

THE EL RIO /DEL NORTE MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Serving as Advisory Council for recreational activities in the El Rio, Nyeland Acres, Strickland and Agricultural Areas or El Rio/Del Norte area, including advisory recommendations for the El Rio Roger Jones Community Center and the Nyeland Acres Community Center

Summary Minutes

Thursday February 15, 2024, 7:00 pm

John C. Zaragoza Community Center
3334 Santa Clara Ave. Oxnard, CA 93036

Roll Call:

Regular Members

David Souza (Vice Chair/Nyeland Acres) Absent

Bonnie Bernal (Cloverdale) Absent

Julie Hupp (Strickland) Absent

Lorane Bailon (Rio Plaza) Absent

(Quorum Not Present)

At Large Members

Mike Barber, (Chair) Present

Aaron Wedemeyer, Present

Brenda Heredia, Present

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of Meeting Minutes for February 15, 2024, moved to March 21, 2024 due to no full quorum.

Public Safety Updates:

Ventura County Sheriff's Department: Sr. Deputy Calderon updated the community on the agricultural theft in the city of Oxnard and Camarillo. Also, advised the community to stay vigilant and take the necessary precautions to prevent vehicle theft and to report suspicious activity properly to prevent further incidents. Lastly the Sheriff's office is working with motorists living in their motor homes on Santa Clara Ave. as well as tagging vehicles and towing anyone with a 6-month expired tag.

CHP: Brian Allen, COPS team is doing important work in ensuring safety around school Zones during drop off/pick up locations in El Rio focusing on Rio Del Valle and Rio Mesa High School while working with Supervisor Kelly Long's Staff, Public Works and the School district.

Oxnard PD: Cpl. Everheart is staying proactive in the Southbank Oxnard Community along with River Park and filling in for Crystal Walker who oversees the El Rio and Nyeland area for Oxnard PD. Cpl. Everheart is also working with Supervisor Kelly Longstaff in addressing local issues and reducing the crime rate and homeless issues. He reminded the community about using the 311 app for reporting issues to the City of Oxnard.

Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda:

Maria Vargs, 3618 Santa Clara Ave. reported blind spots with heavy traffic making it difficult to see while exiting her home, also there is not much parking at night due to oversized vehicles, trucks and drunk drivers sleeping in their cars.

Mike Barber, Chair Requested parking enforcement on the first and third Thursday of the month for street sweeping on Orange and Almond.

The Garden Acres water company pays for the service however without enforcement residents don't observe the posted signs.

Dina Ontiveras announced and invited residents of the Nyeland Acres water mutual to attend shareholder meeting on February 20, 2024 at 7pm. The meeting will be held at Luz Del Mundo Church, where they will go over water mutual finances, vote for 2024 board of directors and update on the infrastructure improvements. Lastly, she requested the county build in a bridal path for the rancheros from Nyeland acres to the 118.

Council Member Comments:

Brenda Heredia reported speeding on Ventura Blvd. during pickup and drop off School Bus locations.

Aaron Wedemeyer, reported no parking after 11 pm in the Park and Ride located on Ventura Blvd.

Aaron Wedemeyer, Expressed his appreciation for the mural art project on Ventura Blvd. to prevent graffiti.

Presentation by: Ventura County Chief Executive Office, General Service Agency & Colter Chisum, Deputy Director Parks- Update on Nyeland Acres Community Center

Presentation (attached)

Questions:

Q.) Brenda Heredia, How long will the water issue take?

A.) Powers, We are unsure of the timeline but exploring options with the City of Oxnard and Lafco.

Q.) Mike Barber, When hiring the Architect Firm, did you provide direction to community requests?

A.) Colter, Yes, we gave direction based on community surveys and will do our best to fit the community needs.

Q.) Mary Anne Rooney, what is the timeline funds need to be used in order not to lose the funding?

A.) Powers, Funds have been moved to The General Fund with no timeline and no risk of losing funding.

Q.) Mary Anne Rooney, I sit on LAFCO and I have not heard of an Annexation option being presented.

A.) Powers, It would be an out of service agreement, No Annexation would be required.

Q.) Mary Anne Rooney, Is the county willing to expedite this project?

A.) Powers, We look at all time sensitive items and prioritize them.

Q.) Brenda Heredia, Are you planning to do additional community outreach?

A.) Colter, Yes we plan on additional outreach after the Conceptual drawings are presented.

Q.) Heather Ocarel, Comment: I had a meeting with the County of Ventura to expedite timeline and work with Capital Improvements. New Service connections are not needed, there are already existing connections to help with fire flows.

Q.) Mike Barber, What is the realistic timeline for the project?

A.) Powers, 24 months (2 years)

Q.) Brenda Heredia, With the project now being extended to 24 months, Can GSA Parks provide soccer goals.

A.) Colter, A request can be submitted to GSA for review.

Q.) About a year ago the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers offered to donate their time to install lighting in the Nyeland Community Park. Can you explain what took a year?

A.) Colter, we needed a licensed engineer in order to obtain the permits. The project has been approved and will begin trenching to install exterior lights not stadium lighting.

Q.) Ayxa, I play soccer and based on the rendition we will be getting a smaller soccer field, Why?

A.) Colter, Based on Square footage there is simply not enough room however you can still play a 9 on 9 with the square footage of the space.

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Q.) Dina Ontiveros, Happy to have the Boys and Girls Club in Nyeland Acres for our community but would also like to request a multi purpose room for the community.

Q.) Esperanza Ruelas, I am a mom of four and would like to request a public restroom for all.

Q.) Kim M. Stevenson, Has the County considered building a parking structure for additional parking.

A.) Colter,, yes we are looking at all ideas for the 2.2 acres. The designer showed us 6 designs with effective use of the space.

Q.) Martha Casillas, I have 3 children and am very grateful for the support the boys and girls club provides to my family.

Q.) Chole, 36 year Nyeland resident, expressed her appreciation for the Boys and Girls Club and the great benefit provided to Nyeland Acres. If it wasn't for the Boys and Girls Club we would have no center.

Q.)Ayxa, Can you make the new community center feel like a community center, I feel that it currently does not serve as a Community Center.

Q.) Richard Duarte, I retired from the City Of Oxnard after 50 years and sat as a director with the board of Child Development, as well as the boys and girls Club. I would like to Thank the County of Ventura and Supervisor Kelly Longs office for supporting and providing services to both non profit organizations. The Boys and Girls Club is committed to the Nyeland Community earmarking \$200,000.00 for a new technology center and equipment as well as a transitional plan to serve the community during construction. Andrew Peak can arrange tours for anyone who would like to see the center.

Adjourn

Next Meeting: March 21, 2024 @ 7 PM / Roger Jones Community Center

February 15, 2024

Nyeland Acres/El Rio MAC Meeting

Nyeland Acres Community Center Project Update



County Executive Office
County Parks Department

Timeline of Events – Public Outreach & Scoping



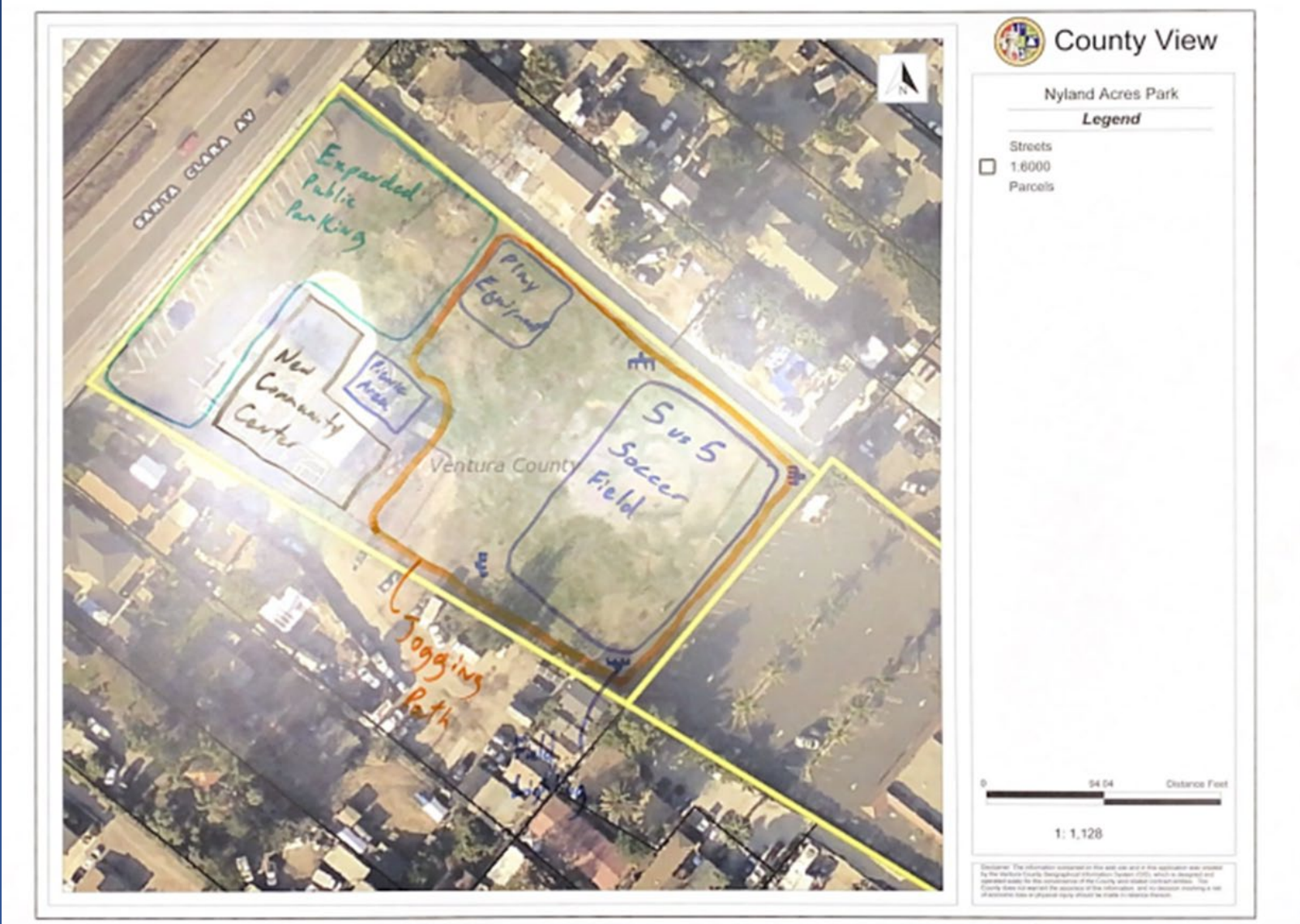
12/8/2020 – MAC Monthly Meeting - Improvements to Nyland Acres Park began to be discussed publicly at El Rio/Nyeland Acres MAC meetings

12/11/2020 – MAC Special Meeting - Proposition 68 Statewide Grant Introduced

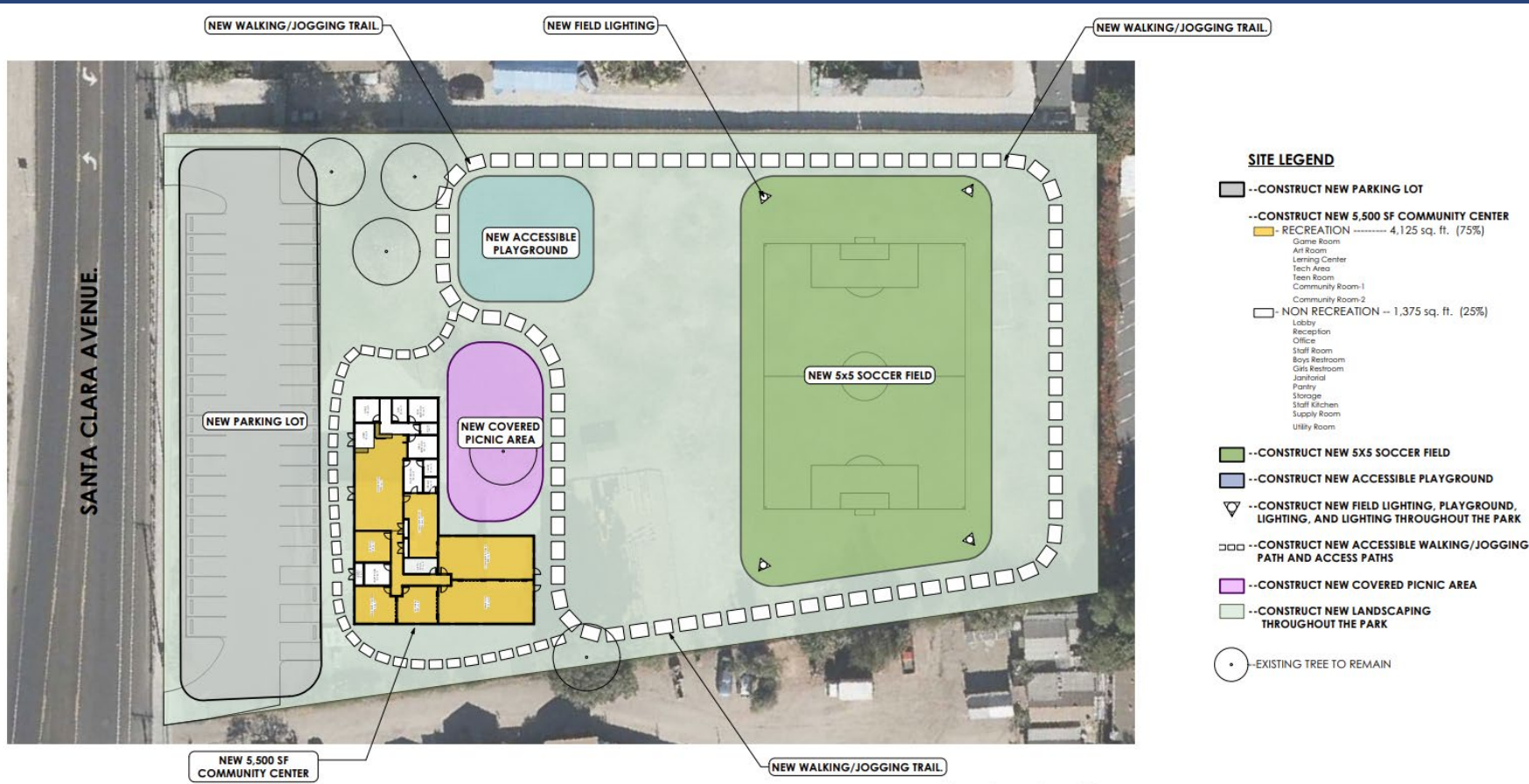
1/21/21 – MAC Monthly Meeting –Prop 68 Grant Scope Refinement

2/4/21 – On site meeting to scope Prop 68 Grant Project and improve scope.

Prop 68 Scope and Plan



Timeline of Events – Prop 68 Grant Site Plan



Nyeland Acres Park and Community Center Development - Concept Level Site Plan



Project:
**NYELAND ACRES PARK AND
COMMUNITY CENTER DEVELOPMENT**

Plan Title:
CONCEPT LEVEL SITE PLAN

Timeline of Events – Public Scope Submission by NP

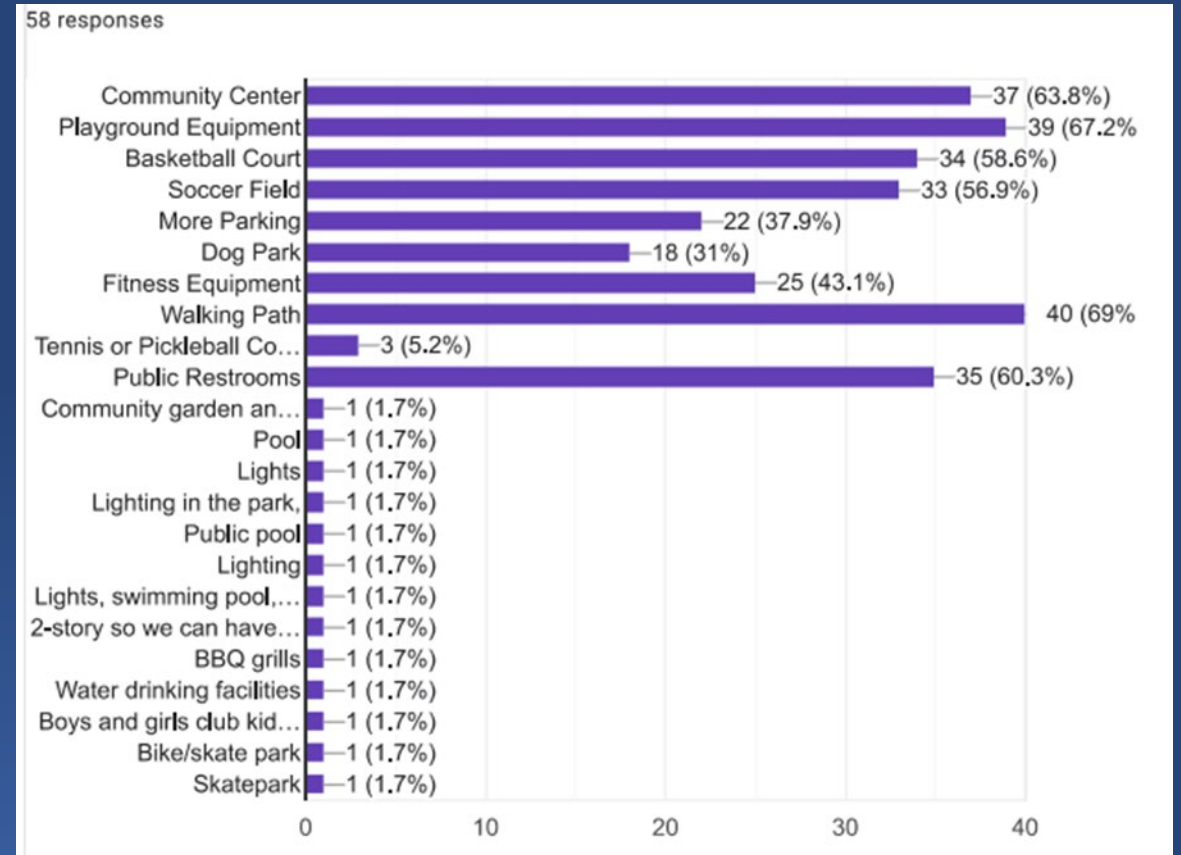
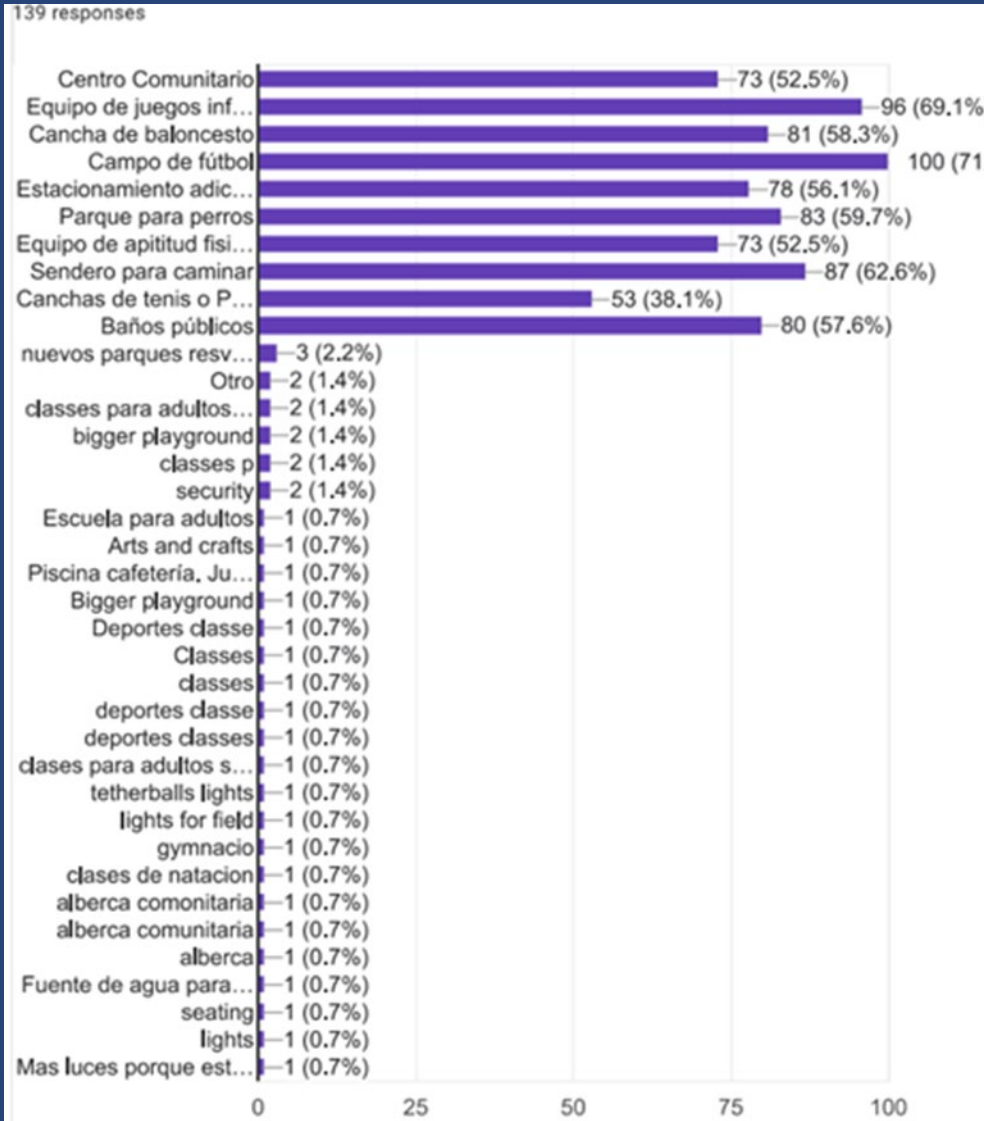


Improvements to Nyeland Community Center

1. Add approximately 15 more parking spots and install fence.
2. Move all playground equipment to front of Community Center.
3. Install 1 basketball court.
4. Obtain 1 portable and relocate existing portable creating an open space for outdoor events, and giving the community space for classes, meetings, etc.
5. Install outdoor lights.
6. Install walking path around community center.
7. Improve soccer field (eliminating the gofer holes), install new sprinklers and re-grade the field.

January, 2022

Timeline of Events – Electronic and Paper Surveys



E-Surveys open from August 2022 to March 2023

Timeline of Events –Survey Summary



	E-Survey - Spanish	E-Survey - English	Paper Survey	Total
	139 Responses	58 Responses	66 Responses	263 Responses
Centro Comunitario (Community Center)	73	37	37	147
Equipo de juegos infantiles (Play Equipment)	96	39	51	186
Cancha de baloncesto (Basketball Court)	81	34	47	162
Campo de futbol (Soccer Field)	100	33	54	187
Estacionamiento adicional (More Parking)	78	22	43	143
Parque para perros (Dog Park)	83	18	44	145
Equipo de aptitud fisica (Fitness Equipment)	73	25	34	132
Sendero para caminar (Walking Path)	87	40	47	174
Canchas de tenis o Pickleball (Tennis or Pickleball)	53	3	25	81
Banos publicos (Public Restrooms)	80	35	36	151
Nuevos parques resv (Community Garden)	3			3

Timeline of Events – Project Funding



October 11, 2022 – Board of Supervisors approves spending plan including \$5M to Nyeland Acres

October 19, 2022 – Check presentation to County by Senator Limon and Assemblymember Bennett

March 14, 2023 – Board approves \$5M in appropriations and necessary accounting transactions for Nyeland Acres project

April 2023 – County receives check from State

Timeline of Events – Parking Constraints



Summer/Fall 2023 – Seeking additional parking

Staff explores 4 potential opportunities

1 – Met with Mayor Zaragoza twice and with family members to acquire property

2 – Met with District 3 and County staff to discuss acquiring property

3 – No response from property owners after multiple attempts

4 – Several attempts to reach property owner. Path of travel too difficult



Timeline of Events – Water Constraints



- Project site is within the service area of Nyeland Acres Mutual Water
- Nyeland Acres is currently not able to provide additional service connections due to the inability to meet current fire flow requirements
- System improvements are currently in progress but a full upgrade is several years out
- The City of Oxnard can provide water to the site through an out of area service agreement
 - County staff has met with Mayor Zaragoza, Oxnard City Public Works and LAFCo to discuss this option

Next Steps



- County has selected RNT as the architectural and engineering firm
 - A kickoff meeting was held on 12/19/2023
 - Conceptual drawings based on community needs are being prepared
- Staff costs have been absorbed by the County