



# CALWA PARK RENOVATION: HISTORIC ROCKET RELOCATION

## **PRESENTATION TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

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### *Existing Calwa Rocket:*

- The existing Calwa Rocket (Heritage Property #20) was added to the Historic Preservation Commission's List of Heritage Properties in 2013.
- The current rocket is no longer in good enough condition to be used as a play feature.
- Early community feedback showed great interest in bringing back the legacy of the rocket to the park. Currently the rocket is a stand-alone object in a very insignificant location, hardly noticed by visitors.
- Community members expressed their desire for a better location for the rocket, and opportunities to interact with it.

# CALWA PARK RENOVATION PROJECT



- ① PICNIC AREAS
- ② OUTDOOR EXERCISE AREA
- ③ THREE AGE APPROPRIATE PLAYGROUNDS
- ④ WALKING LOOP
- ⑤ **RELOCATED AND RENOVATED ROCKET;  
CONCRETE PAVING AND FOG FEATURE**
- ⑥ MARKET PLAZA WITH EXISTING SNACK BAR  
RENOVATION AND KIOSK SIGN PANEL
- ⑦ SENSORY AND DROUGHT-TOLERANT  
DEMONSTRATION GARDEN
- ⑧ LIGHTING THROUGHOUT
- ⑨ PLANTING (DROUGHT TOLERANT SOD/  
TREES, PARKING LOT STORMWATER  
MANAGEMENT, IRRIGATION)
- \* LOCATION OF EXISTING CALWA ROCKET**

## CALWA ROCKET RELOCATION AND RENOVATION



*Rendering of the relocated Calwa rocket in the central plaza surrounded by seating, walking paths, and the new space-themed playground*

### *Calwa Rocket Relocation:*

- The iconic Calwa rocket will be un-bolted from its foundation, moved to a new location, and refurbished to look like new.
- The relocated rocket will be closer to the parking lot where visitors enter the park and will be at the front of the main entrance to a new space-themed playground inspired by the rocket.
- Any access to the inside of the rocket will need to be removed.
- A new rocket-themed plaza and seating areas will be created, with the rocket at the center.
- The project includes funding for relocation, a new paint job, misting feature, and some new up-lights under the rocket.

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### *Potential Additional Improvements:*

- Alternative funding could present an opportunity for additional improvements:
  - Additional lighting features such as colored lighting
  - Enhanced concrete paving with a sparkle finish
  - Fog play feature, rather than simple misting around the rocket
  - Signage displaying information about the history of the Calwa rocket and its significance

## ADDITIONAL RENDERINGS



*Rendering of the rocket plaza surrounded by seating, with the existing snack bar and new utility enclosure to the left*



*Rendering of the new space-themed playground inspired by the rocket, showing swings, intergalactic planetary, space crystals, and the "communications" tower*



*Rendering showing the view from a sloped lawn area, with the existing parking lot to the far left, the new market plaza in the back left, and playground on the right*



*Night-time rendering of the lit-up Calwa rocket*

