

Update on Heron Landing Park – Previously Park “A”

Background:

As many of us remember, we have a new Anatolia park coming – Heron Landing Park will be built on the corner of Anatolia Drive and Justinian Way, filling the block all the way west to Sunrise. Thanks again to the many Anatolia residents whose efforts made a big difference in getting this park designed to meet the needs of Anatolia families.

The original design proposed in 2013 was not an adequate park – not for Anatolia families, and not for the sports leagues either. That original design by the Cordova Recreation and Park District (CRPD) was not based on any input from the neighborhood or the sports leagues. Major concerns affecting Anatolia residents included parking configurations, amount and size of proposed fields, lighting spillover to nearby homes, and other problems.

A new design was requested, addressing the concerns, based on community efforts led by our Anatolia neighbors Andy Payne, Kevin Grimes, and Heath Randall. Also, we reached out to the local sports leagues – little league baseball, soccer, and girls' softball – to bring their input into the park design process, since they had not been included in the first design. The leagues told us the first design would not have met their needs either. This community-based group worked with Park District leaders to arrive at the best design for everyone.

As a result of these efforts, the final design by CRPD for our park is much more neighborhood-friendly, nature-friendly, family-friendly, sports-friendly, and will benefit all of us – and our children and grandchildren – for many years to come. It even has senior-friendly features requested by Anatolia residents and included in the final approved design. The final design was approved by CRPD's Board of Directors in December 2013. Thanks again to Andy, Kevin, and Heath.

Because of the strong turnout of Anatolia residents at the public workshops, our concerns were listened to – and we got nearly all of what we asked for.

More about the background and a map showing the final design of our park are posted on our neighborhood's website, www.AnatoliaHOA.org.

Updates now in November 2014:

- Schedule: Construction of the park is scheduled to begin in 2015, with progress dependent on weather and other factors. The park opening is anticipated in 2016. More detailed scheduling will be released as the dates become available.
- Lighting: One of the topics of concern to neighbors living near the park was lighting. If you live next to a park, you probably don't want bright lights shining in your windows at night – or on your yard, etc. CRPD made sure the plans included the latest modern lighting from Musco which is intended to reduce the spillover of light from the park. We asked to see some of those lights actually installed and in use at a park, so we can have a look and judge for ourselves. The Park District agreed.

The "lighting tour" has been scheduled for Wednesday, November 12, hosted by CRPD at a park in Folsom which has this type of lights installed. Join us! Details are in the attached flyer from CRPD.

The final approved design for **Heron Landing Park** is posted on our Anatolia HOA's website www.AnatoliaHOA.org and at the CRPD's site www.crpdc.com/images/pdf/Planning/112713finalapprovedmp.pdf.