

**RECREATION COMMISSION
STAFF REPORT**

Subject: Accept Proposed Parks Master Plans
Initiated by: Recreation Commission
Written by: Stuart Brown, Recreation Manager

BACKGROUND

The Recreation Commission is in the process of completing parks master planning for four of the Town's parks as recommended by the Parks and Recreation Master Plan (PRMP).

Adopted by Town Council on February 1, 2012, the Parks and Recreation Master Plan (PRMP) is the first step forward toward creating a system of parks and recreation facilities to serve the recreation needs of Mammoth Lakes' residents and visitors. Specified in the Parks Master Plan, the parks and recreation vision is to *"Provide multi-purpose, year-round, indoor and outdoor recreation opportunities accessible to all residents and visitors."* Our parks and recreation system will promote personal health and well-being, foster community interaction, promote connectivity within and beyond the Town, nurture collaborative partnerships, and encourage appreciation of the Town's spectacular natural environment.

As a first step, the PRMP articulates a vision for parks and recreation, describes anticipated recreation needs, proposes general standards, and outlines a broad strategy to realize the vision.

The PLAN Your PARKS process is the next step in the careful implementation of the PRMP and the culmination of work completed by the Recreation Commission and their directive to identify and prioritize recreation programs and facilities for the community of Mammoth Lakes. On January 15, 2014, Town Council approved the recommendation of the Recreation Commission to appropriate Measure R funds in the amount of \$55,000 for this project. The Town contracted with Verde Design, Inc. to facilitate the PLAN Your PARKS process with the goal to master plan the remaining Town owned or managed parks (Whitmore Recreation Area, Mammoth Creek Park East and West, the Community Center Park and Tennis Courts, and the Bell Shaped Parcel) that the Town can effectively control and plan. The scope of work also included

locating a recreation/community center with buildings and site elements drawn to scale. The potential for a facility to be placed on another property is not precluded, but is beyond the scope of this work effort and the Town's authority.

On March 20, 2014 and April 17, 2014, the Town hosted two community PLAN Your PARKS workshops at the Community Center. A total of 122 community members participated in the process with the goal of planning their parks. All meeting notes and maps have been posted on the Town's website which can be viewed at: <http://www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov/index.aspx?NID=591>.

The Town hosted a subsequent PLAN Your PARKS workshop specifically for the Recreation/Community & Aquatic Center on May 22, 2014. The meeting notes are attached to this staff report. The goal of this workshop was to better understand the needs and desires of the community as it relates to the facility, so the Town can better plan the parks – specifically, can both facilities be on one location, or due to programming needs and space requirements, have to be sited on two locations, and which one(s) are preferred by the community.

The programming needs and desires of the community and recommendations from this workshop have been incorporated into the conceptual design of the Recreation/Community Center & Aquatic Center for this presentation to the Recreation Commission on June 10, 2014 and Town Council on July 2, 2014. Both the Town and consultant recommend that both the facilities be integrated on the same site; however, they can both be phased based on funding.

ANALYSIS/DISCUSSION

The final outcome of the "PLAN Your PARKS" process is to obtain public consensus and Recreation Commission acceptance of a preferred conceptual design of each of the four parks as well as select the preferred location of the recreation/community center and aquatic center within the four parks. It should be noted that the design of the Recreation/Community Center and Aquatic facility is conceptual based on the preferred community location and site analysis at a conceptual level. If approved by the Recreation Commission and directed to proceed by Town Council, the facility would undergo considerable and extensive public and professional analysis, a CEQA analysis would have to be initiated in respect to the location, an RFP for a feasibility study or design/build contract would be drafted, and funding secured for the project.

PLAN Your PARKS Presentation

Brett Long from Verde Design Inc. will be presenting the four preferred designs, including the location of the Recreation/Community & Aquatic Center on the Mammoth Creek Park West site. Park design plans include the Whitmore

Recreation Area, Mammoth Creek Park East and West, the Community Center Park and Tennis Courts, and the Bell Shaped Parcel. The conceptual designs of the four park sites are attached to this staff report.

Recreation/Community & Aquatic Center

Based on staff research and community input, recommendations include a 2 basketball size multi-use gymnasium with elevated running track, community room/kitchen, wood floor multi-purpose community room (gymnastics), dance studio, and kids play area. This main building would also include restrooms and administration/lobby space that would be shared with the potential Aquatic Center. A 50m x 25yd. pool was preferred over a smaller 8 lane x 25m pool that would also include a warm water therapy pool and wading pool. Based on funding or other circumstances, the facilities have been designed to be phased.

As presented in the conceptual floor plan (Attachment E), phase one represents a total of just under 28,000 sq. ft. and includes the larger programming needs of the community, such as the 2 court gymnasium, elevated running track, and community room with kitchen. Phase two is comprised of 3,700 sq. ft. incorporating a kids play room, dance/fitness studio, and larger multi-use purpose room that can be utilized for gymnastics. Phase three is the 33,200 sq. ft. Aquatic Center that includes the 8-lane 50m pool, kids play pool, and therapy pool. This phase also includes the larger locker rooms and storage. Total square footage of the proposed facility is just under 65,000.

The meeting notes from the May 22 workshop are attached to this staff report and the comprehensive presentation made by Larry Young can be viewed online: <http://www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov/index.aspx?NID=600>

Shane's Inspiration - All Inclusive Playground

The Mammoth Creek Park West conceptual design also includes significant space (Approx. 20,000 – 25,000 sq. ft.) for an all-inclusive playground that would be developed with extensive local support and fundraising as part of a “Shane’s Inspiration Project.”

The vision of Shane’s Inspiration is to foster a bias-free world for children with disabilities. Shane’s Inspiration’s mission is to create inclusive playgrounds and programs that unite children of all abilities. Shane’s Inspiration have opened 48 playgrounds in California, Colorado, Mexico, Canada, Ecuador, and most recently in Sochi, Russia in association with the 2014 Winter Olympic Paralympic Games and McDonald’s with another 14 opening this year across the United States and in Israel.

In 2013 Shane's became a member of the Clinton Global Initiative with a Commitment to Action that will establish inclusive playgrounds and programs on five continents by 2018. Shane's also has projects in development in Connecticut, Iowa, Colorado, Texas, North Dakota, Washington, Louisiana, Illinois, Utah, Kansas, and as far away as South Africa.

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Mono County Office of Education, First 5, Early Start, California Children's Services, Great Steps Ahead, Kern Regional Center, IMACA, and Heart to Hand Family Resource Center have expressed interest and support for the Inclusive Park and would put their weight and support behind this unique and truly needed community project. Staff has attached information and examples of creating playgrounds for all children to this staff report.

Recommendation

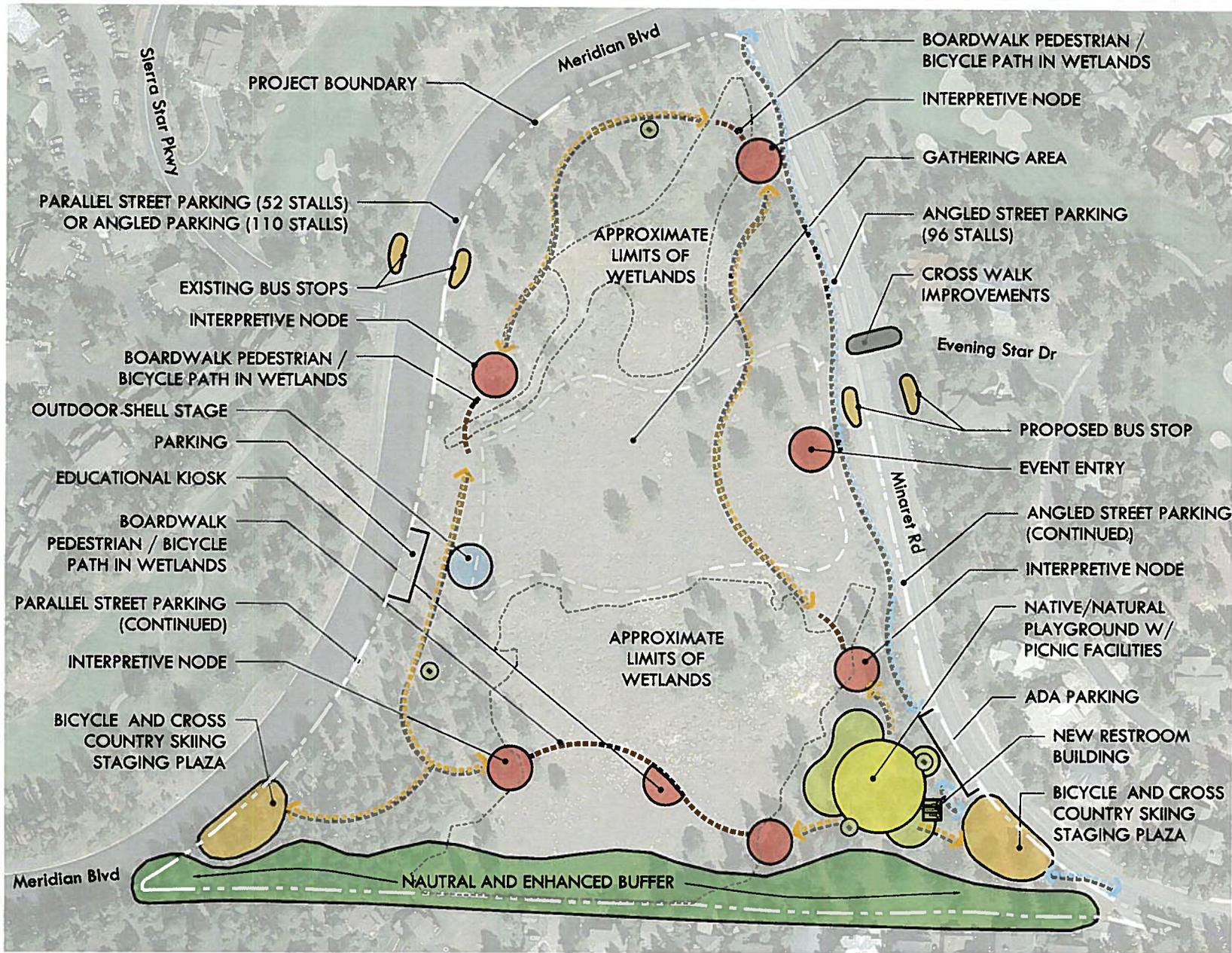
Staff recommends that the Recreation Commission:

1. Accept the preferred community designs of each of the four parks.
2. Affirm Mammoth Creek Park 'West' as the preferred location of the Recreation/Community Center and Aquatic facility.
3. Direct staff to present the four park designs and preferred location of the Recreation/Community Center and Aquatic facility to Town Council on July 2, 2014 for their review and consideration.
4. Any other Recreation Commission recommendations to Town Council.

Attachments:

- A. Bell Shaped Parcel
- B. Community Center Park
- C. Mammoth Creek Park West/East
- D. May 22, 2014 Recreation/Community & Aquatic Center Workshop Notes
- E. Conceptual design of the Recreation/Community & Aquatic Center
- F. Shane's Inspiration: "Creating Playgrounds for all Children"
- G. Whitmore Recreation Area

A. Final Concept Master Plan for the Bell Shaped Parcel

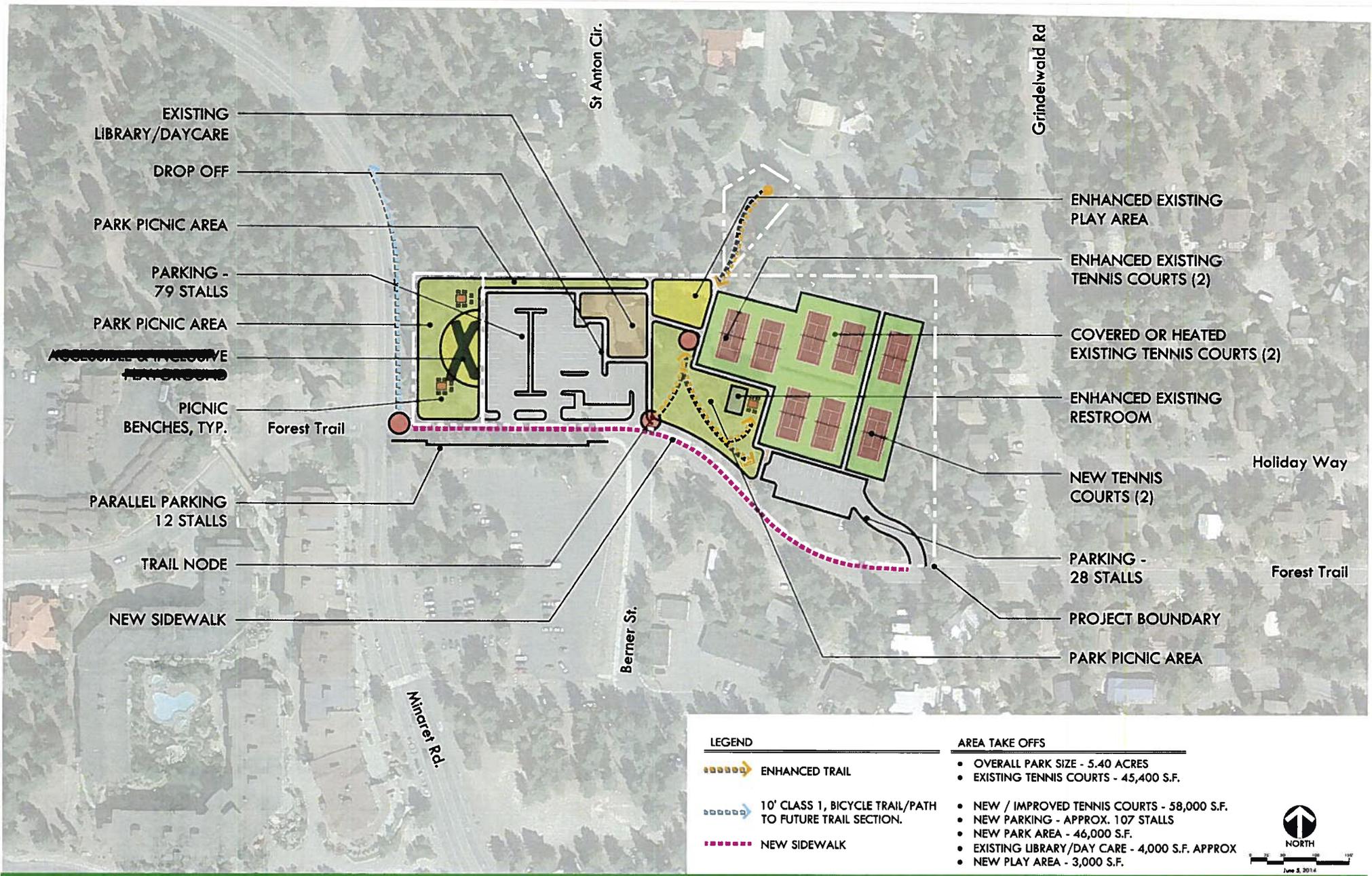


- LEGEND**
- INTERPRETIVE / INTERACTIVE TRAIL
 - 10' CLASS 1, BICYCLE TRAIL / PATH
 - MAINTENANCE ACCESS
 - BOARDWALK PEDESTRIAN / BICYCLE PATH IN WETLANDS
- AREA TAKE OFFS**
- OVERALL PARK SIZE - 17.97 ACRES



**BELL SHAPED PARCEL - PREFERRED CONCEPT
MAMMOTH LAKES, CA**

B. Final Concept Master Plan for the Community Center Park



**COMMUNITY CENTER PARK - PREFERRED CONCEPT
MAMMOTH LAKES, CA**



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* Minor revisions to be made. Final version available June 10, 2014.

C. Final Concept Master Plan of Mammoth Creek Park West/East

MAMMOTH CREEK PARK - PREFERRED CONCEPT MAMMOTH LAKES, CA

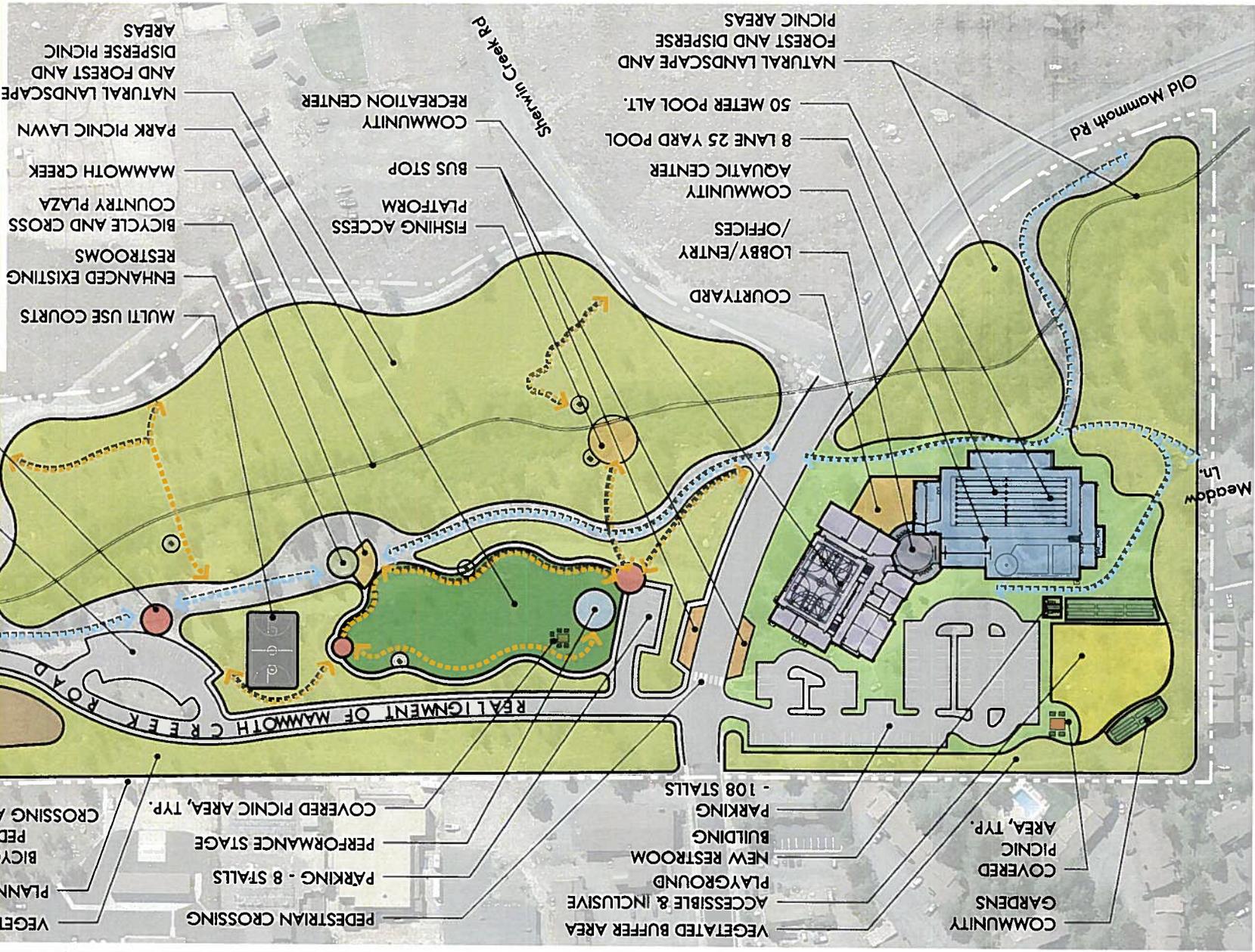


June 5, 2014



- LEGEND**
- ENHANCED TRAIL
 - 10' CLASS 1, BICYCLE TRAIL / PATH
 - AREA TAKE OFFS
 - OVERALL PARK SIZE - 23 ACRES
 - EXISTING PLAY AREA - 13,400 S.F.
 - EXISTING PARK AREA - 42,500 S.F.
 - NEW PARKING - APPROX. 159 STALLS
 - NEW RECREATION CENTER - APPROX. 25,000 S.F.
 - NEW AQUATIC CENTER - APPROX. 36,000 S.F.
 - AND FOREST AND DISPERSE PICNIC AREAS
 - MAMMOTH CREEK
 - COUNTRY PLAZA
 - BICYCLE AND CROSS RESTROOMS
 - ENHANCED EXISTING MULTI USE COURTS
 - RECREATION CENTER
 - COMMUNITY BUS STOP
 - FISHING ACCESS PLATFORM
 - 50 METER POOL ALT.
 - 8 LANE 25 YARD POOL
 - AQUATIC CENTER
 - COMMUNITY LOBBY/ENTRY /OFFICES
 - COURTYARD
 - VEGETATED BUFFER AREA
 - PEDESTRIAN CROSSING
 - PARKING - 8 STALLS
 - PERFORMANCE STAGE
 - COVERED PICNIC AREA, TYP.
 - CROSSING AT ROAD
 - PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE AND PLANNING BOUNDARY

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- COVERED PICNIC AREA, TYP.
- CROSSING AT ROAD
- PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE AND PLANNING BOUNDARY
- SEDIMENT BASIN
- PARKING - 43 STALLS
- HAYDEN CABIN AND MUSEUM
- TRAIL NODE, TYP.
- VEGETATED BUFFER AREA
- PEDESTRIAN CROSSING
- PARKING - 108 STALLS
- NEW RESTROOM BUILDING
- ACCESSIBLE & INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND
- COMMUNITY GARDENS
- COVERED PICNIC AREA, TYP.



**D. May 22, 2014 Recreation/Community & Aquatic Center Workshop
Notes**



PLAN Your PARKS

RECREATION/COMMUNITY & AQUATIC CENTER WORKSHOP – MAY 22

MEETING NOTES

GENERAL NOTES:

- What are the alternate sites if we have to separate the 2 facilities?
- Like connection of 2 facilities on one site – excellent access for students, locals, visitors (parking, transit, bike paths)
- Contact colleges, pro teams requesting interest and list of programming needs – if we build it, will they come?
- Seek and gain USOC designation
- Cater to high altitude market
- Let's build a world-class facility that attracts professional athletes – sound, electronics, scoreboards, screens and live conferencing facilities
- Build a facility with recreational elements that augments Snowcreek – not replicates or duplicates activities
- Make the most of the views!
- Serve the needs of both the community and the destination.
- Integration of contemporary technology (digital 395) – Wi-Fi ready and capable!
- Be sure to fully vet and integrate the unique opportunities here in Mammoth Lakes into the facilities and programs
- Showpiece for sustainable/green facility – solar; geothermal , etc.
- Make sure there is access for shipping deliveries/trash
- Consider impact of snow removal and storage around facility and site
- Conduct a study of what sports the community is playing/participating in: adult, school, seniors, high altitude, etc.
- We need to analyze community needs – not what they want!
- Analyze what other developments are being considered in town – DSES: Wounded Warrior building, Performing Arts Center, MMSA, Camp Woodward, etc.

AQUATIC CENTER:

- YES, a must! Plan for 50m pool.
- 50m pool needed for competitive swimming – 25yd wide pool can be used for lap swimming/recreation use. Moveable bulkhead, timing system.
- 50m pool with diving board and deep water
- Play leisure pool; slide; warm water therapy pool – consider track above pool
- Combine warm water therapy pool with play and leisure pool – great for swim lessons!
- Can the pool be covered for events?
- Opportunity to include water ramps
- Pool sanitized – not chlorine or bromine
- Water polo



- Need bleachers
- What price do Truckee residents pay for the use of the facility?
- Rather than build new pool – cover Whitmore pool
- Consider geothermal heating, solar and saltwater

YOUTH LOUNGE:

- YES – great idea! Kids need a safe place to hang.

ADULT/SENIOR LOUNGE:

- Small adult/senior lounge
- Possibly not needed now
- Good idea, but should be 2nd or 3rd phase
- Can some of these activities be incorporated into the lobby?

MEETING/CONFERENCE ROOM:

- Large enough to use for additional team rooms during events and tournaments in the gym
- Also used to watch video and film
- Include commercial kitchen/catering/concession use
- Good acoustics – light
- We want to host a G8 summit one day – let's be ready!

GYMNASIUM:

- Use large courts as convention facilities – 500 to 1000 and serve buffet style. Mammoth needs this to be able to host national and international events: Interski
- The facility needs to perform as a cultural center: concerts, dance, drama, art display etc.
- 2 full pro-size courts – 96 ft. long
- Include divider to play 2 sports at once – solid material for more privacy and noise reduction
- Gym can host multiple type tournaments:
 - Basketball
 - Volleyball
 - Indoor soccer
 - Field hockey
 - Lacrosse
 - Tennis
 - Pickle ball
 - Badminton
- Additional gym augments training for high school programs
- Need bleachers – 30 rows
- Portable bleachers to use in both gym and competition pool
- Need scoreboard – 2 main and 2 side
- Consider removable square tiles for court floor – multi-use (consider additional storage)
- Consider indoor skate ramps – freeride teams



FITNESS/DANCE:

- Mirrors
- Dance bar
- Consolidate with multi-purpose room

ADMINISTRATION:

- Need but keep to a minimal level

INDOOR TRACK:

- Keep track a priority
- Great idea – used by parents with kids playing
- Spectator area for tournaments/events
- Elevator to running track
- Winter running
- Will elite runners use?

WOOD FLOOR MULTI PURPOSE ROOM:

- Need at least 28' high ceiling for gymnastics
- Dedicate a room specifically for gymnastics/tumbling/cheerleading/trampoline
- Foam pit
- Skateboarding , mini ramp and bowl
- Joint use space with gym

COMPUTER/HOMEWORK ROOM:

- May not be needed – low priority

CHILD WATCH/PLAY SPACE:

- Need 7-day/week facility
- So many people come to work out in evening- need supervised place for kids to go.
- Day care/child minding is recommended

PRE-SCHOOL:

- Needed in community: Pre-school/day care – perhaps survey first
- Should be built with capacity and be licensed as a pre-school facility with maybe drop-in child care in afternoon/evening.
- Town is severely lacking daycare facilities.
- Integrate with all inclusive playground
- Only if self-funded
- Just a small play space – pre-school facility not needed in this facility.



CLIMBING WALL:

- Climbing wall should be a competitive caliber facility – big sport in Europe
- Nice entry feature
- Low priority

WEIGHTS AND CARDIO

- Don't want to compete with Snowcreek Athletic Club – why not?
- Great for the kids who can't pay for the gym
- Needed – but can the equipment be placed around the indoor running track?
- Minimum or no cardio/weight room

NON-WOOD FLOOR MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM

- Space for pre-teens and teens: foosball, table tennis, etc.
- Don't think there's much need for a large banquet/meeting facility such as a conference center
- Separate room for gymnastics so that equipment can remain in place
- Like flex space for community rooms

LOCKER ROOMS:

- YES – modest size
- Do them right!

MASSAGE:

- Drop massage room – seems unnecessary
- We already have lots of massage therapy locations in town – unless it drives revenue. Concession?
- Contract with Snowcreek or don't include

E. Final Conceptual Design of the Recreation/Community & Aquatic Center

Phase I

2 Court Gymnasium	9,000 sf
Running Track	4,250 sf
Community Room	3,000 sf
Kitchen	600 sf
Administration / Offices	1,150 sf
Lobby / Lounge / Reception	2,700 sf
Restrooms	600 sf
Mechanical	1,000 sf
Electrical	500 sf
Storage	700 sf
Auxiliary / Circulation	4,250 sf
Total:	27,750 sf

Phase II

Kid's Play	1,000 sf
Dance & Fitness	1,100 sf
Multi-Purpose Room	1,600 sf
Total:	3,700 sf

Phase III

Men's Lockers	1,250 sf
Women's Lockers	1,250 sf
Lap Pool Area	18,000 sf
Therapy and Kids Pool Area	7,200 sf
Pool Equipment & Mech.	1,750 sf
Pool Storage	1,750 sf
Courtyard Storage	950 sf
Vending / Arcade	250 sf
Auxiliary / Circulation	800 sf
Total:	33,200 sf

Grand Total: 64,650 sf



Conceptual Floor Plan

**MAMMOTH CREEK PARK - WEST
RECREATION/COMMUNITY & AQUATICS CENTER
MAMMOTH LAKES, CA**

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YOUNG** ARCHITECTURE & PLANNING

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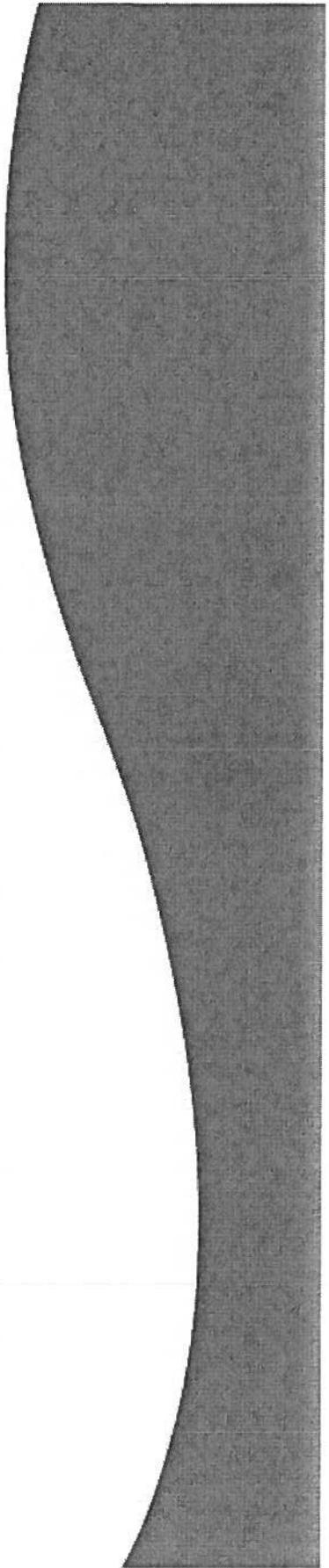
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F. Shane's Inspiration: "Creating Playgrounds for all Children"

Creating Playgrounds for All Children





Who We Are

The vision of Shane's Inspiration is to foster a bias-free world for children with disabilities. Shane's Inspiration's mission is to create inclusive playgrounds and programs that unite children of all abilities

We began this journey in 1998, when two Los Angeles parents realized that most children with physical and developmental disabilities spend their entire childhoods without ever playing on a playground. Inspired to change this, they formed Shane's Inspiration...a non-profit organization dedicated to creating enriching, integrated play environments that allow children with and without disabilities to swing, slide, and play together.

Two years later, Shane's Inspiration opened the first Inclusive Playground in the Western United States. Since that time, we have **opened 48 playgrounds** in California, Colorado, Mexico, Canada, Ecuador, and most recently in **Sochi, Russia in association with the 2014 Winter Olympic Paralympic Games and McDonald's with another 14 opening this year across the United States and in Israel.** In 2013 Shane's became a member of the **Clinton Global Initiative** with a Commitment to Action that will establish inclusive playgrounds and programs on five continents by 2018. Shane's also has projects in development in Connecticut, Iowa, Colorado, Texas, North Dakota, Washington, Louisiana, Illinois, Utah, Kansas, and as far away as South Africa.

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Awards received include:

Award for Outstanding Playgrounds from Los Angeles Parent Magazine; In partnership with the City of Los Angeles "The Most Playable City In The World", "Best Playground" from Los Angeles Magazine's "101 Things to Shout About," The Architectural Landscape Design Award from the Los Angeles Business Council; The first "Heroes for Health Award" by Good Housekeeping Magazine and General Electric; The Community Enrichment Award for "Parque de los Suenos" from the Southern California Development Forum; The Nickelodeon Best Playground or Park award.



Our Team

Founder & CEO: Tiffany Harris co-founded Shane's Inspiration in 1998 after working with Catholic Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Los Angeles for over five years in development and special event fundraising. In this capacity, she produced many successful special events throughout Los Angeles for the non-profit community. As Co-Founder of Shane's Inspiration, she, along with Catherine Curry-Williams, was responsible for catalyzing the first Universally Accessible Playground on the West Coast. They raised over \$1,000,000 for this project through corporate, foundation and community support, securing the allocation of two acres of land in Griffith Park. Tiffany also guided the project team through the development and completion of this endeavor.

Since the first playground opened in 2000, Tiffany has helped raise over 40 million dollars in mission revenue and grown the organization from the idea of creating one playground to 40 currently opened with over 90 Universally Accessible Playground projects in development, from California to Bangalore, India. She also helped design, implement, and secure funding for 3 programs that serve thousands of children with disabilities each year. As CEO, Tiffany oversees the organization's administration and growth, fundraising, outreach, and program development. She speaks nationally and internationally on the importance of creating integrated play environments that serve children of all abilities.

Director of Design: Diane Scanlan-Ross holds a post graduate degree from the University of California, Los Angeles and a Bachelor of Arts and Sciences from Northwestern University. She is an active member of ASLA, and brings over 15 years of experience as a Project Architect/Manager to Shane's Inspiration. Diane has worked with a number of Landscape Architecture firms in Los Angeles, most notably Melendrez Design Partners, up until her association with Shane's Inspiration in 2006. As of today, she has designed over 30 playgrounds throughout the United States and as far away as Tel Aviv, Israel and Sochi, Russia. Diane's goal is to create unique, innovative play spaces so children of all ages and abilities can play together. Her designs celebrate the principles of an inclusive design while addressing the developmental needs of the particular community, so no child is left behind. Diane's designs are sensory rich, age appropriate and support multi-generational play for all.

Director of Programs: Marnie Norris Fisher graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Theater from University California, Los Angeles and has worked for over 10 years in the non-profit sector in both education and fundraising. Her skills include: delivering site-specific programs and school-based education programs to both elementary and secondary students; creating curricula elements and in-class activities that are based on the state academic standards; designing program evaluation methods, and; creating program delivery and database management systems to improve implementation. Marnie was instrumental in helping to create "Together, We Are Able," Shane's Inspiration's unique, one-of-kind ability awareness program.

Director of Project Development: Brad Thornton graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Law Administration from Western Illinois University. Two years later, he joined the Landsburg Company, a television and motion pictures production company, as a Production Services Manager. In 1988, he was hired as Vice President of Operations at Hirsch and Associates. There he oversaw real estate portfolios, developed expansion plans and managed company staff. He worked for TriStar Pictures and Universal Pictures as Director of Publicity and Marketing for the Academy Awards Campaign from 1992 to 1999, implementing a worldwide publicity campaign. In 1998, he worked as a consultant providing marketing services for Ismo Software, and began working for Shane's Inspiration as the Director of Project Development in 2002. Through his leadership Brad has helped grow projects working with diverse communities that have generated over \$40 millions dollars.

Our Services

Shane's Inspiration works with municipalities, communities, and families to create these fully-accessible and exciting play environments. Our architects and development team design to any budget and size specifications. Past projects have ranged from \$1 million / 2-acre projects to a \$65,000 / 60 X 70 ft. elementary school playground.

Knowledge: Our Director of Design has extensive experience working with municipalities both locally and nationally. She brings over 20 years experience as a certified Landscape Architect, is a trained playground designer and is very familiar with both local and federal codes.

Design: Each of Shane's Inspiration's unique playground designs are guided by experts...the children with disabilities who use them and medical experts who work with those children every day.

To ensure that the project is truly relevant, our staff facilitates community design workshops for each playground, where children, parents, residents, civic and business leaders, healthcare professionals, educators, and others have the opportunity to dream up their ideal playground. We help them explore play elements, landscaping ideas, recreation needs, and aesthetic values. The community members vote and narrow down the elements that are the highest priority.

We then work with the government agencies to make sure those playground elements fit the project scope, their master plan, and maintenance needs. Our Director of Design also consults with our 20 plus Professional Advisory Board members — a team of experts in medicine, rehabilitation, psychology, education, and other industries—to combine these real-world needs with proven therapeutic and child development theories and existing disability research. Weaving all of this input together, our team works with landscape architects to transform the space into a rich, thriving recreation resource that truly serves the community for which it is intended.



Project Management: Shane's Inspiration can facilitate each aspect of the project's evolution, from conception to completion. Our team is experienced in facilitating the bidding process, working with sub-contractors, consensus-building among designers, acting as a community liaison, budgeting, construction management, and safety inspection.

Fundraising: Shane's Inspiration has helped communities raise over \$40 million to support the development of Universally Accessible Playgrounds. Our development team can offer templates and guidance for foundation and corporate cultivation, special events, and individual donor solicitation.

Grand Opening: Our staff can work with you to plan the grand opening, including building community support, public relations, and event planning.

Program Development: Shane's Inspiration's program department will work with cities, families, and other non-profit organizations to help them implement community outreach, education, and transportation programs that ensure maximum usage of the playgrounds.

Our Standards

Our commitment is to create safe, enriching play environments that support the physical, social and emotional development of children of all abilities.

To accomplish these objectives, we design playgrounds that meet the following standards:



- All materials used meet safety standards for city/state/federal requirements, such as American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), United States Consumer Product Safety Commission (USCPSC), NPSI (National Playground Safety Institute) and the Americans with Disabilities Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG).
- Shane's Inspiration's equipment and sensory designs provide the highest level of interactive play available for **all** children.
- Each of Shane's Inspiration's designs is unique and community-driven.
- We collaborate with landscape architects to create a theme for each playground and its surrounding environment.
- Each design is checked against a design matrix guided by the Shane's Inspiration Professional Advisory Board (PAB) to help us determine the play environment needs of children with a wide spectrum of disabilities.
- Our play environment designs are challenging, sensory-rich, age-appropriate and encourage cerebral and physical development.
- Shane's Inspiration's Director of Design provides a Design Review for all playgrounds.
- Shane's Inspiration designs are environmentally-conscious. It is our commitment to incorporate and preserve each site's natural surroundings.
- We make every effort to insure usage of the playgrounds by applying an education and community outreach model to each project. This helps connect families with this resource, such as play dates, transportation and educational programs.
- All playgrounds receive the Shane's Inspiration Design Seal of Approval when they have met our criteria.



Accessible Play Elements

While each of our accessible playgrounds offers a unique design and theme, most offer some form of the following adaptive play elements...

Horizontal Ladders / Upper Body Peddlers encourage multiple motor skills such as reaching, pushing, pulling, releasing, grasping and the development of upper body strength.

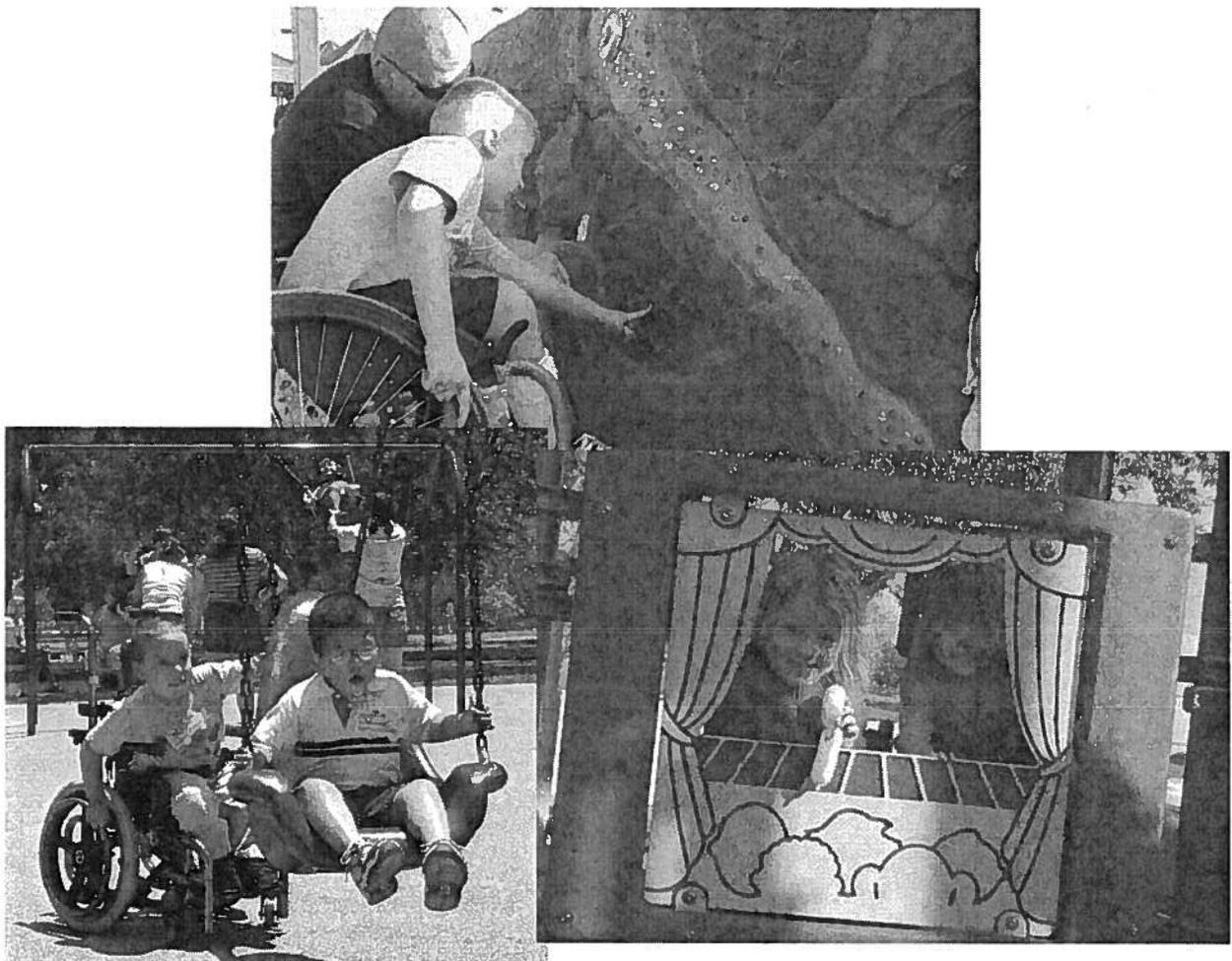
Rubberized Surfacing encourages complex motor skills like walking, running and climbing, which is promoted through ambulatory games such as hide-and-go-seek or tag.

Adaptive swings with seats, high backs, and safety belts give children with disabilities the exhilaration of flying and a sharper sense of body awareness, which is vital to their development.

Communication skills are taught through talk tubes, games and signage. They teach children to follow verbal instructions, learn non-verbal communication, practice sign language, and learn the use of pictorial symbols.

Magical Water and Sensory Walls embedded with shells, animal shapes and whimsical sound pucks stimulate tactile senses for sensory-impaired children.

Shaded, enclosed **story circles** provide reduced stimuli for children with conditions such as Autism, Down Syndrome or Cerebral Palsy.



Program Support

Shane's Inspiration's team offers support in implementing community programs that utilize the playground to promote inclusion and understanding among children with and without disabilities:

Shane's Club: Each month, we bring families to our playgrounds from across Southern California. Children of all abilities come together through play, arts & crafts, and entertainment. To date, we have over 900 Shane's Club members and have reached thousands of children since the program began. Thanks to the generosity of Laidlaw Transit Services, we are able to provide a free, accessible bus each month on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Shane's Buddies: At each play date, Shane's Inspiration offers volunteer buddies...children with typical abilities who want to spend the day playing and getting to children with disabilities. The experience gives children the chance to reach beyond the disability barrier and simply play together, creating greater understanding towards people with disabilities. The volunteer program, which began in 2002, has become one of the favorite features of our monthly play dates, as it gives so much to both children.

School Field Trips: Each month, we schedule field trips to our Universally Accessible Playgrounds for schools that serve children with disabilities. It gives children who rarely have access to outdoor recreation a chance to strengthen their bodies and minds out in the sunshine. Accessible buses are generously provided by the Los Angeles City Councilmembers and County Supervisors.

Together, We Are Able: Shane's Inspiration's unique ability awareness education program is designed to promote integration and understanding by bringing children with and without disabilities together in a meaningful way. Through this program, we combine in-class disability awareness exercises with an interactive field trip to one of our Universally Accessible Playgrounds – giving children a hands-on opportunity to learn from and with their peers with disabilities.

The end result:

“Being a buddy taught me that disability doesn't mean anything. It just means something to be a great person inside.”

Jeff, Age 11, program participant.

“Our community outreach/playdates at Shane's are so important. Every child that meets our kids knows, for the rest of their life, that each of our children are individuals too, with a unique history, a one of a kind present and a future yet to be determined.”

**Robbie Wise,
Washington Elementary School**





Shane's Inspiration

List of Services

- Project development guidance from project conception through completion
- Project promotion through existing Shane's Inspiration PR opportunities as well as website, and newsletter promotion
- Provide guidance and templates on the Community Options and Priorities Session with local community
- Fundraising templates and guidance
- Provide guidance on informational salon held with local community
- Grant template and proposal reviews
- Create Sponsorship packet based on conceptual design
- Special event guides and templates
- Site plan review
- Prepare hand drawn bubble diagram identifying play area location, size, circulation and primary ADA access points
- Prepare electronic base plan in Autocad, based on survey information provided by Grantee and/or municipality
- Conceptual Design Layout with project cost estimate
- Design Development plans to 30% of Construction Documents, allowing Grantee and/or municipality to construct Inclusive Playground or to obtain a Purchase Order, **but not to a stage where project can be publicly bid**
- Final Play Equipment Design provided by a Shane's Inspiration Certified Universally Accessible Playground Designer
- Coordination with Landscape Architect regarding landscape sensory elements
- Guidance in reference to the selection of Play Equipment Manufacturers, Landscape Architects, General Contractors, and Surfacing Contractors as it pertains to universally accessible aspects of project guidance in coordinating project development with local municipality
- Grand opening coordination guidance in reference to press, transportation, invitation design, attendance of local dignitaries
- Guidance in implementing sustaining programs at Universally Accessible Playground once completed
 - Education
 - Community Outreach
 - Transportation

For more information, please contact Brad Thornton at brad@shanesinspiration.org.



Shane's Inspiration ~ Los Angeles ~ Opened 2000

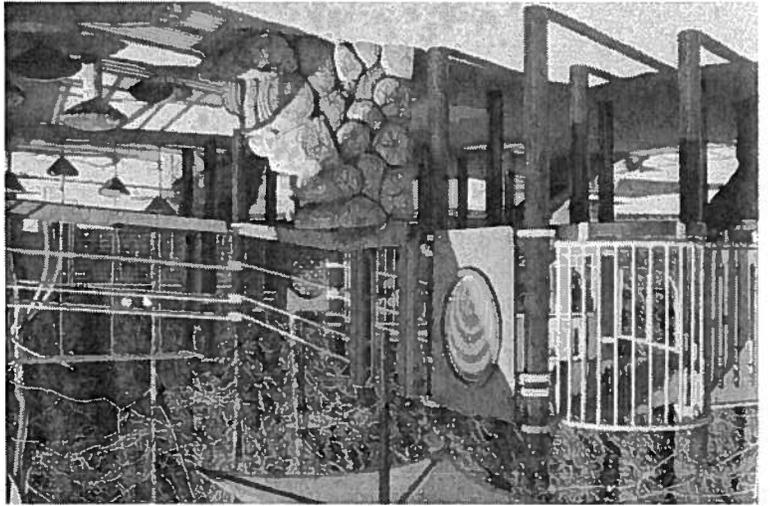
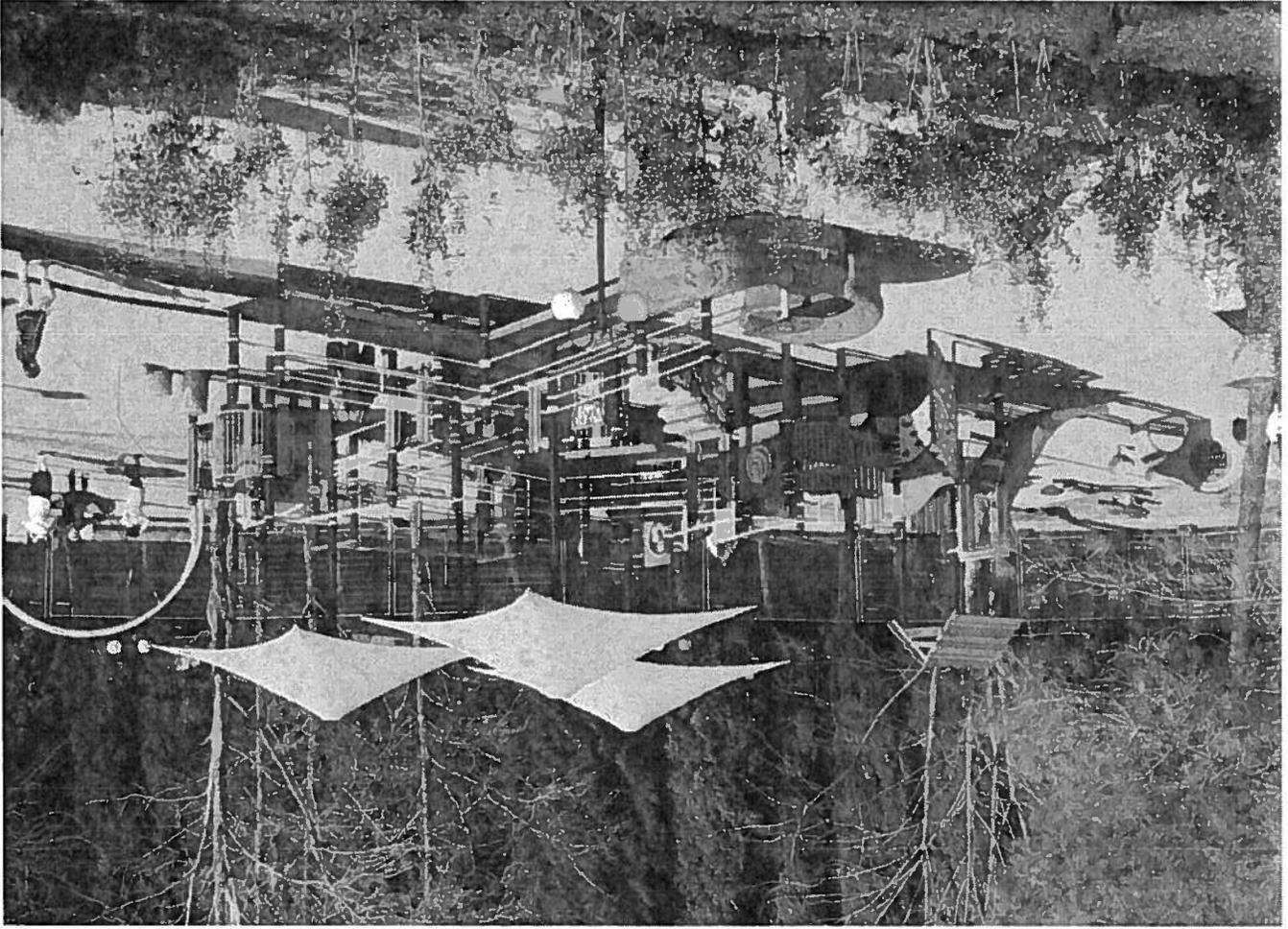
Size: 2 Acres

Budget: \$1 million



**Sochi, Russia—in partnership with the
2014 Olympic Paralympic Winter Games & McDonald's
Opened February 2014**

**Size: 15,000 Sq. Ft.
Budget: \$500,000**



**Cuenca, Ecuador – in partnership with
Vice – President Lenin Moreno
Opened – November 2013**



Size: 25,000 Sq. Ft.

Budget: \$500,000



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JON KIRK MUKRI
GENERAL MANAGER

To Whom It May Concern:

Over the last ten years, the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks has had the honor of partnering with Shane's Inspiration in developing award winning Universally Accessible Playgrounds (UAPs) with the vision of eliminating bias against children with disabilities.

The first project, Shane's Inspiration Playground in Griffith Park, opened in 2000 and cost over \$1 million. One of our most seasoned Landscape Architect and Project Managers proclaimed it was the only time in her 17 years with the City of Los Angeles where a private organization followed through on their commitments from conception through completion. Shane's Inspiration was responsible for raising the funds, designing the UAP, construction managing and organizing the grand opening. This powerful partnership was just the beginning of what the future would hold.

Our partnership with Shane's Inspiration has generated over \$13 million towards this effort. These are resources that would not have been available to the City of Los Angeles without the advocacy and efforts of this extraordinary non-profit. Currently there are 10 Shane's Inspiration UAPs opened throughout the City of Los Angeles, with another nine opening over the next year. With 380 playgrounds in our public parks, Shane's Inspiration's UAPs are the most utilized playgrounds, receiving numerous awards. This accomplishment has made Los Angeles one of the most playable cities in the nation for children of all abilities.

The impact that Shane's Inspiration has made in our community is immeasurable. Their ongoing education program, which is now in over 100 local schools, and Shane's Club, a monthly play date held at one of our City's UAPs, helps to ensure these playgrounds are utilized and the mission is successfully fulfilled.

In my many years of public service, working with Shane's Inspiration is one of my most rewarding experiences. I have had the extreme honor of traveling throughout the United States and abroad as an ambassador of the movement towards leveling the playing field for children with disabilities. I look forward to deepening this most extraordinary and impactful partnership, which is changing the landscape of play throughout the world.

Sincerely,

JON KIRK MUKRI
General Manager

JKM:sr



CITY of CALABASAS

To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great privilege that I write this letter to acknowledge the efforts and impact that Shane's Inspiration is making in communities throughout the nation. I can speak first hand regarding the attributes of this organization as the Director of Community Services of the City of Calabasas, California.

A few years ago, two mothers that have children with disabilities came to me and said "We want a Shane's Inspiration Universally Accessible Playground (UAP) in our community." At that time I didn't know what a UAP was and had not heard of Shane's Inspiration. A few days later I found myself at one of their playgrounds which was full of children of all ages and abilities joyfully playing on the uniquely designed play equipment. I walked away that day repeating the same mantra those two mothers were saying, "We have got to build a Shane's Inspiration UAP in our community."

Over my 20 years of working for city government I have never experienced and appreciated a relationship with another organization such as the one we have built with Shane's Inspiration. From that initial meeting at the playground until the grand opening of Brandon's Village in Gates Canyon Park a few years later, our partnership with Shane's Inspiration was one of the most professional and inspiring experiences of my career.

The population of Calabasas is just over 23,000 and building Brandon's Village with a \$1 million dollar budget was a major event in our community. With Shane's Inspiration developing the project from beginning to end and providing the following services the process was seamless:

- Grant writing and fundraising materials
- Fundraising - \$1million raised at one event
- Organizing community focus groups for design input
- UAP design – from schematic to construction documents
- Created and facilitated request for proposal and bidding process
- Project and construction management
- Guidance on grand opening ceremony
- Implemented educational and community programs that are ongoing today

I am reminded daily by families on how important the Brandon's Village Universally Accessible Playground has become to the City of Calabasas, as well as the surrounding communities. If my legacy with the City of Calabasas is based solely on the Brandon's Village project, I will feel that my work has been accomplished, as this playground continues to serve the community on many levels but with one goal in mind: Eliminating bias against children with disabilities.

Sincerely,

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March 5, 2009

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To Potential Supporters of Shane's Inspiration:

Leslie K. Gilbert-Lurie
President

On behalf of the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE), I am writing in support of Shane's Inspiration's education program, "Together, We Are Able." This ability-awareness effort builds understanding and promotes compassion in children with and without disabilities.

Angie Papadakis
Vice President

Sandra Jones Anderson

For the past few years, LACOE's special education classes have participated in the program, and its impact is evident to all. Our students, many of whom truly need opportunities to be included socially with their peers, get so much out of the day. The playgrounds are fully accessible and -- due to the extensive ability awareness work Shane's Inspiration does with their buddies -- fully inclusive.

Sharon R. Beauchamp

Douglas R. Boyd

Rudell S. Freer

Thomas A. Saenz

Students thrive in this environment, running and wheeling around the playground with a joy and freedom that is wonderful to see. From the moment they are paired with their buddies with typical abilities, they are included socially and accepted as they are. That experience is priceless.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with Shane's Inspiration and encourage your investment in its vital mission.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (562) 922-6112.

Sincerely,

Madeline Hall
Chief Grants Officer

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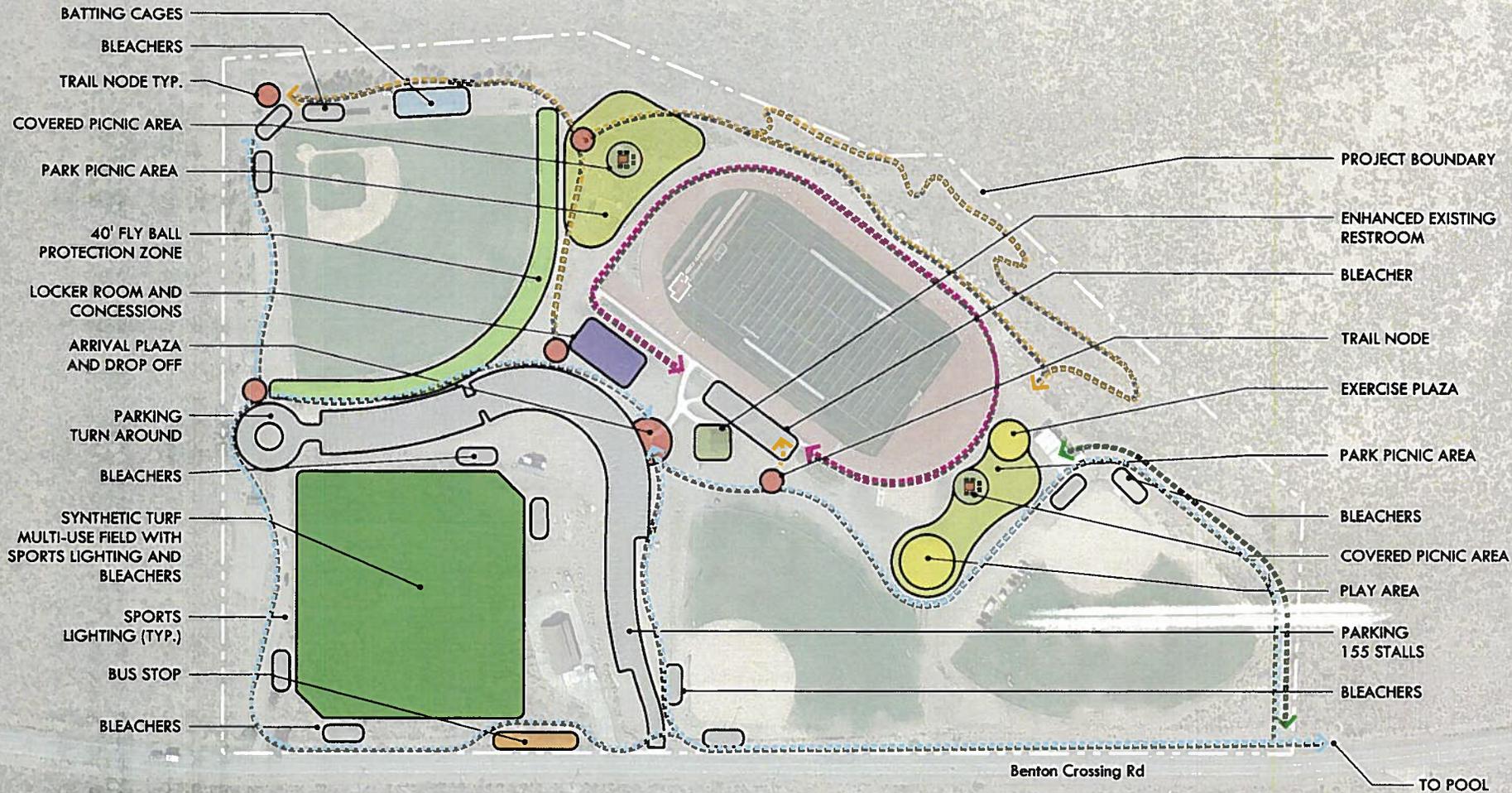
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"When all children play, the boundaries slip away." Aya, Age 11



G. Final Concept Master Plan for the Whitmore Recreation Area



BATTING CAGES
 BLEACHERS
 TRAIL NODE TYP.
 COVERED PICNIC AREA
 PARK PICNIC AREA
 40' FLY BALL PROTECTION ZONE
 LOCKER ROOM AND CONCESSIONS
 ARRIVAL PLAZA AND DROP OFF
 PARKING TURN AROUND
 BLEACHERS
 SYNTHETIC TURF MULTI-USE FIELD WITH SPORTS LIGHTING AND BLEACHERS
 SPORTS LIGHTING (TYP.)
 BUS STOP
 BLEACHERS

PROJECT BOUNDARY
 ENHANCED EXISTING RESTROOM
 BLEACHER
 TRAIL NODE
 EXERCISE PLAZA
 PARK PICNIC AREA
 BLEACHERS
 COVERED PICNIC AREA
 PLAY AREA
 PARKING 155 STALLS
 BLEACHERS
 TO POOL

LEGEND	
	ENHANCED TRAIL
	8' PAVED BICYCLE TRAIL
	MAINTENANCE ACCESS
	8' CONCRETE WALK AROUND (E) TRACK

AREA TAKE OFFS	
• OVERALL PARK SIZE - 32.7 ACRES	• NEW PLAY AREA - 10,000 S.F.
• EXISTING TRACK - 176,300 S.F.	• NEW PARK AREA - 60,000 S.F.
• EXISTING SOFTBALL A - 96,000 S.F.	• NEW PARKING - APPROX. 155 STALLS
• EXISTING SOFTBALL B - 100,700 S.F.	• NEW LOCKER ROOMS - 6,000 S.F.
• EXISTING BASEBALL - 136,800 S.F.	• NEW SYNTHETIC FIELD - 123,000 S.F.



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