



Corn Palace Park- Preferred Concept Plan

Parks and Recreation Commission

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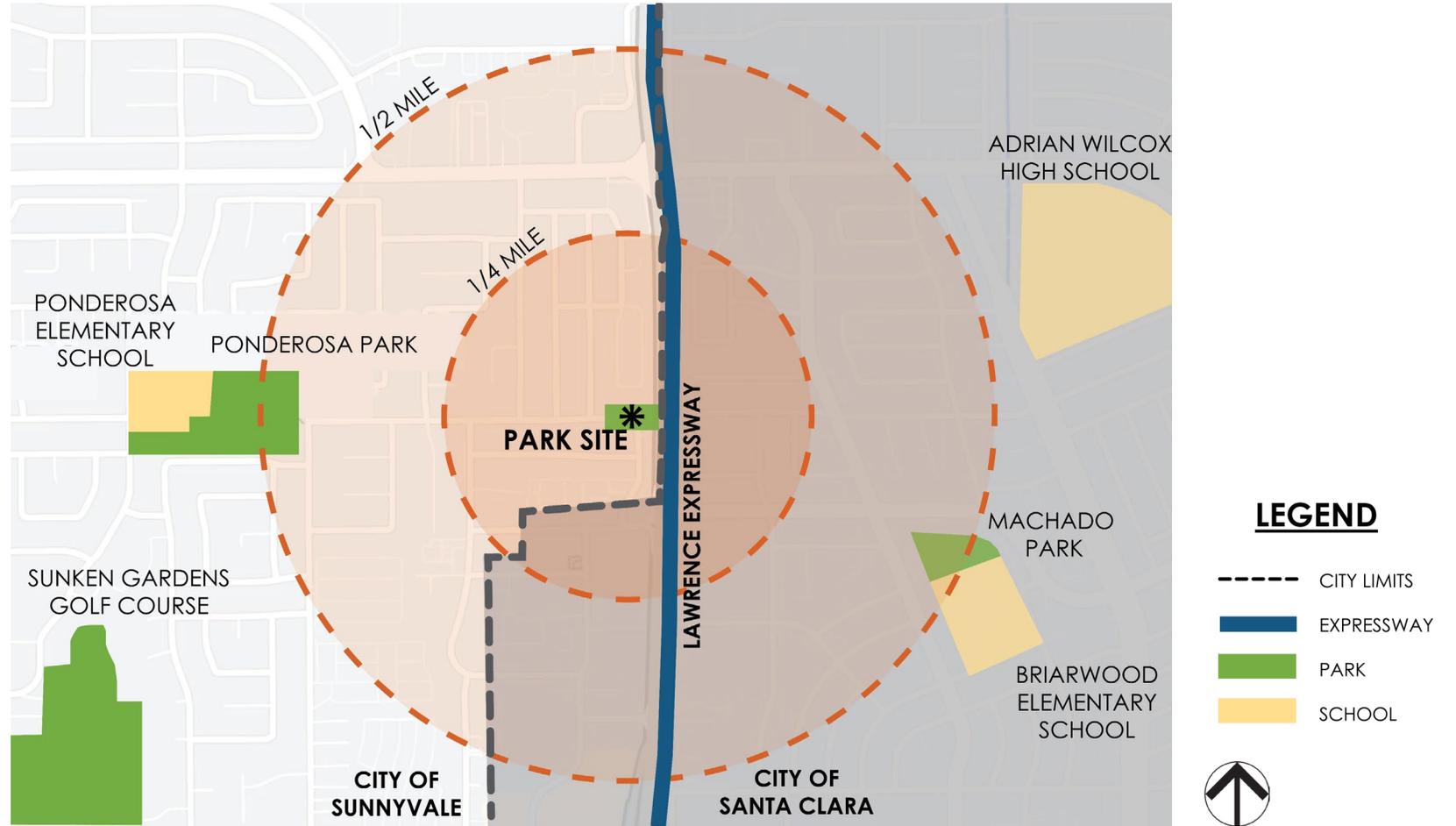
Project Background

- Previously agricultural land
- Site developed into single family homes in two phases
- New 2-acre public “mini park” acquired from developer in 2020
- Intended to serve residents within walking distance (1/4 mile)



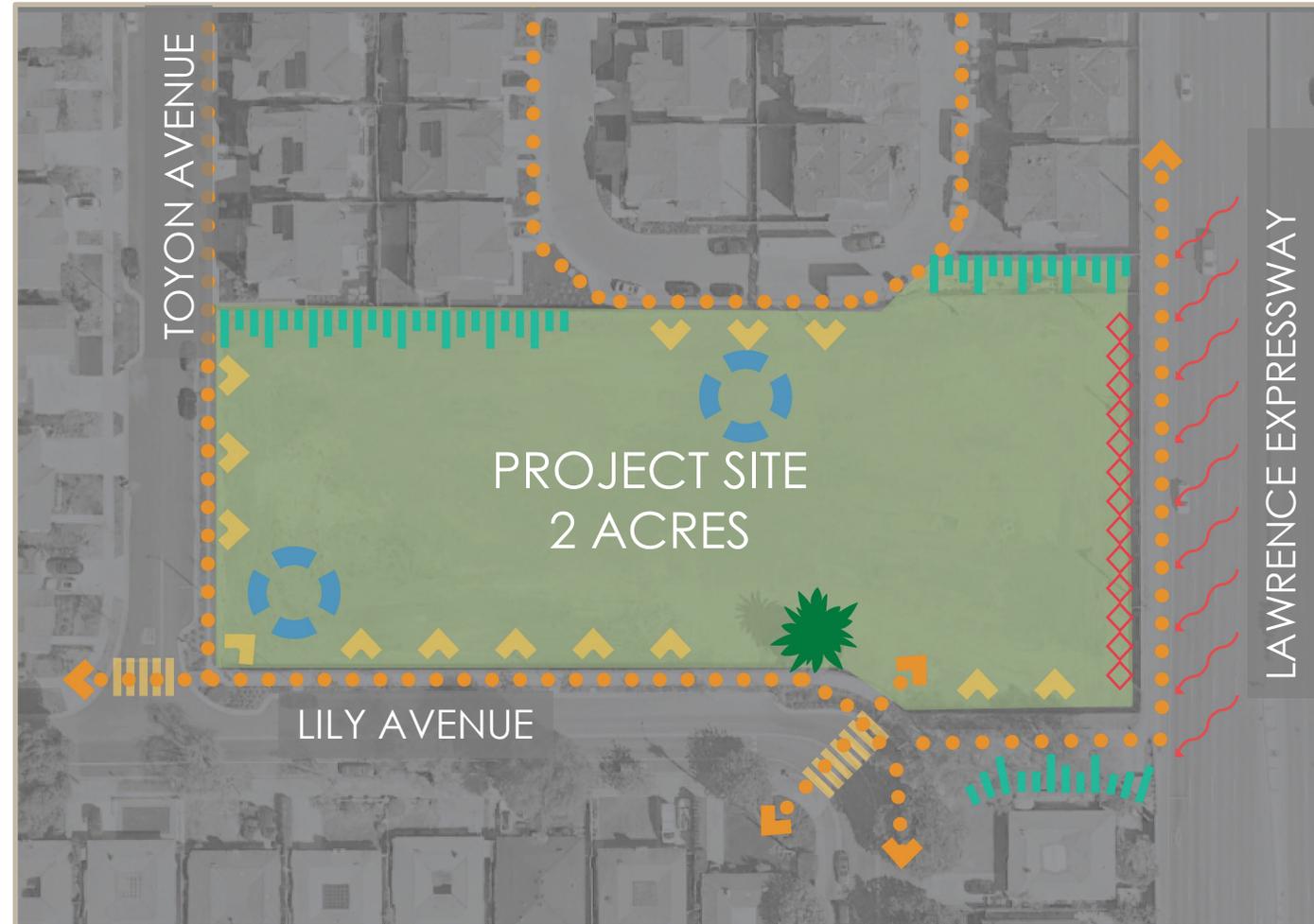
Project Vicinity

- In a residential neighborhood along Lawrence Expressway
- Along boundary between the City of Sunnyvale and City of Santa Clara
- Ponderosa Park is located within ½ mile of the site



Project Site

- Surrounded by residential homes on three sides
- Lawrence expressway on the east side
- Existing sound wall along Lawrence expressway



Existing Conditions

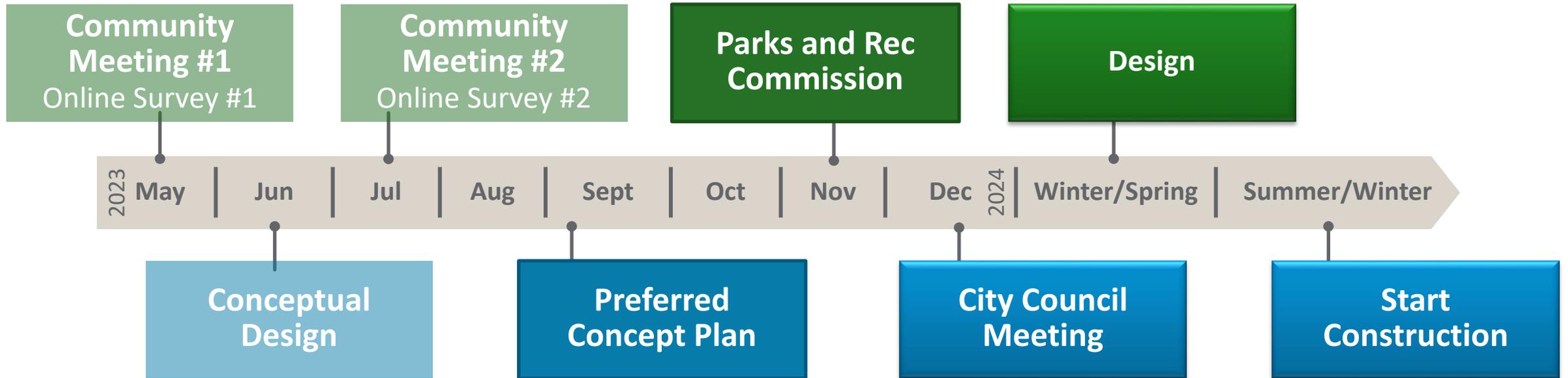


Project Scope

- ◆ Parks of the Future Study
 - Mini Park Design Guidelines:

Minimum Resources	May Include	Will Not Include
Tot Lot (Ages 2-5)	Children's Play Area (Ages 6-12)	Community Garden
1-5 Non-Reservable Picnic Tables	Sports Courts (1/2 court basketball or single tennis court)	Sports Fields (baseball, football, soccer, softball, multi-purpose)
Trees	Restrooms	Destination Facilities
Open Turf Area	Shelter, or Gazebo	Resources with Communitywide Draw
	Interactive water feature (small-scale)	Full-service Recreation Centers
	Shade Structures for appropriate facilities	Swimming Pool

Process and Schedule



Community Meeting and Online Survey #1

- Meeting #1
 - ◆ Held Virtually on May 11, 2023
 - ◆ At least 52 Attendees
 - ◆ Introduced the Project
 - ◆ Rank potential park features
 - ◆ Asked if Active or Passive park is preferred
- Online Survey #1
 - ◆ Available from May 15- May 29, 2023
 - ◆ 174 responses received



Community Meeting and Online Survey #2

- Meeting #2
 - ◆ Held Virtually on July 20, 2023
 - ◆ Attended by at least 49 people
 - ◆ Shared results from Meeting #1 and Survey #1
 - ◆ Presented three different conceptual park designs
 - A. Blend of Active and Passive
 - B. More Passive
 - C. Most Passive
- Online Survey #2
 - ◆ Available from July 28- August 11, 2023



Concept A (Blend of Active and Passive Use)

- Tennis Court
- Basketball Court
- Picnic Area
- Playground (tot lot only)
- Restrooms



Concept B (More Passive)

- Tot-lot age playground
- Youth-age play area
- No sports courts
- No restrooms



Concept C (Most Passive)

- Minimal Active Use Areas
- Heart of the park located on the western side



Community Meeting #2 Results

	Preferred Plan	Park Features/ Layout
Concept A: Blend of Active and Passive	4% selected as preferred concept	Most community members voted against park features
Concept B: More Passive	60% Selected as preferred concept	Most community members liked both park features and layout
Concept C: Most Passive	36% selected as preferred concept	Community members were split on park features and layout

Online Survey #2 Results

	Preferred Plan	Park Features/ Layout
Concept A: Blend of Active and Passive	48% selected as preferred concept	Most respondents liked the layout but were split on the park features
Concept B: More Passive	29% Selected as preferred concept	Most respondents were split on park features and layout
Concept C: Most Passive	23% selected as preferred concept	Most respondents voted against park features and a slight majority were against the layout

Preferred Concept Preparation

- Based on the input received, the preferred concept was developed by incorporating the features from Concept B into the layout of Concept A. This concept was the result of the input we heard from both rounds of community meetings and online surveys.
- Below are takeaways from the outreach results that contributed to the preferred concept design:
 - ◆ Concept B received the most votes for both layout and features during the 2nd Community Meeting
 - ◆ Concept A received the most votes for layout from Online Survey #2.
 - ◆ Concept B received the most votes for features from Online Survey #2.

Preferred Concept

- Uses Layout of Concept A (preferred in the survey)
- Includes passive use park features of concept B (preferred in the meeting)



Preferred Concept

- Emphasizes Play
 - ◆ Contains both a tot-lot age and youth-age play area



Preferred Concept

- Shaded Seating
 - ◆ Seat walls beneath trees provide seating options between the play areas



Preferred Concept

- Walking Loop & Fitness Equipment
 - ◆ Fitness stations located along a looped pathway

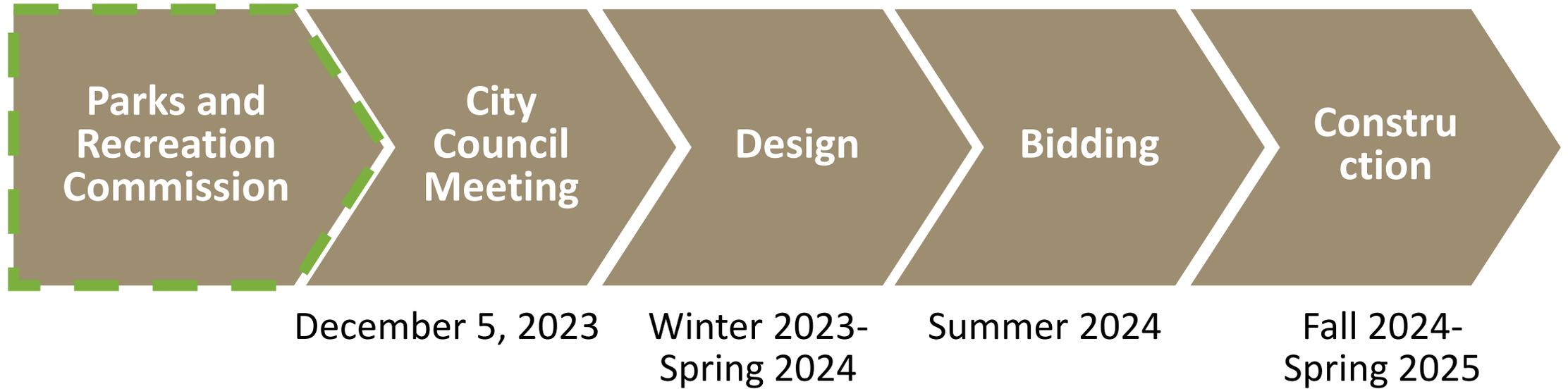


Preferred Concept

- Gathering Space
 - ◆ Small picnic area with shade structure



Next Steps



Staff Recommendation

Alternative 1:

Recommend that City Council Approve the Preferred Site Plan