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City Brings Copper Creek Design Plans for Community Review



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PERRIS, Calif. (December 20, 2019) -- The City of Perris organized a community engagement event at Copper Creek Park to discuss park design plans on Friday, December 13, 2019.

The design plans returned to residents for review after Perris officials sought input at community events in July and August 2019 on how to make the park a more family friendly environment. Initial suggestions include additional lighting, redesign of park facilities, improved amenities and additional public safety presence.

The local community gathered to show their support for the event and offered suggestions on amenity upgrades. In this cycle, the City returned with design concepts for the park based on the input provided by the community at the previous two outreaches.



Sabrina Chavez, Director of Community Services, was pleased with the turn out for all the Copper Creek events and views the feedback as valuable information for the park improvements.

"It was a successful event because we were able to get direct involvement and feedback from the community on what park amenities they are looking for in their park," said Chavez. "This park is for the residents, so it is good to see them take ownership and speak up about how to improve their community park."

Perris City staff offered free food for the first 150 participants, as well as raffles prizes for those in attendance. But the real benefit was the smiling face from community members.



Sue and David Perry, three-year residents of Perris, could hardly contain their excitement. Sue had been vocal about the need for park improvements due to the number of children in the area who did not even want to visit the park. With tears in her eyes, she expressed her joy in seeing these efforts.

"I am so happy to see the city's engagement this with the community for this park and to know that our City Council listens to us," said Sue. "I know this is going to bring more children out to the park and will be amazing for our community. It will bring this park alive in a good way."

Moving forward, Chavez and her staff will take the results of the feedback to the design architects and continue working toward the park amenities. The findings will be compiled and submitted to the City Council and the Perris Parks and Recreation Committee for further review and considerations.



This project works in conjunction with the Parks Make Life Better Campaign and the 10-Minute Walk Campaign. The City in 2019 launched its Parks Make Life Better Campaign to develop more parks within city boundaries to increase access to green spaces for residents where they can partake in recreational opportunities and physical activity. The Parks Make Life Better Campaign is a state effort in raising awareness on the benefits of parks and recreation throughout California and to raise the status of parks and recreation as an essential community service.

In addition to the Parks Make Life Better Campaign, the City joined the efforts of the National Recreation and Parks Association 10-Minute Walk Campaign to create a world in which 100% of people in U.S. cities have safe access to a quality park or green space within a 10-minute walk of home by 2050.

For more information or to provide additional feedback in the park improvements, please contact the Community Services Department at 951-943-6100.



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