

# WALKABOUT at the FUTURE PARK

## Walking Tour - Things to Think About

### A - Views into and out of the park

The new park will be part of the Dusterberry Way and Peralta Boulevard neighborhood. A park's entrance tells people where to go and how to enter into the park. Where would you place an entrance that relates to the neighborhood?

As you move through the park, what are the elements just outside the park, or at a distance, that you see that create nice views to experience? The same holds true for looking into the park. What do you want to see from the main crosswalks?

### B - Sunlight and wind

Sun orientation and wind direction guide the placement of plantings, type of plantings and also placement of park features. For example, a play ground installed to the northwest side of a row of new trees would be shaded by the tree limbs during hot summers. Or placement of trees, in a open site, can help slow wind speeds and provide wind protection for park users. Consider how would you place trees in the park?

### C - Safety

Safety is always an issue in every park. One of the ways this can be addressed is to increase visibility into all areas of the new park. Consider what would you do to design "safety" into the park and emphasize views corridors?



### D - Existing walls and easements

The new park is bordered by two existing blank walls which are owned by others. The north edge is also constrained by an underground utility easement. There may be an opportunity to add art work or decorative plant screenings to the blank wall backdrop. Consider how would you deal with the walls in the park design? The park also contains several other easements for utilities below the ground which may limit where we can put tall structures, including trees.

### F - The trees in the park

The design goal is to keep as many existing trees as possible on the site. Their established height and size will help provide shade to the new park, while the new and younger trees establish themselves and grow to full maturity. However, keeping the existing trees is dependent upon their evaluated health and compatibility with the design.

### E - Park edge and the street

Four lane traffic with parking exists along Dusterberry Way and Peralta Boulevard. Consider what type of buffer would work along the street edge that keeps park users safe from the affects of traffic and moves park users around the park perimeter?

### G - Future zoning

Today, the site is bounded by residential homes and commercial businesses. In the future, per the City's General Plan, the area may be surrounded by homes with less commercial. The new neighborhood park will serve the existing and the potentially new residents of the area.

