

City of Redondo Beach
Valor Christian Academy
Thursday, February 15, 2024

Community Meeting Summary

On Thursday, February 15, 2024, Murakawa Communications and Geosyntec Consultants held a meeting with the local Redondo Beach residents and stakeholders of the Fulton Playfield. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the project scope and potential BMPs to be installed while also outlining our goals to meet watershed requirements for this region. While we provided the latest design updates to the attendees, we also allotted time for public feedback and to address any concerns.

Presenters included Curtis Fang (Geosyntec), Haley Bauer (Geosyntec), Ashwini Bhide (City of Redondo Beach), and Josh Melendez (Murakawa Communications).

An attendee list is attached separately. It was estimated that over 20 people were in attendance for the meeting, and not all attendees signed in. Below is a list of items that were discussed during the meeting:

Project Overview:

- We provided an update on the latest design elements for the project and remaining activities needed to complete the design phase.
- Provided historical context on the existing stormwater infrastructure and the need to expand upon its capabilities.
- Updated the community about anticipated dates for design phase completion and anticipated construction dates.
- Inquired attendees about any surface park improvements they would like to see implemented.
- Allotted time for Q&A.

Key Concerns

- Playfield impacts
 - Residents voiced their concerns about losing any amount of green space from this project.
 - We ensured that any enhancements/improvements on the existing infrastructure will be implemented in the subsurface space, while the surface green space will be restored in kind.
 - Space is used for all types of stakeholders and community members, with Valor Christian Academy and LAUSD also utilizing the space for their students. Residents want

- to keep this arrangement in place as many students and other neighborhood children use the space for recreation.
 - While some residents requested for some planters (or bio-retainable gardens) around the perimeter of the playfield, the overwhelming majority stated that they would prefer to keep the green space as-is following the completion of this project.
 - We anticipate that other neighborhood residents share this same viewpoint.
 - For any surface improvements or additions, it should not take away any green space.
 - Residents did not want any trees to be removed from the area.
 - We confirmed that trees will not be removed.
- Construction impacts
 - Attendees voiced their concerns about the duration of the construction and how long stakeholders will not be able to use this space.
 - Residents stated that there was previous projects at the playfield that resulted in significant restricted access to the park.
 - Residents requested that construction equipment/vehicle be staged on Rindge Lane
 - Earle Lane has been used in previous projects for staging/parking, but residents complained that they vehicles take up significant parking space, especially since street sweeping occurs on this street.
 - Earle Lane residents also stated that construction vehicle mobilization on their street increases dust and vibration impacts.
 - Residents requested that construction vehicles utilize Rindge Lane as the primary point of ingress/egress to the project area.
 - Attendees inquired about our site investigation preparations and how we determined if performing work on this playfield is feasible.
 - Some had concerns about the type of sediment in this area that may cause unforeseen circumstances during construction.
 - We confirmed that geotechnical surveys have been performed for this area and ongoing review and analysis will continue to ensure that this project meets safety standards.
- Parking impacts
 - Residents preferred if construction staging/parking occur on Rindge Lane instead of Earle Lane as this will minimize street parking impact to those living around Earle Lane.
 - Most property owners also have their own designated driveways.
- Other Comments/Concerns
 - Attendees inquired about the reasoning behind why Fulton Playfield was selected for this project as opposed to other parks in the nearby area.
 - We relayed that this is due to watershed capabilities, which was affirmed by pre-construction surveys of the area.
 - Some
 - Many had follow-ups concerns about the safety of this project, with respect to the conditions of the soil/land and to the proximity of residents' homes to the project area.

- We reaffirmed that we will continue to keep the community updated with latest designs and project developments as we do not anticipate starting construction until at least 2028.

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