

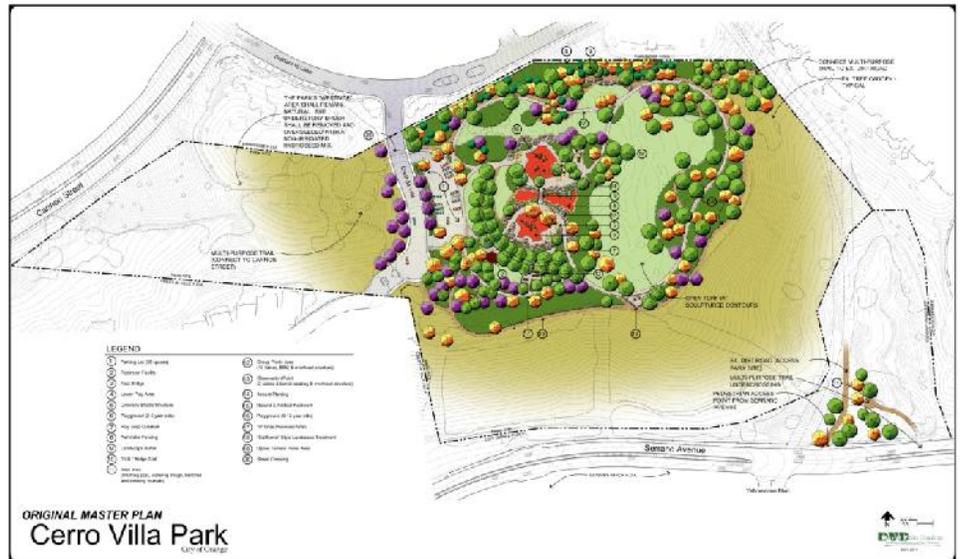


Cerro Villa Park Community Meeting Update:

On Saturday, July 12, 2014 a community meeting was held at the future Cerro Villa Park site to obtain input from the residents on the potential of adding a Dog Park to the existing park Master Plan that was created in 2003.

We want to thank those who attended the meeting. We greatly value the time you gave us on a summer weekend, and even more, your interest in your neighborhood and the passionate input we received.

As was stated at the beginning of the meeting, our purpose was to study the possibility of incorporating a Dog Park as an additional element to the existing master plan for the park. Although we know many wished we had not even asked the question or put forth the potential option for input, we needed to start with our current undeveloped parkland first in our search for an appropriate permanent home for the Dog Park for our Orange residents. In doing so the first, and most important, step was to reach out to the community for input. You are where the process starts, before studies are done on traffic/noise/use patterns/safety etc... we came to you for input first – and that’s a good thing.



We asked, and you answered. You passionately have let us know that you are overwhelmingly opposed to this additional element due to concerns of increased traffic, noise, safety, potential disturbances to your community, etc....

You answered, and we listened.

On Monday, July 14th we updated the City Council on our meeting, letting them know that over 150 interested and engaged neighbors came out and overwhelming were not in favor of the Dog Park element, and based on the discussion, staff will not be recommending that there is any further study of its relocation to this area. Staff is recommending, for those who were in favor of the Dog Park (yes – there were a few), that we continue to look for another location within our City that will provide a park that allows for the appropriate amenities on a permanent basis. We also let the Council know that there was great frustration expressed that the park is not yet developed even though homeowners were told by the developer, not the City, that the park was to be built soon after they moved in.

We want to thank those of you who stayed afterwards to thank the City team for the meeting, for coming to the residents first rather than pushing forward a plan without input, and who shared

additional thoughts. As many of you mentioned, it was a difficult meeting at times, however, that is all part of the public process.

With respect to next steps, we will be moving forward with the original master plan from 2002 as we look for funding opportunities to build the park. The next step will be, once funds are available, to conduct the environmental studies of the current master plan that will look at impacts on traffic, noise, lighting etc... related to the conceptual design. Once we are through the environmental process, we can have a "shelf ready" project that will help us be more competitive if the State releases more park bond money in the next few years.

Our commitment remains to you that the neighborhoods in the vicinity of the park will be notified when the EIR (Environmental Impact Report) is ready for public review, as well as any forward movement related to this site. We have set up this link on our website where we will have information or updates as they are available, we will also get this information out to the HOA's in your area as well so they can pass it along to residents who were not able to attend the meeting. Please also share this link with your neighbors who may not have been able to attend the meeting. Again, thank you for your time, your passion for your neighborhood, and for your input. Please feel free to contact me at any time if you have additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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