

# EL CERRITO PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES MASTER PLAN

## COMMUNITY WORKSHOP #2 Group Discussion Summary

Community Workshop #2 was held on January 18, 2018. As the second community meeting for the *El Cerrito Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan*, this workshop presented a summary of Community Workshop #1, provided a community profile of El Cerrito, and discussed findings from the 2017 online survey results. Following the presentation, workshop attendees separated into 5 groups where they were presented with 2 matrix boards for an interactive activity. For each matrix board, groups were directed to pick the top 5 parks or recreation facilities to receive the listed park facility improvements or park amenities. The park facility improvements and park amenities listed comprised the top 5 improvements and amenities identified in the 2017 survey results. It was possible that some improvements and amenities would be irrelevant to some parks/facilities and that some would be relevant to all. The intent of the exercise was to get participants to comparatively decide, as a group, where they wanted to see amenities and improvements throughout the City's park and recreation network. The following tables list the activity's results. The numbers included in the tables represent the number of groups that voted for an improvement/amenity per park and recreation facility.

For park facility improvements, all 5 groups unanimously agreed that:

- The Ohlone Greenway should have improved lighting and improved litter maintenance

3 out of the 5 groups agreed that:

- Arlington Park and Clubhouse should have improved lighting and addressed infrastructure maintenance
- Cerrito Vista Park and Clubhouse should have addressed infrastructure maintenance
- Creekside Park should have improved litter maintenance
- The Hillside Natural Area should have additional restrooms

Regarding park amenities, the 5 groups unanimously agreed that:

- Arlington Park and Clubhouse should have continued support for, or additional, picnic/BBQ space
- The Hillside Natural Area should have continued support for, or additional, park trails and pathways

4 out of the 5 groups agreed that:

- Arlington Park and Clubhouse should have continued support for, or additional, sport courts
- Canyon Trail Park and Clubhouse should have continued support for, or additional park trails and pathways
- Castro Park and Clubhouse should have continued support for, or additional, sport courts
- Cerrito Vista Park and Clubhouse should have continued support for, or additional, sport courts
- Fairmont Park, Playfield, and Clubhouse should have continued support for, or additional, playgrounds/tot-lots

Throughout the exercise, participants were encouraged to list additional recreation needs or comments. The following were strongly asserted:

- Relocate mulch site at Cerrito Vista Park for more efficient use of space
- Provide bike and multi-use trails in the Hillside Natural Area
- Improve key access for restrooms throughout park system
- Provide additional sport fields for a variety of recreation – current fields are impacted
- Provide dedicated pickleball – particularly at Castro Park Tennis Courts
- Improve trash and recycling at all parks and along the Ohlone Greenway
- Improve tennis court maintenance

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Table X: Park Facility Improvements

	Improved Lighting	Improved Litter Maintenance	Address Infrastructure Maintenance	Improved Landscape Maintenance	More Restrooms	Additional Improvements
El Cerrito Community Center				1		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More rooms/expanded</li> <li>• Improve acoustics</li> <li>• Add table tennis</li> <li>• Upgrade restrooms</li> </ul>
El Cerrito Swim Center						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More hours for recreational swim</li> <li>• Keep slide maintained and running</li> <li>• More shade</li> </ul>
Arlington Park and Clubhouse	3	1	3	2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Add table tennis</li> <li>• Repave tennis courts</li> <li>• Repave basketball court</li> <li>• Add pickleball court</li> <li>• Add bleachers at tennis courts</li> <li>• Better lighting at courts</li> <li>• Better tennis court maintenance</li> <li>• Improved tree maintenance</li> </ul>
Baxter Creek Gateway Park	1	2				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved safety</li> <li>• Additional lighting</li> <li>• Biohazards – waste</li> <li>• Work with surrounding businesses for trash mitigation</li> </ul>
Bruce King Memorial Dog Park	1		1			
Canyon Trail Park and Clubhouse	1	1	2	2	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved public access to Upper Canyon Playfield</li> <li>• Better drainage at tennis courts</li> </ul>
Castro Park and Clubhouse	2		1	2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Add a drinking fountain</li> <li>• Repave tennis courts</li> </ul>
Central Park	1	2	1	1	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Very dated, especially the play equipment</li> <li>• Biohazards – waste</li> <li>• Add restroom</li> </ul>
Cerrito Creek		2				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Add more trashcans</li> </ul>
Cerrito Vista Park and Clubhouse	2	1	3	2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Add drinking fountains at tennis courts</li> <li>• Better irrigation</li> <li>• Pony fields need attention</li> <li>• Replace baseball bleacher</li> <li>• Better access to and more restrooms, especially for tennis courts</li> <li>• More tennis courts</li> </ul>
Creekside Park		3	1	1		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biohazard</li> </ul>
Fairmont Park, Playfield, and Clubhouse	2	2	2	1	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replace play structure turtle</li> </ul>
Harding Park and Clubhouse	1					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tennis court maintenance</li> <li>• Improve accessibility</li> </ul>
Hillside Natural Area		1	2	2	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve wayfinding with signage</li> <li>• Improve connectivity</li> <li>• Regular fire road maintenance and fire maintenance</li> <li>• Prevent erosion</li> <li>• Add restrooms</li> <li>• More single track trails for bikes</li> </ul>
Huber Park and Clubhouse	1		2	2		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trees may fall on clubhouse</li> <li>• Clubhouse improvements</li> <li>• Trail improvements</li> </ul>
Ohlone Greenway	5	5		1	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve safety</li> <li>• Lighting</li> <li>• Add drinking fountains</li> <li>• More trash cans</li> <li>• Add pedestrian lights at all intersections</li> </ul>
Poinsett Park and Clubhouse						
Tassajara Park and Clubhouse	1		1	2	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drainage issues at tennis courts</li> <li>• Improve picnic area</li> <li>• Improve trail between upper and lower park</li> <li>• Repave basketball court area</li> </ul>

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Table X: Park Amenities

	Park Trails and Pathways	Sport Courts (i.e. tennis, pickleball, playgrounds/tot-lots	Sportfields (i.e. baseball, softball, soccer.	Picnic/BBQ Space	Additional Amenities	
El Cerrito Community Center			1	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Add table tennis</li> <li>Improve acoustics</li> <li>Walkways and wayfinding</li> <li>More classes, especially for seniors</li> <li>More availability of rooms and space</li> <li>Add a sportfield near Community Center</li> <li>Designated are for gymnastics</li> </ul>	
El Cerrito Swim Center					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More hours for recreational swim</li> <li>Improve entrance and exits – get congested</li> </ul>	
Arlington Park and Clubhouse	1	4	3	2	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Add table tennis</li> <li>Add bleachers at tennis courts</li> <li>Add windscreens</li> <li>Add lights for tennis courts</li> <li>More lighting</li> <li>Outdoor ping pong table</li> <li>Bocce ball</li> </ul>
Baxter Creek Gateway Park	2					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pedestrian signal to safely link Ohlone Greenway between Richmond and El Cerrito</li> </ul>
Bruce King Memorial Dog Park					1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Add playground</li> </ul>
Canyon Trail Park and Clubhouse	4	1	1	3	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jogging track at Upper Canyon Trail</li> </ul>
Castro Park and Clubhouse	1	4	1	2	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Add pickleball court</li> <li>Improve restroom access</li> <li>Add a 3<sup>rd</sup> tennis court</li> <li>More lighting</li> <li>Picnic/BBQ space near park</li> </ul>
Central Park			3	3	1	
Cerrito Creek	1					
Cerrito Vista Park and Clubhouse	3	4	3	3	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve restroom access</li> <li>Add restroom at tennis courts</li> <li>More tennis courts where mulch pile is</li> </ul>
Creekside Park			1			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A little run down</li> </ul>
Fairmont Park, Playfield, and Clubhouse	1		4		1	
Harding Park and Clubhouse		2		1		
Hillside Natural Area	5				2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More multi-purpose trails</li> <li>Add a bike park</li> <li>Add restrooms</li> </ul>
Huber Park and Clubhouse	1	2	1			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Renovate clubhouse</li> </ul>
Ohlone Greenway	3	1	2		1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve safety with lighting and better visibility</li> <li>Add a skate park</li> <li>Bike park</li> <li>Tot-lot</li> <li>Pickleball</li> </ul>
Poinsett Park and Clubhouse					1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open clubhouse for rent</li> </ul>
Tassajara Park and Clubhouse		3	2	4	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Field improvements needed</li> <li>Tennis court lights</li> </ul>

All community input collected at this workshop is shared following this summary.

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PARK FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS						
	Improved Lighting	Improved Site Maintenance	Address to Restrooms/Maintenance	Improved Landscape/Maintenance	More Restrooms	Additional Improvements
EL CERRITO COMMUNITY CENTER						
EL CERRITO SWIM CENTER						
ARLINGTON PARK AND CLUBHOUSE						Benches at Arlington Tennis Courts
BAXTER CREEK GATEWAY PARK	X					Benches, picnic tables, playground on trash and hygiene
BRUCE KING MEMORIAL DOG PARK						
CANYON TRAIL PARK AND CLUBHOUSE			X			Dark bench at School, look for upper trail during some projects - suggested benches on upper trail, better water coverage of field, dog
CASTRO PARK AND CLUBHOUSE	X					
CENTRAL PARK		X			X	Benches
CERRITO CREEK		X				more trashcans
CERRITO VISTA PARK AND CLUBHOUSE			X			Further renovation, tennis courts need a lot of work, benches need replacement, tennis Ct #4 - cleanup
CREEKSIDE PARK		X	X			Benches, picnic tables, flood prevention on deck, no global rise
FAIRMONT PARK PLAYFIELD CLUBHOUSE						
HARDING PARK AND CLUBHOUSE						
HILLSIDE NATURAL AREA			X			Regular Fire Maintenance
HUBER PARK AND CLUBHOUSE				X		Trees that may fall on clubhouse
OHONE GREENWAY	X	X				more trash cans / dog stations
POINSETT PARK AND CLUBHOUSE						picnic tables
TASSAJARA PARK AND CLUBHOUSE						Improve picnic area at Tassajara

Group 1, Park Facility Improvements

PARK AMENITIES						
	Park walls and pathways	Sport Courts	Playground / tables	Benches / BBO	Play/BBO	Additional Amenities
EL CERRITO COMMUNITY CENTER						Add Sports Field near C.C. Fitness Car Aid
EL CERRITO SWIM CENTER						
ARLINGTON PARK AND CLUBHOUSE			X	X		Tennis Court Light
BAXTER CREEK GATEWAY PARK	X					
BRUCE KING MEMORIAL DOG PARK						
CANYON TRAIL PARK AND CLUBHOUSE	X					dog trail upper Canyon Trail
CASTRO PARK AND CLUBHOUSE	X	X				3-4 Tennis Court Pickle Ball
CENTRAL PARK						
CERRITO CREEK						
CERRITO VISTA PARK AND CLUBHOUSE	X		X		X	Lighting Field
CREEKSIDE PARK						
FAIRMONT PARK PLAYFIELD CLUBHOUSE						
HARDING PARK AND CLUBHOUSE						
HILLSIDE NATURAL AREA	X					Bike Park
HUBER PARK AND CLUBHOUSE						
OHONE GREENWAY		X				SKAT Park
POINSETT PARK AND CLUBHOUSE					X	Open Storage for Clubhouse Bunk
TASSAJARA PARK AND CLUBHOUSE				X		Field improvement

Group 1, Park Amenities

**Path of Conflict**

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- ← Pathways connect urban sidewalks - windy areas
- ← Baxter Creek - underdeveloped pathway/plane - on Key Blvd - not a point of conflict
- ← Community Center - Expand to Potrero middle school site for additional sport courts. - not a pt. of conflict
- ← Castro Park Tennis Courts - keep as tennis Ct's → only one court programmed for pickle ball
- VS <sup>only pickle ball</sup> all of Castro Park tennis courts dedicated to pickleball
- Replace all old BBO Pits thru-out

Group 1, Additional Notes

**Path of Conflict**

- Path lighting at parks ~~having~~ thru-out system. - to correspond w/ park hours.
- Bld storage for sports equipment near where fields are.
- More trashcans thru-out City.
- Need to tap into volunteer network for help on litter control & landscaping - but needs to be organized
- Improve key access for restrooms thru-out.

Group 1, Additional Notes





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PARK FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS						
	Improved lighting	Improved litter maintenance	Address the Restrooms	Improved landscape maintenance	More recreation	Additional Improvements
EL CERRITO COMMUNITY CENTER				☒		acoustics batheon upgrade
EL CERRITO SWIM CENTER						keep slide maintenance running
ARLINGTON PARK AND CLUBHOUSE	☒	☒	☒	☒		see many pics
BAXTER CREEK GATEWAY PARK						
BRUCE KING MEMORIAL DOG PARK			☒			
CANYON TRAIL PARK AND CLUBHOUSE						
CASTRO PARK AND CLUBHOUSE				☒		
CENTRAL PARK				☒		
CERRITO CREEK						
CERRITO VISTA PARK AND CLUBHOUSE	☒	☒	☒	☒		access to park from parking lot
CREEKSIDE PARK						
FAIRMONT PARK PLAYFIELD CLUBHOUSE	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	turtle? = more / better
HARDING PARK AND CLUBHOUSE	☒		☒	☒		
HILLSIDE NATURAL AREA			☒	☒	☒	
HUBER PARK AND CLUBHOUSE						
OHLONE GREENWAY	☒	☒				
POINSETT PARK AND CLUBHOUSE						
TASSAJARA PARK AND CLUBHOUSE			☒		☒	

Group 3, Park Facility Improvements

PARK AMENITIES						
	Park trails and pathways	Spot courts (for basketball, volleyball, tennis)	Programme / Facilities	Specialty (for basketball, tennis, soccer)	Picnic / BBQ Spaces	Additional Amenities
EL CERRITO COMMUNITY CENTER	☒	☒	☒	☒		Viewing area
EL CERRITO SWIM CENTER						better seating space more ramps/egress - exit/enter - also lookout up
ARLINGTON PARK AND CLUBHOUSE		☒			☒	Ball safe area tennis - noise add benches by courts/tennis
BAXTER CREEK GATEWAY PARK						
BRUCE KING MEMORIAL DOG PARK					☒	
CANYON TRAIL PARK AND CLUBHOUSE	☒			☒		
CASTRO PARK AND CLUBHOUSE						
CENTRAL PARK			☒	☒		
CERRITO CREEK	☒					
CERRITO VISTA PARK AND CLUBHOUSE	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	improve tennis where watch is
CREEKSIDE PARK						
FAIRMONT PARK PLAYFIELD CLUBHOUSE			☒			
HARDING PARK AND CLUBHOUSE				☒		
HILLSIDE NATURAL AREA	☒					
HUBER PARK AND CLUBHOUSE		☒				back bay could be court
OHLONE GREENWAY	☒				☒	include picnic table benches
POINSETT PARK AND CLUBHOUSE						
TASSAJARA PARK AND CLUBHOUSE	☒	☒	☒	☒		

Group 3, Park Amenities

stickies

3

seal areas - benches splash park fix by ppl ☺

Bathrooms more accessible

Cerrito vista track around park = separate bikes + walkers

amphitheater

Tassajara better trail from field to play area

move mulch @ CV = better use of busy park + allergy issue

more Mtn. Bike trails Hill side

wildlife habitat zones

to maintain what we put in Bike area for art kids - outdoor art making

Group 3, Additional Notes



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PARK FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS					
Improved lighting	Improved trees	Address in Restrooms	Improved landscape maintenance	Minor restrooms	Additional Improvements
					Acoustics
					Increased family open swim areas More shade Tennis courts Repave Take out benches add bleachers
X					
					Repair tennis courts
					Restroom
X					Track + Ball fields Bathrooms + add by tennis Add additional tennis courts
					Improve accessibility
	X				Add bathrooms More single track trails Signage multiuse & biking Clubhouse improvements Trail improvement
X					General safety improvements Flickering lights dog interaction
X	X				
X					Tennis Courts

Group 4, Park Facility Improvements

PARK AMENITIES					
Park trails and pathways	Sport courts	Playgrounds	Specialty	Plaza/BBQ Spaces	Additional Amenities
					Designated area for Gymnastics
X	X	X	X	X	Lights Out door ping pong table Bocce ball
					Dangerous linkage from outdoor greenway to Richmond Add signal
					Add play ground near dog park
			X	X	Better drainage tennis courts
	X		X	X	Lights Picnic/BBQ near park
		X	X		
X					Not familiar with this park
X	X		X		Bathrooms (near tennis courts)
					Not familiar with this park
		X			Park w/ turtle in outdoor greenway
	X				Accessibility
X				X	Most Important Bathrooms Bike Park
X		X			More accessible
X		X			Bike Park
					Not familiar with this park
	X		X	X	Tennis Court lights Repair basketball courts field

Group 4, Park Amenities

Stickers

4

- Skate park
- rolling grassy areas
- benches
- picnic tables
- bag

**Bike Park**

Add outdoor ping pong tables

Bocce Ball courts

Put in restrooms wherever we can

More multiuse sports fields - current fields impacted

Hillside more multipurpose single track trails.

Improved trash & recycling containers at all Parks and Greenway

Add Green waste

Smell/mold smell of Mulch at tennis courts

Relocate

Drainage tennis courts and parks basketball courts

Tennis Court backboard and benches need repair or replacement all parks.

Group 4, Additional Notes

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PARK FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS	5					
	Improved lighting	Improved tree maintenance	Address in-structure maintenance	Improved landscape maintenance	More recreation	Additional Improvements
EL CERRITO COMMUNITY CENTER						Acoustics
EL CERRITO SWIM CENTER						
ARLINGTON PARK AND CLUBHOUSE		X	X	X	X	Conduct maintenance work Tree Maintenance
BAXTER CREEK GATEWAY PARK		X				
BRUCE KING MEMORIAL DOG PARK	X					
CANYON TRAIL PARK AND CLUBHOUSE	X	X	X	X		Trails/Log
CASTRO PARK AND CLUBHOUSE					X	
CENTRAL PARK	X	X	X		X	
CERRITO CREEK		X				
CERRITO VISTA PARK AND CLUBHOUSE					X	
CREEKSIDE PARK		X		X		
FAIRMONT PARK PLAYFIELD CLUBHOUSE	X	X	X		X	
HARDING PARK AND CLUBHOUSE						
HILLSIDE NATURAL AREA				X	X	Trails
HUBER PARK AND CLUBHOUSE			X	X		
OHIONE GREENWAY	X	X			X	TRASH CANS
POINSETT PARK AND CLUBHOUSE						
TASSAJARA PARK AND CLUBHOUSE				X		Trails

Group 5, Park Facility Improvements

PARK AMENITIES	5					
	Park trails and pathways	Open space (play areas, etc.)	Programs/Events (Park days, etc.)	Openable (play, etc.)	Water (BBI) Space	Additional Amenities
EL CERRITO COMMUNITY CENTER						Expanded space for gymnasium
EL CERRITO SWIM CENTER						
ARLINGTON PARK AND CLUBHOUSE		X	X		X	
BAXTER CREEK GATEWAY PARK	X					
BRUCE KING MEMORIAL DOG PARK						
CANYON TRAIL PARK AND CLUBHOUSE	X				X	
CASTRO PARK AND CLUBHOUSE		X				
CENTRAL PARK			X		X	
CERRITO CREEK						
CERRITO VISTA PARK AND CLUBHOUSE		X				
CREEKSIDE PARK			X			
FAIRMONT PARK PLAYFIELD CLUBHOUSE	X		X		X	
HARDING PARK AND CLUBHOUSE		X				
HILLSIDE NATURAL AREA	X					Bike Park/Single-track trails bike hill
HUBER PARK AND CLUBHOUSE						
OHIONE GREENWAY			X			Pickleball? Tot playground
POINSETT PARK AND CLUBHOUSE						
TASSAJARA PARK AND CLUBHOUSE						

Group 5, Park Amenities

- 5
- Trails connecting Parks
  - New Parks, Pocket Parks near SPT
  - Indoor Pickleball facility / Pickleball at School facilities
  - Bocce courts in dense areas
  - Walls for tennis or lacrosse
  - Portola Property Athletic fields
  - Rooftop recreation on new development
  - Improving Use of Patio at Comm Center
  - Concrete picnic tables
  - Not enough garbage containers at parks
  - All parks should have water bottle refilling stations
  - Storage. Storage Storage
  - AV at parks w/ Meeting Room / Room Acoustics
  - Meeting Rooms could double as lounges/community space
  - Tree maintenance throughout City
  - Improved IPM Notification
  - Unlocked Restrooms / Safety Health Issue

Group 5, Additional Notes