



CITY of CALABASAS

PARKS, RECREATION & EDUCATION COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

DATE: FEBRUARY 6, 2023

TO: PARKS, RECREATION AND EDUCATION COMMISSIONERS

FROM: ERICA GREEN, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

SUBJECT: WILD WALNUT PARK PROJECT APPROVAL TO MOVE FORWARD

MEETING DATE: FEBRUARY 9, 2023

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Parks, Recreation, and Education Commission review the playground design and approve staff to move forward with the design and bid process.

BACKGROUND:

In April 2019, the City Council approved the Wild Walnut Master Plan, which included a dog park, play area, parking lot, and portable restrooms. In June 2020, City Council rejected all bids related to the project. Council gave direction to install a temporary dog park, value engineer the Wild Walnut Master Plan and determine other funding sources for a permanent park. In August 2020, the temporary dog park installation began and opened in September 2020. In July 2022, staff presented the value-engineered plans to the Parks, Recreation and Education Commission and then to City Council in August 2022, who approved the funding for the project; however, directed staff to move the playground area from near Mulholland Hwy. In November 2022, staff presented two schematic options to the community at a public engagement workshop and received feedback on the schematics; based on the feedback two additional options were presented at a December 5 and December 12 workshop.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

Staff distributed a survey to the Calabasas community to determine their schematic preference of the two options. Option D, attached, was chosen with 54.73% of the votes. The schematics are being finalized based on feedback and the survey results. The next steps are to prepare plans for bidding and return to Council to award the contract based on bid results.

FISCAL IMPACT/SOURCE OF FUNDING:

City Council approved \$800K and estimated \$295K in tentative grant funding from LA County Regional Park and Open Space District.

REQUESTED ACTION:

Staff recommends that the Parks, Recreation, and Education Commission review the schematic and approve staff to move forward with the design and bid process.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Wild Walnut Schematic Option D
2. Survey Results