Improvements for

La Colonia Park Playground & Fletcher Cove Park Play Equipment

Community Workshop #1
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Introductions:

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Who We Are:

Firm Background:

• Certified Small Business Enterprise
• Over 40 years of experience in Southern California
• Wide variety of project types
• Experienced in all phases of landscape work
• Located in Solana Beach

Services Include:

• Landscape Architecture
• Thematic Master Planning
• Urban Design
• Irrigation Water Conservation and Management
• Graphic Communications
Local Familiarity

- La Colonia Master Plan Update
- Veteran Honor Courtyard
- La Colonia Skate Park
- Solana Beach Fire Station
- Our Office is in Solana Beach!
PROJECT SCOPE & BACKGROUND
Project Scope

La Colonia Park
Key Scope Items
1. Online Questionnaire - completed
2. Community Meeting #1
3. Develop 3 Conceptual Options
4. Public Meeting #2 to Review Options / Get Feedback
5. Develop Final Design Based on Feedback
6. Present Final Design at City Council
7. Produce Construction Documents / Specs
8. Bid Project
9. Construction

Fletcher Cove Park
Key Scope Items
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3. Develop 3 Playground Alternatives
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Tonight’s Meeting – Purpose:

**SHARE:** Questionnaire Results

**INFORM:** Discuss Project Considerations that Inform Design

**ESTABLISH:** Preferences on Placement

**LISTEN:** Receive Additional Public Comments & Input
QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

LA COLONIA PARK
Questionnaire Results
La Colonia Playground

Man-Made Look
Whimsical Look
Hills as Play Areas
Garden Look
Non-Traditional Look
Artistic Look
Natural Look

Category Word Cloud

1. Broad Categories

The questionnaire results show a clear majority for the community's aesthetics.

Preferred Category Charts

- Theme Preference
- Yes
- No
- No Preference

- Natural Look
- Man Made Look
- Artistic Look
- Classic Look
- Garden Look
- Beachy Look

- Non-Traditional Look
- Traditional Look
- Hills as Play Areas
- Flat Play Area
- Whimsical Look
- Abstract Look
Questionnaire Results
La Colonia Playground

2. Equipment Wish List

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Want to see youth swings, slides, climbers, toddler swings, and hill play in the playground. Shown in yellow.

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Questionnaire Results
La Colonia Playground

How Well the Playground Meets Community's Needs

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Participants seem to be excited for playground improvements!

3. Thoughts on Existing Playground

These charts show what respondents think of the existing playground. What they like, dislike, and how well the playground meets their needs overall.

- **Shade, Trees, and Slides**
  - Are favorites for more than 50% of participants.

- **Sand and Play Structure**
  - Are disliked by more than 50% of participants.

Favorite and Least Favorite Parts of the Playground

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Number of Votes
Questionnaire Results
La Colonia Playground

4. Demographics

These graphs show a snapshot of the playground visitors. From this information we can better understand how often children use this playground and the ages they tend to be. This information helps us develop designs that are more specifically tailored for the community.

Frequency of Playground Visits

- Nearly everyday: 14.88%
- Multiple times a week: 12.40%
- Almost every week: 22.31%
- Around once a month: 13.22%
- Rarely: 4.88%
- I used to visit: 12.40%
- Never been there: 22.31%

Age of Children Visiting Playground

- Preschool: 62
- Elementary School: 54
- Middle School: 13
- High School: 7
- Adult: 13
- I do not have kids: 17

If you have kids, what age range are they in?

Respondent’s Age

- Youth (0-12 years old): 12.20%
- Teen (13-17 years old): 82.93%
- Adult (18+ years old): 4.88%
LA COLONIA PARK

DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS
Project Background – La Colonia

• Historical Neighborhood
• Park Dates Back to 1970’s
• Very Active Community – Neighborhood / Family ‘Vibe’
• Master Plan Revisited 2010
• Time for an Update!
La Colonia Expanded Users – Live Poll
Project Constraints – La Colonia

Existing Constraints

- Adjacent Drainage
- Boys & Girls Club Trailer to Remain
- Soccer / Play Field
- Sloping Terrain / ADA
Project Opportunities – La Colonia

Site Opportunities

• Sloping Terrain Leads to Creative Use
• Existing Shade Trees
• Amenities Nearby
• Visibility To / From Other Areas
• Access from Stevens or Valley
LA COLONIA PARK

BUBBLE DIAGRAMS
We Now Know:

WHO Uses the Park
WHAT Character and Equipment is Preferred

Bubble Diagrams Will Help Establish:
WHERE Elements are Placed
Bubble Diagram Options – La Colonia

Bubble Diagram Option A
• Playground size remains the same
• Hill play area
• Multiple picnic areas
  • Seating opportunities will exist throughout the playground
• Small planting area
Bubble Diagram Option B

- Playground size expanded
- One main picnic area
  - Seating opportunities will exist throughout the playground
- Moderate planting area

Bubble Diagram Options – La Colonia
Bubble Diagram Option C

- Playground size maximized
- Seating opportunities will exist throughout the playground
Layout Options – Live Poll

Option A

Option B

Option C
La Colonia Playground Q&A and Next Steps

- Online Questionnaire - completed
- Community Workshop #1 - completed
- **Develop 3 Conceptual Options (La Colonia)**
- Community Workshop #2 to Review Options and Get Feedback (October)

Watch the City website for updates and information on the next chance for participation!

https://www.ci.solana-beach.ca.us/playground-renovation

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QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

FLETCHER COVE PARK
Questionnaire Results
Fletcher Cove Playground

1. Broad Categories

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Preferred Category Charts

- Natural Look: 30.81%
- Artistic Look: 30.11%
- Classic Look: 33.16%
- Garden Look: 59.89%
- Beachy Look: 16.22%
- Whimsical Look: 83.78%
- Traditional Look: 69.19%
- Abstract Look: 39.89%
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**Questionnaire Results**

Fletcher Cove Playground

**Equipment Types Participants Want to see in Playground**

- **Youth Swings**: 173 votes
- **Toddler Swings**: 139 votes
- **Slides**: 170 votes
- **Roller Slides**: 83 votes
- **Zip Line**: 81 votes
- **Spinners**: 104 votes
- **Swings**: 109 votes
- **Bridges**: 63 votes
- **Climbers**: 161 votes
- **Monkey Bars**: 128 votes
- **Educational Panels**: 55 votes
- **Activity Panels**: 48 votes
- **Sand Play**: 89 votes
- **Water Play**: 70 votes
- **Scoop Play**: 73 votes
- **Imaginative Play**: 106 votes
- **Play Sculptures**: 101 votes
- **Warm Play**: 97 votes

(Number of Votes)
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- **Swings and Seatwall Art**: Are favorites for more than 50% of participants.
- **Sunny Seating/Lack of Shade**: Are disliked by more than 50% of participants.

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DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS
Project Background – Fletcher Cove Park

• Historical Area (‘Pillbox’)
• Main Beach Park in Solana Beach
• Very Active Area – Lots of Visitors
• Focal Point in Solana Beach
Fletcher Cove Expanded Users – Live Poll
Project Constraints – Fletcher Cove Park

Site Constraints

- Footprint for Equipment is Set
- Lots of Sun
Site Opportunities

- Amenities Nearby
- Awesome View
- Opportunity to Implement Portions of Existing Design Themes (Mosaic, Skate Stoppers, etc.)
Visual Impact – Live Poll
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