

## Attachment 2 – Parks & Recreation Master Plan Update Stakeholder Feedback Summary

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Comment #	Comment	Stakeholder	Staff Response
1	Consider including mountain biking facilities (i.e. bike skills parks and single track trails) in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan update	San Diego Mountain Biking Association (via email and attendance at various public outreach meetings)	Policy 1.17 - Mountain Biking added to list of "other facilities;" Policy 1.29 added to explore the development of bike skills facilities to accommodate the growing popularity of mountain biking; Policy 2.5 addresses the opportunity for special purpose facilities when it can be demonstrated that a specialized facility (e.g. a bike skills park) is more prudent due to a site's limited size or use restrictions; Bike skills parks are noted as "Misc. Facilities" in future unnamed community park in Otay Ranch Village 8E (OVRP Area 11) and future unnamed neighborhood park OVRP Area 6 (Rios Ave)
2	It would be great to see fruit trees and edible landscaping	Community Member	Policy 1.26 supports the Healthy Chula Vista Initiative, including the implementation of park sites and programs that support healthy lifestyles. A supporting action item includes the evaluation of the City's Community Garden Policy No. 2010-043 to allow community garden uses in city parks.
3	Would like to see more trails in Chula Vista, such as the	Community Member	There are many miles of trails and paths in the City today and as the City

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	Rohr Park 3-mile trail.		develops new parks, perimeter trails are often considered as part of the circulation system. Many of the City's open spaces within communities also have trails available to the public. Staff intends to prepare a comprehensive city-wide trails master plan in the future.
4	Would like the City to consider building tournament soccer fields or a youth sports complex that would support multiple sports	Youth Sports Council, Rebels Soccer Club	Because available land is limited, public parks are typically designed with multi-purpose fields that can accommodate a variety of recreational activities to meet the needs of the community as a whole. Opportunities to provide a cluster of fields would best be accommodated in community parks because of their larger sizes or at a privately-owned site with a public/private partnership. The Master Plan contemplates a Landmark Park which could include a sports complex but further analysis would be necessary.
5	More community swimming pools are needed	OVRP Policy Committee & Citizen Advisory Committee	The current Master Plan update contemplates additional pool facilities along the Bayfront at the future Harbor Park and the Unnamed Community Park in Otay Ranch Village 4. Additionally, there could be opportunities for

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			collaboration with the recently opened pool at Southwestern College and at the Elite Athlete Training Center as that facility looks to revisit its master plan in the near future.
6	Supportive of the Master Plan update and suggested edits to promote equitable access and alternative opportunities for physical activity; suggested revisions to Policy 1.2	Healthy Chula Vista Advisory Commission	Comments noted as presented in the letter of support from the Commission, dated April 12, 2018. Suggested edits to Policy 1.2 have been incorporated into the Master Plan update.
7	Various comments throughout the document noting consistency with the OVRP planning efforts	County of SD Dept of Parks and Rec and City of San Diego Parks and Rec as partners with the City of CV in the Joint Exercise Powers Agreement (JEPA) for Otay Valley Regional Park (OVRP)	Staff has reviewed the County's memo and addressed its comments throughout the document. A complete response to the County's comments is available upon request.

**From:** [Susie Murphy](#)  
**To:** [Mark Caro](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment - City of Chula Vista Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update  
**Date:** Sunday, January 28, 2018 4:23:52 PM

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Dear Mr. Caro:

As a resident of Chula Vista for almost 30 years I am pleased that the City of Chula Vista is taking public comment on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update. As an avid cyclist and the Executive Director of the San Diego Mountain Biking Association (SDMBA), I am commenting specifically on the need for increased bicycle infrastructure across Chula Vista to enhance both safety and recreational cycling opportunities that so many residents of Chula Vista could enjoy. The need in Chula Vista is not only for safe routes on our streets for commuters, students and families, but also for increased access to legal, nature based singletrack trails that connect to community pathways as well as bike parks, bike playgrounds and pumptracks.

Mountain biking, generally considered passive recreation, is only growing in popularity. Chula Vista is home to several bike shops, and a stellar BMX facility at the Chula Vista Elite Athlete Training Center. Chula Vista also has two high school mountain biking teams, Eastlake High School and South Bay Composite, part of the National Interscholastic Cycling Association. Many bike clubs also call Chula Vista home. Cycling is one of the most popular activities for kids under 17 nationwide.

The San Diego Mountain Biking Association wishes to make the City aware that trails and pathways are different things. While the plan mentions 69 miles of multi purpose "trails" I would like to clarify the difference between trails and pathways. Multi-purpose wide pathways (8-15 feet wide) are great for connecting neighborhoods for joggers, walkers, dog walkers, strollers, and easy bike rides but they do not provide a true trail experience in nature. I appreciate that the plan calls for a park system linked by a trail system. Singletrack nature based, sustainable, natural surface trails (2-4 feet wide) are desired and needed by most mountain bikers, trail runners, equestrians and hikers and are woefully lacking in the City of Chula Vista.

With more and more development coming to Chula Vista, that means more people will want to ride mountain bikes, hike or trail run on real natural surface trails in the open spaces that surround and dot Chula Vista. Existing social trails need to be considered to be inventories and possibly authorized. Some of these trails are already connecting local parks and amenities and would be a great asset to the City if they were recognized and managed appropriately. A well thought out trail system that offers connectivity and varied and interesting trail experiences for a varied user base will also alleviate some unauthorized trail and jump building as well as deterring homeless activity in certain areas.

Below are specific comments on the Master Plan update:

#### Chapter 1. Resources

I would like to suggest that bike parks, bike playgrounds, and pumptracks be considered when special purpose parks are being discussed or planned.

#### Chapter 2. Park and Recreation Facility Needs

I am wondering why skateparks are included in the recreation facility demands and not bike parks, pumptracks, or bike playgrounds. These are similar facilities but bike parks and bike playgrounds across the country are proving more popular than skateparks although they both have their place and are complementary.

#### Chapter 3. Goals and Policies

Policy 1.17 Other facilities: BMX biking is listed here but the city needs to understand the difference in

facilities between BMX biking, Bike Park, Bike Playground and Bike Pumptrack. I request that Bike Park, Bike Playground, and Bike Pumptrack added to this list. BMX biking requires major programming for coaching, racing and accreditation by USA BMX - American Bicycle Association. Bike Parks, Bike Playgrounds and Bike Pumptracks function and are managed similarly to skateparks. Not sure if BMX Biking should be kept on this list unless the city is sure of the definition and what that sort of facility entails.

#### Chapter 4. Facility Distribution

##### Figure 5. GreenBelt - Open Space and Trail Networks

I would want to ensure that considerations are made with other agencies when implementing this trail network. The work already started as part of the [Otay Regional Trail Alignment Study](#) is a great start in bringing everyone to the table. An example would be the City of San Diego Public Utilities ownership of the land surrounding Upper and Lower Otay Lakes which needs to be involved in a management plan to authorize the trails that currently exist in these areas and are very popular with many trail users. There is great potential in the eastern end of Otay River Valley and SDMBA has already been involved with the parties there as part of the planning process to include some singletrack natural surface trails.

#### Chapter 5. Western Chula Vista Park Delivery

Any of the urban park ideas listed should include bike playground or hard surface pumptrack (tot track) on the list of options. There is an example of this being built now in North County at Pacific Highlands Ranch Park. This park will have a cement surface pumptrack for bikes. Chula Vista needs to offer this as an option. It would be used much more than a tennis court and is a much more progressive and innovative amenity.

The San Diego Mountain Biking Association works with many jurisdictions (City and County of San Diego, US Forest Service, US Fish and Wildlife to name a few) and developers to help plan, design and build trail using highly skilled volunteers with much success. We are happy to provide any assistance to the City of Chula Vista and other partners to improve the trail experiences in Chula Vista.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions regarding the amazing potential for real trails that Chula Vista has to offer. I am happy to participate in a cycling focus group as part of this Master Plan Update as mentioned at the meeting last week.

Thank you very much for all of your work to make Chula Vista amazing!

Susie Murphy

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January 28, 2018

Mark. A Caro  
City of Chula Vista  
Landscape Architect  
Development Service Department

Dear Mr. Caro:

On behalf of Rebels Soccer Club we would like to formally reach out to you and the City Development Department to offer our suggestions toward the new city master plan for park developments.

Rebels Soccer Club is a non-profit youth soccer organization with more than three decades in the City of Chula Vista. As the city has grown, we've noticed a great demand for sport specific fields. Many of the current fields are meant for multipurpose use which thirty years ago was appropriate. However, the City of Chula Vista's youth sports have seen much success, so the demand for year round play has grown for all sports. The time of in season and out of season sports are long gone. The city needs sports specific fields to keep up with the success of our Chula Vista youth sports teams.

Rebels Soccer Club would like for the city to consider building soccer specific fields in the city's master development plan. The need for soccer specific fields would help alleviate the overlapping of youth sports on the multipurpose fields. It would also allow for more year round play by all of our successful city teams. Rebels Soccer Club would also like the city to consider building fields with artificial turf. This will permit year round use and reducing the need for city staff to mow and maintain the grass. The parks department already has a difficult time maintaining existing city fields with their current budget. Rebels Soccer Club is concerned as to how the planned parks will be maintained so we feel artificial turf should be explored as an option.

Rebels Soccer Club is also asking the city to consider building a cluster of soccer fields or a youth sports complex that would supports multiple sports. For the past four years Rebels Soccer Club has been hosting soccer tournaments in Chula Vista and the tournaments have been growing every year. These tournaments have a substantial impact on the economic growth of the city.

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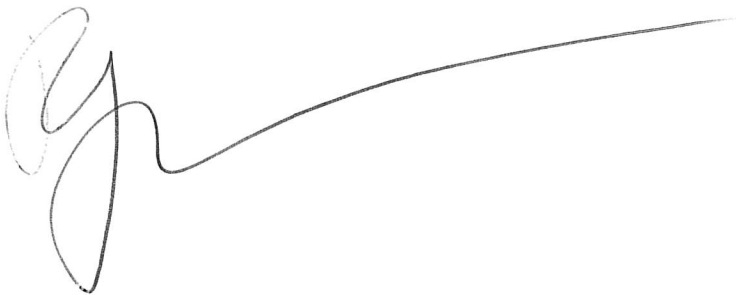
Last year alone, Rebels Soccer Club hosted both summer and winter tournaments which brought 500 teams from in and out of the city. A team even came all the way from Hawaii. This amounts to 6,500 youths, 13,000 adults plus extended families. With the potential for each family to spend roughly \$30 per meal in the city of Chula Vista not to mention the weekend stays in the newly built hotel and local motels. Rebels Soccer Club alone is bringing the city between \$400,000 to \$600,000 revenue.

With the current status of our local fields, the lack of soccer specific fields along with the growing popularity of the Rebels soccer tournaments, the club may be looking for a larger facility. This means our tournaments would be held out of the city of Chula Vista at other field locations. Thus taking half a million dollars or more of possible revenue from local shops, restaurants, and hotels to another city. This is an option that Rebels Soccer Club would prefer not to explore. However, this may become a necessity if the city's master plan does not address the development of new soccer specific field sites or a youth sports complex.

Rebels Soccer Club would like to thank you and the City of Chula Vista for listening to our concerns and hope that our soccer tournament can stay where it belongs. We hope that we can keep an open dialogue and look forward to future conversations.

Best regards,

Ryan Marquez  
Director of Coaching  
Rebels Soccer Club  
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ryan Marquez', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.



April 12, 2018

Dear Parks and Recreation Commission and Chula Vista City Council;

On behalf of the Healthy Chula Vista Advisory Commission we would like to express our support for the update to the Parks and Recreation Master Plan (the "Plan") as presented to us on February 8, 2018 with the following considerations to address *equitable access and alternative opportunities for physical activity*.

The Healthy Chula Vista Advisory Commission was formed to serve as a resource to the City on health-related policies and opportunities under the Healthy Chula Vista Initiative. The Healthy Chula Vista Action Plan adopted in January 2016 provides several strategies to address chronic disease, promote physical activity, identify vulnerable areas of our community and increase healthy options for overall community wellness.

Specific to the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update, the area of promoting physical activity opportunities to residents without adequate park access was of concern to the Commission. The Commission felt this could be addressed through prioritizing of funding to areas that are currently underserved and looking at alternatives to traditional parks such as walking and jogging trails by making the following recommended additions to Policy 1.2:

Policy 1.2 Pursue opportunities to develop new parks and recreation facilities, in previously developed portions of the City that were not subject to the requirements of new subdivision development.

Action Item: City staff will analyze the opportunities to develop vacant land sites already in City ownership and use its best efforts to develop strategies to fund and implement park development of these sites such as State or Federal grant opportunities. City staff will further look at recreational alternatives such as walking or jogging trails in City right-of-way during the review of future development as a means to provide equitable access to physical activity opportunities.

Action Item: City staff will pursue opportunities to acquire land suitable for parks and recreation facilities in the western part of the City that are not currently in City ownership, particularly in underserved areas. City staff activities shall include the scheduled periodic review of for sale real estate property listings and review of parcels, right-of-ways, and lots adjacent to proposed development sites during early project proposal review to evaluate potential candidate park sites or opportunities for enhancement of public spaces by project applicants that provide equivalent outdoor uses in lieu of park sites.

With the changes in substantial form the Healthy Chula Vista Advisory Commission is pleased to support the Plan. If you have any questions, please contact staff liaison Stacey Kurz at (619) 585-5609 or via email at skurz@chulavistaca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Cruz". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mary Cruz  
Healthy Chula Vista Advisory Commission, Chair