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I'm putting together this update on our upcoming park at the corner of Justinian and Sunrise. This information has also been discussed at our regularly scheduled HOA meetings. We all have the chance to make this park what we want it to be, but the time for giving input is almost over.

The two community workshops by the Cordova Recreation and Park District (CRPD), previously announced, have now occurred. We invited them to give their initial presentation here in Anatolia on July 11. This workshop was announced on the RG, NextDoor, and others. Along with that presentation, they asked for input on what facilities we wanted in the park, what park amenities, ideas about design preferences, etc. Many Anatolia residents attended the workshop and gave lots of ideas which the Park District took back for including in the design of the park.

The second workshop was held last week, September 5. This workshop was also announced on the RG, NextDoor, and others. CRPD presented two possible designs, based on the July requests, and asked for feedback. Concept 1 received more positive feedback than Concept 2, so CRPD is now proceeding with Concept 1, and making adjustments based on the feedback provided by residents. Some highlights of Concept 1 include two kids playground areas (one appropriate for 2- to 5-year-olds, the other appropriate for 5- to 12-year-olds), lighted youth softball/baseball diamonds (3), a lighted youth soccer field, lighted tennis courts (2), lighted sand volleyball courts (4), half-court basketball courts (2), bocce ball courts (4), a small amphitheater, restrooms, parking for 200 cars, and a trail system with displays.

The design is nearly finished. If there's something you don't like about Concept 1, now would be the best time to speak up because the design will be finalized very shortly. It can be found at http://www.crpdc.com/images/pdf/planning/126_concept%201-2013.09.05.pdf.

Specifically, many neighbors have asked for a change in the parking lot configuration. The parking lot is currently shown along the north edge, right behind the sidewalk along Justinian Drive, so if you would prefer to see it placed away from Justinian, along the western edge instead (essentially along Sunrise), there are many neighbors who would prefer to see that modification before the park goes to construction. So several neighbors are working to request CRPD to make that change - contact our neighbors Andy Payne at thenamespayne@yahoo.com and Kevin Grimes at kevin@neighborlyrealty.com (both live here in Anatolia very close to the park) to add your names to the list. Also, some neighbors have asked to reduce the amount of sports facilities - Andy and Kevin are coordinating input from residents about other requests, so let them know if you also want to reduce the sports facilities or have other feedback about Concept 1.

The name of the park has also been up for discussion, so if you have a name in mind, you can send it to parknaming@crpd.com which they set up for receiving suggestions. If you send a suggestion about naming, first see CRPD's existing policy about park names at <http://www.crpdc.com/images/pdf/planning/park%20naming%20policy%20iv-47.pdf>.

Bottom line - time's almost up for our input. The CRPD is planning to move forward on hiring a construction company to start building the park when the weather is ready in the spring.