
- Tax advice for seniors
- Bus pass services for seniors
- Encourage the Arts
- Healthy snacks in vending machines
- On-line registration for programs
- Provide venues or areas for under 21 year old bands
- Expand summer hours
- Senior Dances in the evenings
- Expanded hours for swimming (more on weekends and weekdays)

Trails

- Campbell Park on Trail is great, and we need more like it.
- New trail routes
- Increase green space
- Connections at Ross Creek
- Quick wins trail segments
- Bike Riding on Trails
- Bike Lanes, need more
- SCVWD/PG&E Easement—Turn it into parks and walking trails
- Need a walking program on trails
- Would like more bike paths for fun and commuting
- Complete the easy wins on trails.
- Have safe trail access points
- Prioritize the connection points to Los Gatos Creek Trail
- Unite Trails in small pieces
- Need outdoor hiking and trails for youth
- Finish the Los Gatos Creek Trail to Downtown

Open Space

- Need Open Space!
- Need Open Space in Coyote Valley
- Need Open Space parks for hiking, camping, and mountain biking

Facilities

- Willow Glen area needs a Recreation Center

- Leigh H.S. could be a joint city project
- Need music in the park bandstand
- Youth Music and Dance Facility
- Swimming Pools
- Sports Fields
- Outdoor basketball courts
- Dance Studio

Outreach:

- Paper, citywide, local, driving by location
- Flyers, Electronic signage
- Computerized registration & communication
- Website email
- Brown Bag at Large Companies

What outreach is doing well?

- School/PTA flyers
- Activity guide, too confusing
- Short, sweet and bright
- Banners, events, radio
- Ads in Grocery Stores
- Companion marketing

What is missing?

- Translation services
- Cambrian
- Farmers Market
- Permanent Voting Place
- Council Offices
- Community Centers and Citywide events

What are the funding opportunities?

- Developers (planning starting roundtable)
- Bands (\$2.00 cover charge)
- High School band night
- Resource efficiencies (recycled water)
- Capital vs. Operating Funds Gap
- Operating Source Endowment
- Community volunteer maintenance through neighborhood associations
- High School Volunteers
- Naming rights
- Large Scale festivals

- Bond measures/parcel taxes
- Pay Taxes for good quality of life
- “pennies for parks” 5-10K run
- Friends of Parks Organization
- Refreshment concessions
- Staff up to increase generation
- Raise funds by charging a minimum fee for musical/entertainment
- Expand entertainment to include uplifting venues (gets children off the street corners)

Vision

Create the ideal regional Greenprint for parks, public places, programs and services forming a vigorous, healthy community.

Comments: Encourage the residents to get to know each other