



A MASTER PLAN FOR **CALWA PARK!**

HELP US LAUNCH
CALWA PARK
INTO THE FUTURE!

YOUR PARK OF THE FUTURE

ABOUT THE PARK

Calwa Park is a community park in full definition. Calwa Recreation and Parks District (“CRPD” “District”) was formed in 1955 by community members in Calwa with the mission “[t]o provide and maintain recreation facilities, programs, and community enrichment activities that offer opportunities to promote social, physical and mental well-being for residents of the district and the greater community” (CRPD, n.d.). The District manages only one park—Calwa Park—which serves as the main recreational outlet for community members, including those from surrounding cities.



ROOTED IN HISTORY

The community of Calwa has a deep history that led to the formation and development of Calwa Park. Originally, the community of Calwa developed around the Santa Fe Railroad corridor. After a tragic death of a neighborhood child that was playing in one of the commercial buildings nearby, the railroad donated land for a community park in the mid-1950s (Hattersley-Drayton, 2013). Neighbors soon organized pancake fundraisers to finance the development of Calwa Park and provide ongoing maintenance

support via a special property tax district—Calwa Recreation and Parks District. Calwa Park has imprinted the lives of community members for generations with positive recreational and outdoor experiences, bonding diverse people together. A trip to the park on a Friday afternoon will amaze any spectator. People of all ages utilize different spaces from dancing Zumba under the trees, eating dinner at the snack shack, playing sports on the athletic fields, or creating art on the Art/Free Wall.



MASTER PLANNING TIMELINE

- JAN. 29. 2020** Kick-off meeting
- APRIL 2020** Stakeholder Meetings
- MAY 2020** Public Open House
- JUNE 2020** Master Plan Document Launch for public comment
- JUNE 2020** Final Document



RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Calwa Park has gone through different stages and has experienced decline and deterioration because of decreased property tax revenues as development in the area has changed. Boundary changes between the City of Fresno and Fresno County have failed to properly protect the boundaries of the District—making it difficult for the District to renovate its outdated facilities on its own. Last year, Fresno Building Healthy Communities (Fresno BHC), in partnership with Friends of Calwa, Inc. and Calwa Recreation and Park District, engaged the community of Calwa in a robust outreach

effort, and submitted an application to California Department of Parks and Recreation Statewide Park Program for a \$6.6 million Prop 68 grant. The State awarded a grant to Calwa Park to fund a new state-of-the-art playground, picnic area, gathering plaza, and walking loop.

In addition to the Prop 68 grant, Calwa Park also received a community grant from Kaiser Permanente to renovate the swimming pool, which has been abandoned for more than a decade. That project is now under construction.

LOOKING AHEAD: A MASTER PLAN FOR CALWA PARK

To build up on this momentum, and to make sure the complete renovation of Calwa Park in the future is aligned with the community's needs and aspirations, and to provide a consolidated document that the Park District and community can use to seek more funding and secure the community's continued stewardship, Fresno BHC is contributing additional funding to

complete a Master Plan for Calwa Park. The Calwa Park master planning process will continue to engage park users of all ages as well as stakeholders to analyze existing conditions, to advance the vision of the community, identify financing gaps and areas of dire need for proper maintenance, and to recommend funding and partnership opportunities.

JOIN US AT OUR
PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE — DATE TBD

ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

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WHAT CAN YOU DO?

HELP US SHAPE THE VISION BY SHARING YOUR IDEAS:

Are you a park user?

How can Calwa have a greater impact on the surrounding community?

What programs or features do you think would enhance the offerings of Calwa Park?

What three things should change at Calwa Park?

What one thing should stay the same?

What words come to mind when you think of what Calwa could be?

TAKE THE SURVEY!

<https://bit.ly/CalwaPMP>

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CALWA PARK CONCEPTUAL ENHANCEMENTS



- 1 Existing Pool
Piscina existente
- 2 New Swimming Pool
Piscina nueva
- 3 Splash Pad
Fuente de agua interactiva
- 4 Existing Soccer Fields
Canchas de futbol existentes
- 5 Existing Basketball Courts
Canchas de baloncesto existentes
- 6 Shade Structures Over Seating
Estructuras de sombra sobre asientos
- 7 Amphitheater
Anfiteatro
- 8 Community Garden
Jardín comunitario
- 9 Community Center
Centro Comunitario
- 10 2-5 + 5-12 Playground with Shade
Patio de recreo con sombra
- 11 Swings
Columpios
- 12 Tot Lot
Lote de niños
- 13 Fitness Area
Área de ejercicios
- 14 Walking Loop
Vía para peatones
- 15 Shaded Picnic Area
Área de picnic con sombra
- 16 Shaded Market Area
Área de Mercado con sombra
- 17 Rocket w/ Fog + Lighting
Cohete con iluminación
- 18 Climbing Wall
Muro de escalada
- 19 Free/Art Wall
Pared de arte libre
- 20 Skate Park
Parque de patinaje
- 21 Existing Parking
Estacionamiento existente
- 22 On-street Parking
Estacionamiento en la calle

Note: Path lighting will be integrated with the internal circulation to help with visibility and safety

Nota: Iluminación del camino se integrará con la circulación interna para ayudar con la visibilidad y la seguridad

PROP 68 CONCEPTUAL ENHANCEMENTS

