

Appendix B

Stakeholder Interviews

Leadership Interviews

February 28 – March 1, 2018

1. What are the key issues or values in the community that should be considered while updating the Parks and Open Space Master Plan?

- a. Pocket park incorporated into future plans
- b. Accessibility:
 - i. Neighborhood
 - ii. ADA
- c. Lack a parks in Old Town
- d. Need areas for family BBQ/pits
- e. Lack transportation
- f. Mixed bag, each park has its own feel
- g. Dog Wars...pocket parks becoming dog parks
- h. Untapped resource – creeks that run through community
- i. Go after low hanging fruit
- j. Wayfinding/signing
- k. Lots of walkers
- l. JUA with schools demand for field usage
- m. Balance active and passive recreation and parks
- n. What does the community want
- o. Struggle with outreach – getting people to engage
- p. Park space, are there places to go?
- q. West-side has grown with park space
- r. Set criteria for acquisition and actively pursue opportunities
- s. Framework and structure for acquisition – see handout from councilman*
- t. Connectivity via creek beds
- u. Pocket parks are valuable and parcels are available

2. What would you like to see as an outcome of this planning process?

- a. Ten year plan w/ multi-year cycles or phases
- b. Plan forward
- c. Multi-year planning cycle
- d. The community will be built out in a few years
- e. ID where we need to add parks
- f. Champion maintenance as a high priority
- g. Lack of maintenance is a problem in the system

- h. Deferred maintenance is common
- i. Sustainable – cheaper to maintain
- j. Integration with the Bike Master Plan
- k. Community is bike friendly
- l. Connectivity of parks to parks, trail to trail, neighborhood to parks
- m. Role of tourism in economic development, quality of life is important
- n. Land acquisition should be avoided
- o. Help develop the vision for the programming side
- p. Need to discuss the pros and cons of programming
- q. Elwood Bluff has conflicts between dogs and wildlife
- r. Should balance passive and active uses
- s. Old Town clearly under-served (editor’s note: improved with Jonny Wallis Park recently added)
- t. What is the target for the project study? Park space per capita by neighborhood park and by community parks?
- u. A goal should be more access to playgrounds
- v. Look at optimum park system without cost as a prohibition

3. What do you feel is the role of the City in providing indoor facilities, outdoor facilities, programs, parks and services?

- a. Don’t have indoor facilities
 - i. Joint use agreements with schools could help
 - ii. Should partner with other service providers
- b. Demand for outdoor facilities
- c. Gersh Park receives 100K annually – not a real partnership
 - i. Eventually city takes it over
 - ii. Consider 10 year transition of the park
- d. Core service is park facilities
- e. City’s job to maintain it
- f. City is generally forward thinking
- g. Maximize resources
- h. On agenda to provide municipal pool/aquatic center (CIP 2012)
- i. Fields are valuable
- j. Better JUA/MOU for shared use of schools

4. What should the collective vision of the City be and what can Park and Open Space do relative to parks, recreation services, facilities and programs that would most help achieve that key vision?

- a. The City needs to support Parks and Recreation Department instead of a division under the very broad Department of Neighborhood Services and Public Safety
- b. Maximize every opportunity available
- c. Can't satisfy everyone
- d. Must be general in what we provide
- e. Safety is priority
- f. Don't duplicate services
- g. Fairview Gardens – non-profit education and programs for kids
- h. Partnerships with schools

5. Thinking "Outside the Box" - What recreational facilities, amenities, events, programs or activities would you like to see Goleta provide or that offer something that is not currently available?

- a. More things to do in general
- b. Must be prepared to take advantage of opportunities and move quickly
- c. Get more engaged with young constituents
- d. Look to add more part time employees and interns
- e. Take advantage of low interest rates and bonds
- f. Additional parcels can be obtained: the city has several remnant parcels

6. What do you think the Goleta Parks and Open Space should look like moving forward in 1, 5, 10 years?

- a. Develop an interactive map for putting on-line
- b. Facilities need to be shown
- c. Parks all need to be shown
- d. Staffing needs to relate to the programs, maintenance and assets
- e. Capital component that identifies where the Park and Recreation Division needs to be in terms of staffing and management
- f. Typically, 5 years of projects need to be identified and funding requested
- g. Active transportation grant should be pursued
- h. All park and recreation grants need to be pursued
- i. Look at equal distribution of facilities
- j. Be responsive to citizens
- k. Service provider

- l. DP Pool – High School a JUA needs to allow the public to use this facility
- m. Partnerships need to be developed
- n. Engage with the community
- o. The master plan needs to be a dynamic document
- p. Land acquisition criteria and framework in place
- q. Pool
- r. Recycled water/reclaimed water what is the ROA
- s. What are additional revenue opportunities...Friends Group, Foundation

Stakeholder Meetings: First Round

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Interview #1

Park Maintenance Staff

- * Park inspections need to occur regularly
- * City staff does whatever is not covered on the private maintenance contract – such as ground mowing
- * Staff spends time on broken fences, water fountains fix, inspection of playground equipment
- * Efforts include weed control in open space
- * Efforts also include looking at problems with irrigation, any signage that needs to be repaired, and removal of graffiti
- * Stow grove park – only restroom there that is not a porta potty is in bad condition and needs to be rebuilt
- * Evergreen Park – there is a bathroom planned in the CIP
- * Staff does stock 34 dog stations
- * Stow – one of the biggest dog use areas
- * One focus area for staff is monitoring the private maintenance contractor quality of work based on the contract requirements
- * Big problem with graffiti - painting some bathrooms once a week
- * Staff help out on 24 parks
- * A lot of work goes into open space or marginal space weed control with 80% of removals being by hand weed whacking over 380 acres open space areas. A lot of brush clearing – trying to open it up to prevent homeless camping

- * Clearing of the trails requires mowing 3 feet of the trail, but the city does not have the proper mower) – Also have to work around bird nesting season. Tractor flail mower (done research save \$13,000 a year) costs \$60,000
- * No policy for field use in many of the parks
- * Parks close at sunset – nice if there were skylights in restrooms
- * Better signage – people don’t know where they are – like Emerald Terrace (Berkley) – alley between homes
- * Don’t have dog park
- * Have to re-rake sand for playgrounds – six are in CIP to replace with other surfacing with flexible surfaces or compacted bark mulch)
- * Tennis nets, wind screens, and volleyball nets – constantly have to repair
- * Only have 70 employees city wide with just 6 in maintenance
- * Ellwood Mesa – shut trails down because of the trees were dying due to the drought
- * A lot of the parks are missing ADA access
- * 6 playgrounds scheduled to be addressed with ADA improvements
- * Started discussions on creating a ranger program
- * A lot of effort goes into compliance issues not so much crime
- * Domestic disputes can occur
- * Will often find needles and bottles in parks
- * Dogs need to be on leash and horses need to be on trails
- * Would like to contract with security to do lock up if budgets allow
- * Community center is on a difficult site / parcel
- * Old town – nectarine – used every day – hot spot for hang outs and homeless – right next to homes – lots of graffiti, drugs, just a playground, school bus drop off
- * Armitos park – hangout for homeless and some gang teens
- * City is in negotiations of easement with apartment – community garden – bike path will be added for the recently completed Jonny Willis Park
- * Renovation of Frisbee golf course – at evergreen with alternative holes
- * 3 locations of tennis courts have graffiti, vandalism to the nets and windscreen damage problems
- * Don’t have basketball or fields but will have at Hollister Kellogg
- * Andamar – where they are replacing play ground – gopher, dogs off leash should put a barrier in on the City side.
- * Stowe tennis gets the most dogs, dogs are here the most
- * Lake Los Carneros – drop in place bathroom in approved CIP, sprinkler system to address historical facilities, going to rebuild
- * Armstrong Park – hidden park, hasn’t had major problems

- * Bella Vista 1 and 2, problems with dogs off-leash, carve into the tables graffiti (2 is an empty lot 1 is a playground)
- * Evergreen Park – get reclaimed water, field improvements, and adding parking lot (5 years down the road)
- * San Miguel park behind houses, slope is high, studying this one.
- * Winchester 2 – saying its open space not parkland but the city is putting new playground equipment in
- * Winchester 1 – taking the swings out but put in outdoor equipment
- * Santa Barbara shores doing playground renovation
- * The County patrols their portion of the beach
- * City hall is trying to relocate – wants to join it with a recreation center
- * Goal – splitting in six sections – have their own section – safer, faster,
- * All open space mowed down by June
- * March 1 through November 30 – bird nesting
- * October through March have to worry about butterflies
- * Stow house – weed abatement – little train tracks

Interview #2

Parks and Recreation Commission

Key issues and values:

- * Focused on little parks
- * Updating small parks – four on the books – the equipment looks like it’s from the 60s
- * The equipment is minimal
- * The needs assessment had talked about the aging community and providing more activities for seniors
- * Par courses are needed
- * Signage is needed
- * Goleta doesn’t operate programs – tap into other existing providers
- * Agriculture is a big part of Goleta, AG is the fastest growing industry
- * Ratio of development to open space. How much land do you put aside?
- * Goleta beach – not officially in Goleta – 1 million visitors – million a year (County park)
- * Surfing, kayaking, could the city run a program at the beach

What do you think the City's role is in providing programs?

- * Hear a lot about the city taking over and directly offering programs
- * Hate to see a duplication of effort between City and providers so this would have to be done carefully
- * UCSB has recreational programs for adults and children
- * Maybe more partnerships need to be formed
- * Community would like a pool
- * If more of the programs would move in house see the department as bigger
- * JoAnne has done a lot with the program but needs more help
- * Grant writing takes a lot of time
- * Goleta needs a place where the community can go and find out about all the recreation programs

Interview #3

District Supervisor

- * Goleta is a mixed bag – micro communities exist, different opinions on dog use, pocket parks seem to be a big demand
- * Untapped resource – creeks can be great greenways – but has to be handled carefully since they often abut private property
- * Go after the low hanging fruit – signage, etc people more interested in parks and a lot of walking in parks
- * JUAs – real demand for field usage primarily for practice
- * One major comment that came from Needs Assessment was to increase the quality and frequency of maintenance
- * No matter what we do with new park investments, maintenance has to take a primary role and should design to lower costs of maintenance
- * Need to integrate parks with the bike master plan
- * Bike paths need to connect to the parks
- * In the 5 to 10 years involved with the City – the Supervisor doesn't have a sense of the Division's role, operations and funding
- * Would like to find out what happened to DP pool – supposed to be dual use but it's primarily high school students using it
- * Struggle with outreach – getting people involved
- * Monarch groves get the most attention and pride

Interview #4

Council-member

Key issues heard from community

- * Accessibility – good number of pocket parks exist that were remnant parcels – can have additional pocket parks since other parcels also exist – should inventory all parcels and capture potential pocket parks
- * Residents in old town – don't have a park in old town that you can go BBQ.
- * Need a 10 year plan – 5 budget cycles – want to plan forward instead of piecemeal

Whats the role of the City of Goleta?

- * Complex question. Don't have a lot of indoor facilities. Need JUA with schools. Outdoor – JUA for their fields but highly competitive. Give money to Girsh. We haven't truly partnered with them. Money went to maintenance and salaries. Eventually see the City taking it over.

What should the collective vision of the City be?

- * Maximize every opportunity we have
- * People want trails
- * Can't satisfy everyone so have to be general in what is provided–
- * Partnering with those who provide programs remains a good idea
- * We should put inventory on web site – like to see that enhanced

Thinking outside the box

- * Constantly be prepared for any opportunity from properties, development or grants
- * Be engaged with younger constituents
- * Santa Barbara can employ part time people, Goleta should consider part time and interns
- * Map on the web site – work with chamber to create a map for tourists

As we think about the next 5 years, what are top priorities?

- * Staffing needs to be increased
- * 5 year capital projects – should have at least 2 and 5 year projects
- * Don't have a good track record for building new parks –
- * Should look at old town for additional parks and then other areas as well
- * Go out to people with unmet needs – big constituency at Evergreen Park for disc golf

- * Evergreen is a good example of a park that has potential
- * There are more properties that can be obtained
- * Piece of property in the back of the library should be considered (could build up to two stories on the library)

Interview #5

Parks and Recreation Commissioner

Key Issues in the community

- * Concerned about all of the development in the City, especially considering the drought and overall lack of available water
- * Wants to see more green and more nature

What would you like to see the outcome of the planning process?

- * Had attended all the Needs Assessment hearings – people overwhelmingly wanted swimming pool and skateboard parks.
- * Small skate park at the new park – doesn’t address the concerns of the older kids

Thinking outside of the box

- * Expansions of beaches are never going to happen
- * History of several non-profits providing services to seniors – focus on low income and the frail seniors. Dream would be to have a program and facility like Santa Barbara has with non-stop events for healthy seniors – yoga, Zumba, etc.

Thinking about the next 5 years, what are the top priorities?

- * Keep on track with what has already been planned for
- * Make each of the parks we currently have more inviting.
- * Rather than creating something brand new in 5 years, make what we have better

Interview #6

Council-member

Key Issues and values

- * The history of the area and its agricultural roots are important. Formerly agrarian and it’s in a transition but we need to preserve the open space aesthetic and natural setting.
- * Under-served communities should be looked at. Find where they are and how the City is serving that community.
- * The City has 101 separating us. Kind of in quadrants. The airport splits the community as well.
- * Connectivity between the parks are important. Think about a system of parks and implement the bike / ped. plan
- * Specific needs like an aquatic center
- * Keep in mind private properties that are zoned as open space – look at properties at Elwood that abut the open space
- * Refurbishment plan for equipment and facilities is needed. What standards do we apply to our equipment? Deferred maintenance is an issue.
- * JUAs. Look at ways to partner better
- * See a plan for 16 years. Come up with Milestones. Budgets.

How do you see the role of the City?

- * I’d like to see more of the City’s involvement in programs. What about a more robust Community Center. How can it be developed, improved, and expanded. More programs are needed. Good web site. Like to see the City take a more active lead in programs.

What do you think the collective vision should be?

- * Parks and Open space – as a way to get people out of their living rooms, to get them to walk and see the community
- * Parks should have benches

Thinking outside the box

- * First thing that comes to mind – would be to have more concerts at Stowehouse for example
- * The Damn dinner is great
- * More movie nights and concerts in other park
- * Partner with Girsh Park more often would be good
- * Farmers market maybe with an International food truck event at the community center

As we think about the next 5 years, what are top priorities?

- * Long term needs – an aquatic center
- * Major improvements to the community center – a lot of opportunities for improvement
- * Excited to get the Jonny Wallis park off the ground
- * Ellwood and the butterfly grove (and the plan being developed for it)
- * Bishop Ranch – if someone can broker a deal
- * Goleta beach – used by city residents, should be included as part of the discussion. Maybe collaboration with the county.
- * Think more broadly – there is UCSB and Isla Vista to partner with

Interview #7**Council-member****Key Issues and values in the community**

- * Land acquisition – active to passive (dogs and vegetables). The west side has gone through a spurt of development. Set up the criteria for acquiring parks early. When someone approaches – there hasn't been an active let's go find land effort. A framework, structure, the Council Resolutions need to be already in place. The plan should give us some criteria for overlay planning and requirements.
- * For playgrounds – pocket parks can be successful

What would you like see as the outcome?

- * Not clear of the vision for recreational programming. If it's hard to do then it's a no go. The plan should discuss the pros and cons.
- * Ellwood bluffs seems to have conflicts with the dogs
- * Old town is under-served. Park space per capita needs to be looked at for equity. More access to playgrounds and pocket parks should be provided. Include parking since many parks do not have off-street parking
- * Look at goals and not be constrained by cost.

What do you see as the role of the City indoor/outdoor?

- * Aquatic center is needed
- * Better MOU to share facilities with schools
- * Need to have design and construction money for pool (in 5 year plan) don't have money for acquisition of lands
- * Take advantage of low interest rates

As we think about the next 5 years, what are top priorities?

- * Acquisition of lands are important (if we don't get it – it will be developed)
- * Only one or two parks use recycled water. Do a cost benefit analysis on use of reclaimed water. Don't want to pay the drought surcharges.
- * The library gets \$100k from the friends of Goleta library. The potential to engage the community and their money.

Stakeholder Meetings: Second Round

June 12, 2018

Interview #1

What are some of the strengths of the City’s parks?

- * They include a lot of pocket parks, are underutilized but when they are upgraded they are more heavily used. Want more of them upgraded.
- * Like the fact that the City is looking at this more holistically
- * The City has many potentials that should be considered a strength
- * Pocket parks, Evergreen Park, and Stow Park can all be improved
- * Have lots of program providers – hoping that it continues, partnerships should be a focus of the plan
- * Environmental factors – wonderful setting
- * City needs a public swimming pool, or a Joint Use Agreement at DP – get revenue to offset the expenses
- * Families are a strength, families here do things together
- * Strong athletic community (but not enough facilities to support them)
- * Being a college town brings in resources and strengths
- * The city has provided walk and bike paths to many pocket parks
- * The Hollister bike path – will be a real plus
- * Ice rink – does great
- * Center is doing concerts in the park – want to do more movies this year
- * Stow has great music in the park

What are some of the weaknesses?

- * Need a pool
- * Need more athletic fields (open space to run and play and synthetic turf) and some lighted fields
- * Deficit of 10 fields – for the most part, we need rectangular, multi purpose fields
- * Off-leash dogs and skate boarding – need to be in the parks master plan – huge requirement
- * Transportation for low-income – people can’t get to parks and programs
- * Community Center - Back field that the City is working on, and converting the tennis fields to pickle-ball. They only have the lighted courts and get asked to use them for all kinds of things. All City parks close at dusk.
- * Girsh is nearing capacity. They are looking at lighting their fields.

- * Girsh - Should consider more of a partnership with the City
- * Lack of rain
- * Traffic
- * Lack of bathrooms
- * Girsh park has parking problems (the City parks don’t have parking lots)
- * Security concerns – especially at night

Programs and Activities

- * A lot of the Goleta Union schools don’t have after school programs on site
- * Try to support our active seniors – build a lawn bowling and bocce court and create more pickle-ball courts
- * Don’t want our seniors going to the SB WMCA
- * Don’t have enough walking paths
- * Need an adult soccer league and facilities to support them
- * Try to limit competition between organizations – starting a softball league would add competition at Ewlings park

Improvements to Park Facilities

- * Disc golf – seems popular – wonder if there is a need to expand
- * Upgrade the fields in the existing parks
- * Tot lots
- * Want changing tables for men’s and women’s bathrooms

Any facilities and spaces that can be re-purposed?

- * Tennis to pickle-ball
- * Discussion of whether or not tennis is popular
- * Add a wave pool

Are there other partners and stakeholders we should be talking to?

- * Girls softball (received the emails)
- * Chamber of Commerce
- * Old town Association
- * Boys and Girls Club
- * Girls Inc.
- * Faith community – where they are gathering and getting information
- * Club sports need more space

As we think about the next 5 years, what are top priorities?

- * JUAs (with schools and other organizations) – can yield access to facilities like pools and fields
- * Access needs to be improved – transportation, biking,
- * The Community Center needs to improve the facilities
- * More fields in general

Is the 13-17 age group's recreation needs being met?

- * Disc golf
- * After 6 grade it drops off
- * Teen center with events, movies in the park, food truck rodeo

General notes

- * Evergreen and Ranch will be getting bathrooms
- * Hollister Kellog will have a splash pad in phase 2
- * Ewlings has BMX and remote control car course
- * Old town parklet near entrance to GVCC
- * Add bike pump track
- * Shade structures
- * Lemon event at Girsh
- * Fireworks at Girsh
- * Beach use doesn't happen a lot in Goleta – not a lot of access
- * Staff and money is needed
- * Belle Vista II would be a good place for a dog park

Interview #2**What are some of the strengths of the City's parks?**

- * Likes the openness of the parks, not congested, well maintained
- * Success in access to pickle-ball
- * Family oriented – family and nature go hand in hand
- * Old town strip incorporating trees but in park keep the mountain view open – hotels impeding view of mountains – make it open, inviting, clean and bright in old town area
- * A lot of passive recreation opportunity

What are some of the weaknesses?

- * The area (old town) being tucked away
- * Lighting for safety purposes

- * The challenge of shaded areas – people planning private events, not a lot of shaded areas, not a lot of indoor space one can reserve
- * Having activities for youth to do indoor activities
- * Not enough skate parks – vision of having them in different neighborhoods, like San Diego with skate spots

What are young people between 11-17 doing in parks?.

- * All they can do is going to Zotos.
- * 50 something members in roller derby
- * The orchid ranch – private beach – very private
- * The parks aren't dynamic – not enough active recreation, lighting, summer nights just hanging out – stigma that bad things happen after sun goes down, a network of skate parks would be great, a lot of pocket parks are underutilized, not enough bike paths
- * Outdoor fitness would be great
- * Multi-generational park in Ventura could be repeated here

Programs and activities not currently involved

- * Skate camps
- * Stomp lessons – it's like Uber for skate lessons
- * We don't have a swimming program – organizations offer it
- * Are there any low-cost kid leagues for football, baseball, etc., soccer (AYSO has scholarship but it's not that accessible)
- * Pool at DP – the city contributed to it a long time okay – but there was a loophole with lifeguards
- * Swim and surf program – 3 miles from the ocean and don't know how to swim – safety issue
- * There is a youth cycling club – city does great with small grant programs, high end sport, and healthy lifestyle
- * Outdoor gym
- * Senior rec program
- * Lighted courts for adult basketball
- * Outdoor educational opportunities
- * Gardening
- * Las Cumbres Observatory does educational programs
- * Arts and recreation
- * Casino funded the public art

Common Requested Improvements

- * Dog use – many want dog parks
- * With developments popping up are there open space fees – park impact fees – there is a development that is on its way to PC – but they are planning on building a park
- * Improvements to trails
- * Lighting
- * Safer bike routes to the beaches
- * Miniature golf at a park – but bring your own equipment
- * Corn hole toss
- * Slice of land next to ice skating rink – is going to give it to the city for a great deal – could add skateboarding there

Facilities and amenities that can be re-purposed

- * Barnesdale historical – create open space around it
- * Add an indoor water adventure

As we think about the next 5 years, what are top priorities?

- * Access 11-17-year olds
- * Low cost trolley
- * Yoga classes are during the day
- * Leveraging gatherings that are already taking place
- * Metal pole to hang for birthday party piñatas
- * Metal poles could be used for hammock stations as well – bring your own hammock or slack line

Stakeholder Meetings: Third Round

June 13, 2018

Interview #1

Council-member

- * At the high school the Joint Use did not go through, the community raised money and then the school said no to the shared use
- * For a short duration, a couple summers they opened it up because a someone came up with a plan

What are the key issues or values?

- * Old Town – most important, more of a challenge in mobility, new park is helping, boys and girls club is helping, purchase the 2.5 acres to the east where the bus barn is located for the school district
- * The water situation problem won't go away anytime soon
- * Blessed that we have Girsh park – very active park
- * Have a lot of open space - Evergreen is a very large open space, would like to see some equipment in all the open space
- * Not opposed to having a pool – will need staffing, not necessarily in favor of having a park and rec department since a lot of people have eliminated park and rec departments, the city didn't tap into reserves during recession
- * Should consider Joint Use with the School Districts. Why reinvent the wheel when the facilities are there.
- * In favor of contracting for staff and part-time staff.

What do you want to see with the Master Plan?

- * The master plans should focus on a beginning and an end, end date to implement the plan and how much is it going to cost
- * In favor of having a plan – because that is how you can get the money from grants and developers
- * Skate board park – absolutely – realize that the HK is a smaller one, meant to be a neighborhood park, in favor of doing a larger one, thought he had land near Girsh, Stork road fire station, ice skating rink is awesome, donated the land for the rink, fire station is going to move per UCSB, going to happen just a matter of when, it's realistic to think that land could be a skate park, 2 acres

What should our collective vision be?

- * Schools should be part of the partnership
- * Community Center– we have a non-profit that runs it, already operates lean and mean, the City would be double the cost
- * People care about fire, police, and public works
- * Agrees with bike and pedestrian, just spent 4 million on class 1 bikeway

What should parks and open space look forward?

- * Every open space should have activities on them, like a tennis court, pickle ball, agriculture over 10 acres can't be changed for 30 years unless vote of the people, Sperling reserve should be kept passive, where stow is county designated it as a preserve but there are some space there that could be active (prob would get a lot of push back though)

Interview #2**Resident and Skater**

- * Were involved in the Needs Assessment effort – advocated for skate parks around the community, though they got a small portion at HK with small skate plaza, they would like a network of skate parks
- * Pay attention to trends in recreation

What are some of the strengths?

- * Weather allows for outdoor recreation
- * Where would you propose a major park? Girsh Park, Evergreen, wouldn't suggest Los Carneros Lake
- * A min of 10,000 sf for a neighborhood park, 10,000-20,000 sf is a good range for a larger one, don't know if Goleta could handle that size, but if there were 3-4 of the 10k size
- * Skaters point in Santa Barbara to a 14k sf Skate park right by where all the tourists are, great park, Tony Hawk, GSM – they had a non-profit, did grant proposals

Are there other facilities and amenities (that could fit in with a skate park)?

- * Open spaces that have more of an artistic appeal, that are skate boarder friendly
- * Incorporate themes like in San Luis Obispo
- * Tuckers grove – like it the way it is (It's in the unincorporated area)
- * North of Kellogg school there is a grassy area – Andamar Park (chicken man)
- * Huge skating history here
- * Company here is one of the biggest – where tony hawk got its start
- * Andamar – places to sit, shade, can't necessarily hang out at friends' houses
- * Like Lake C – would like asphalt all around but also like to hike
- * Like Ellwood
- * What other active – demand for soccer but demands are being met, BMX pump tracks,
- * It's a new activity – so why decision makers not making it a priority, skate boarding will hit the Olympics in 2020
- * Cleveland elem school in SB – they go two times a year and teach them safety. Would be a good idea here. Have a skate spot next to a school, can teach. Gives them more confidence.
- * Another location – GVCC, they gave them space to build a ramp, then the City shut it down. Looking at the front, far right of the parking, just a half pipe

Stakeholder Meetings: Fourth Round

June 14, 2018

Interview #1

Elementary Teacher

What are the key issues or values?

- * As an elementary teacher AISO – youth sports are important – needs to be more, after school stuff not just run schools
- * Senior activities (page youth center – is county)
- * Don't have the recreational sports – adult sports leagues – don't have gym

What do you want to see with the Master Plan?

- * Need facilities and money
- * If they had their own gym – then the volleyball teams could use it
- * Should have a Park and Rec department if it's sustainable – if we have enough of a population to co-exist with Santa Barbara – need to partner with SB

What is working well with parks now?

- * Having JoAnne is a blessing – knowledgeable and good at getting grants
- * Getting parks into Old Town are great
- * The maintenance is happening
- * The improvements to the existing parks

What is not working well?

- * Need more programs and facilities
- * Get people more engaged with social media – put things in Spanish

What should our collective vision be?

- * Making parks an enticing place to be with families – so they can put away their phones

What should parks and open space look into the future for?

- * Swimming pool – but the cost is huge
- * Need beach volley ball courts – need to have three (in order to have high schools use for tournament). Can be at one of the parks and the high schools can use them
- * Gym
- * Biking – ways to get around
- * The sand volleyball courts at Stow grove are not good
- * Being a PE teacher the grass in the fields are bad (squirrels) – the facilities are maintained great right now so with more use they would be worse
- * People need to be educated about recreational opportunities.

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