

Public Comments and Responses

Housing and Community Development Commission (HCDC) Public Hearing – February 26, 2020

HCDC Meeting Public Comments Received

Upon call for public comment, the following 3 people addressed the HCDC:

1. **Tasha Guess** – Ms. Guess introduced herself as a resident of West Fresno who has previously requested play equipment for Californian Tupman Park. Ms. Guess noted that the equipment is scheduled to be installed next month, then discussed the need for shade structures on account of the heat in Fresno as well as a drinking fountain. Ms. Guess noted that kids that go to Edison High school walk past the park, and by the time they arrive have already walked over half a mile, and that having a drinking fountain for them would be fantastic. Additionally, a lot of Ms. Guess's neighbors don't have transportation and walk to the grocery store and other places. She reiterated the need for them to sit and have shade in a place where kids could play with a drinking fountain nearby. Ms. Guess introduced additional neighbors in attendance including the Millers and noted that Pastor Ken from New Beginnings Church, who was not able to be here, also supports the request.

[City Response: The improvements currently underway at the site (playground, fencing, and tree planting) all stemmed from this neighborhood's effort and attendance at previous HCDC community need hearings. The continued improvement of the park remains a high priority for these residents and stake holders. The City of Fresno PARCS Department supports continuing improvements and would also suggest for consideration (now or future years) to add picnic shelter(s), lighting, a walking path, and park signage. The City of Fresno Planning and Development Department also encourages the residents and stakeholders to submit their requests as comments to the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan to HCDD@fresno.gov. The public comment has been considered and accepted.]

2. **Victoria Molina** – Ms. Molina introduced herself on behalf of California Tupman Park. Ms. Molina requested shrubs along the pathway of the fence, as well as exercise equipment and a jogging track. Ms. Molina also requested a walking trail at Frank H. Ball Park and expressed how much she would appreciate these amenities.

[City Response: The City of Fresno Planning and Development Department encourages the residents and stakeholders to also submit their requests as comments to the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan to HCDD@fresno.gov. The public comment has been considered and accepted.]

3. **Diane Smith** – Ms. Smith introduced herself as a resident of southwest Fresno, and asked for clarification on the 2018 and 2019 funds, specifically if those funds were being reprogrammed from another project, and if so which project.

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[City Response: The 2018 and 2019 funds were originally programmed for the subject of this request, the construction of a Multigenerational Community Center supporting the neighborhoods in the area of Large Park. The public comment has been considered and accepted.]