

Plummer Park Comprehensive Improvement Plan: Phase 1

Plummer Park Ad-Hoc Subcommittee Meeting #3



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March 5, 2026

Agenda

- I. Call To Order**
- II. Informational Updates on Current Park Improvements**
- III. Informational Updates on Current Park Programs and Services**
- IV. Public Comment & Comments from Ad-Hoc Subcommittee Members**
- V. Plummer Park Comprehensive Plan: Phase 1 Update**
- VI. Public Comment**
- VII. Guidance from Ad-Hoc Subcommittee Members**
- VIII. Next Steps**
- IX. Adjournment**

II. Informational Updates on Current Park Improvements

- A. Permanent Dog Park Construction Update**
- B. Current Projects Underway**

III. Informational Updates on Current Park Programs and Services

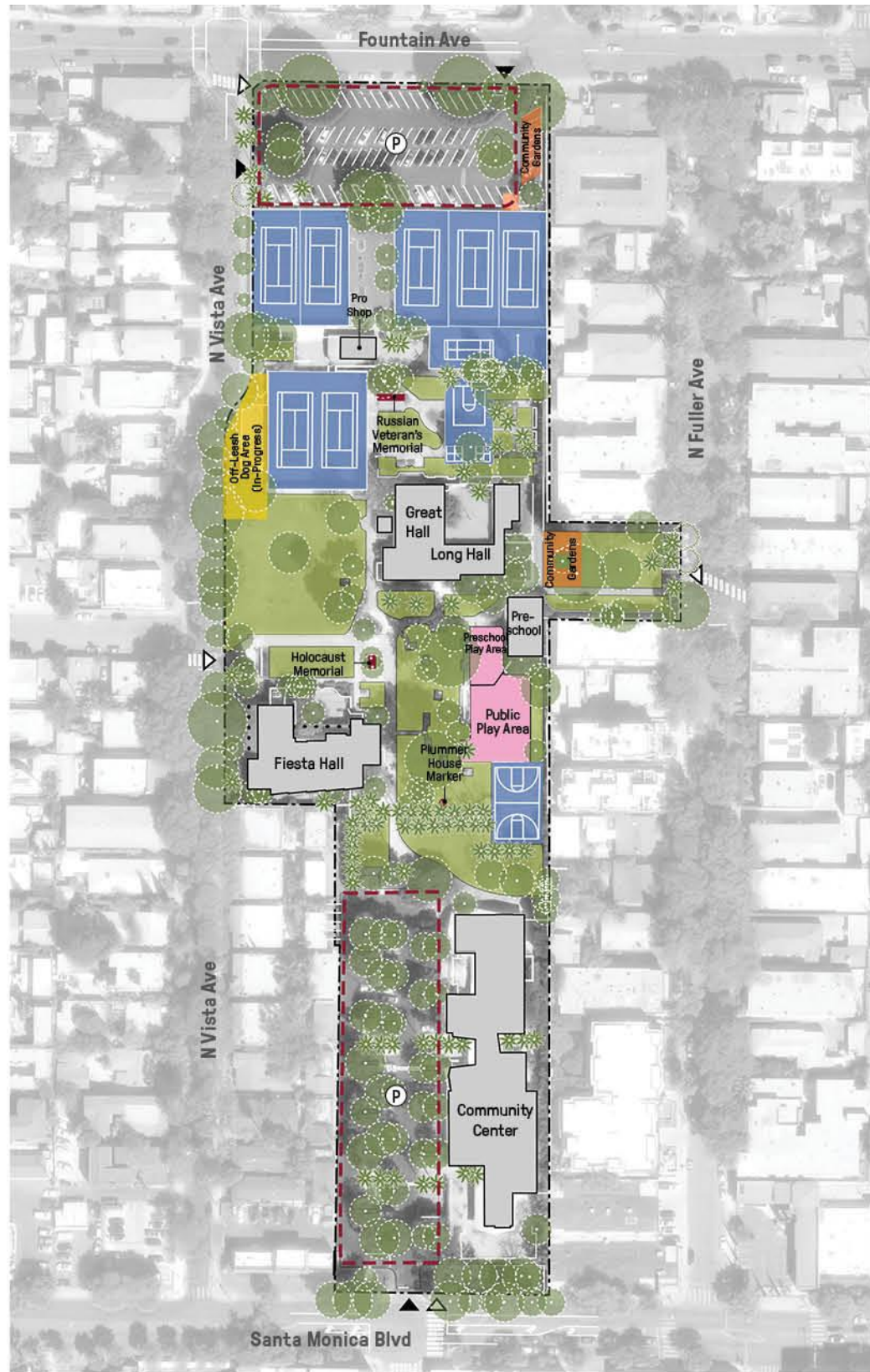
- A. Updates on Community Gardens**
- B. Plummer Park Tennis and Pickleball Courts**

V. Plummer Park Comprehensive Plan: Phase 1 Update

Comprehensive Improvement Plan: Phase 1



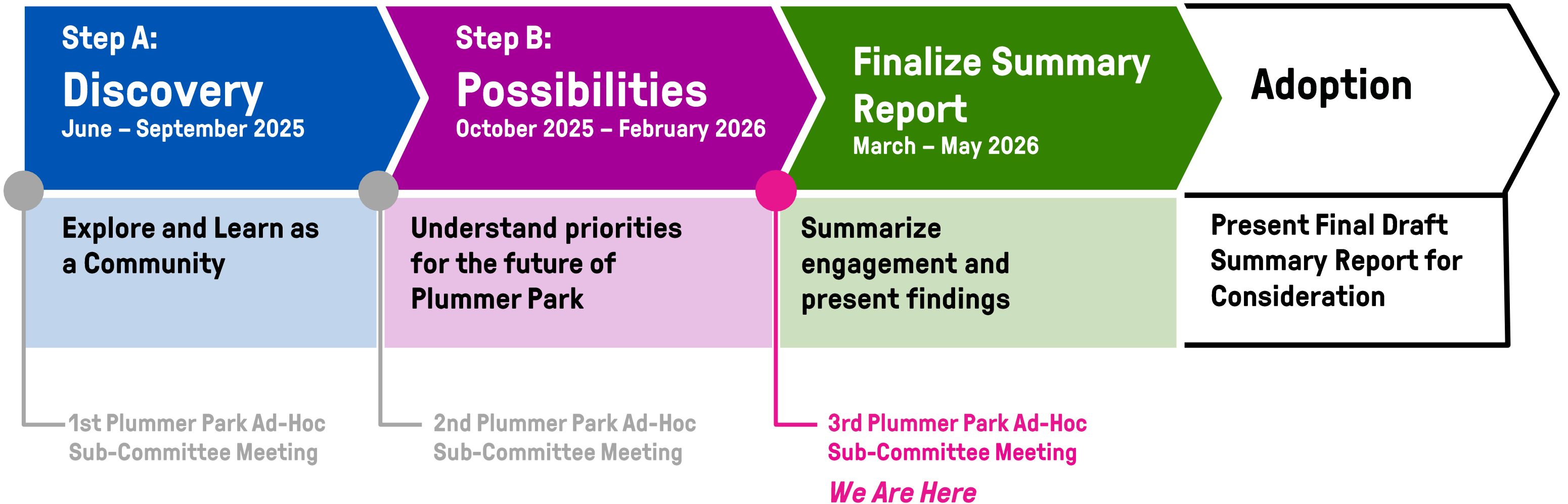
Phase 1: Timeline



- ✓ Understanding of Park History & Past Plans
- ✓ Park Condition & Use Analysis
- ✓ Community Engagement
 - Step A: Discovery
 - Step B: Possibilities
- ✓ Plummer Park Needs Assessment
- ★ Draft Summary Report
- Review of Draft with Community
- Final Summary Report

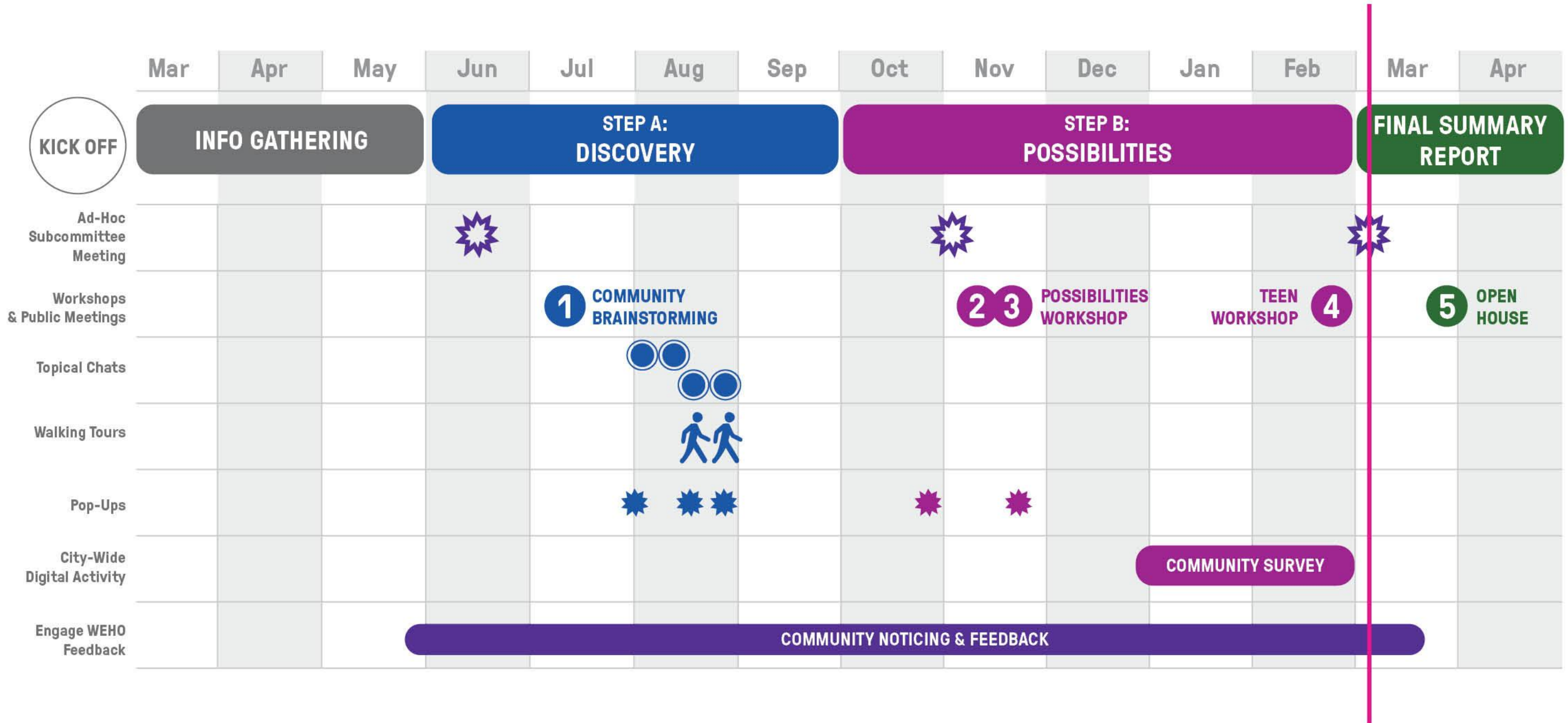
Phase 2 - "Where + How"

Phase 1: 3-Step Process



Community Engagement

Engagement Timeline



Engagement By The Numbers

COMMUNITY REACH



400+
Attendees Across
Engagement Meetings

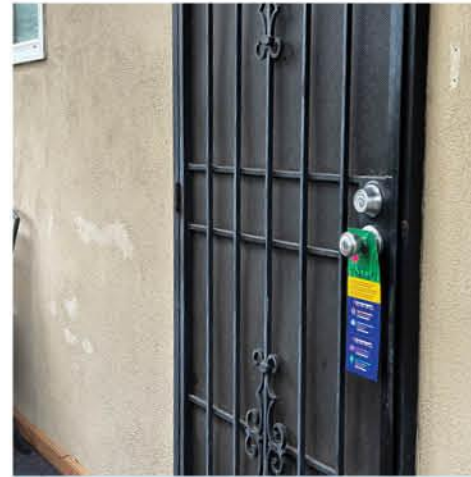
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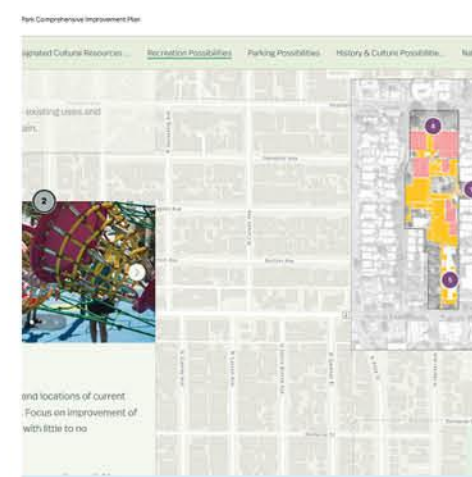
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1,500+
Email
Distribution List



2,000
Door-to-Door
Outreach



450+
Online Engagement
Responses



200+
Flyers Posted Around
Town

ENGAGEMENT EVENTS



3
Community Meetings



4
Pop-Ups



4
Topical Chats



2
Walking Tours



1
Teen Workshop

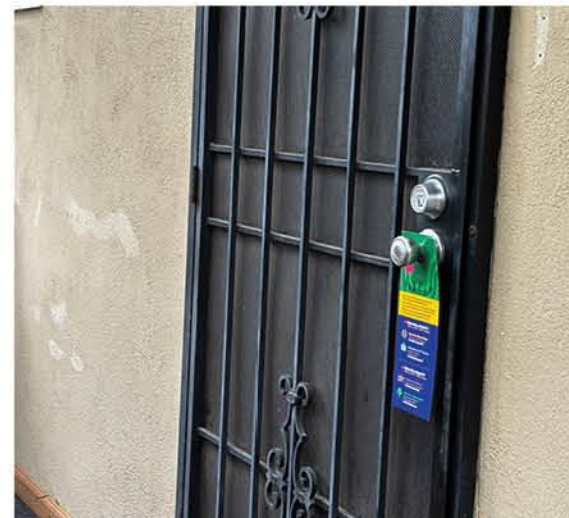
Analog & Digital Awareness



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Methods:

- Park Kiosks
- City-Wide Digital Kiosks
- Bus Shelters
- Pedestrian Shelters
- EngageWeho Project Page
- E-Mail Blasts
- Door to Door Hangers
- Park QR Code Stickers
- Park A-Frame Posters
- RecReader Advertisement
- City Social Media
- Community Flyer Drops
- Press Releases
- News Outlets
- Community Pop-Up Events
- Board & Commission Briefings

Project Identity Swag



Pop-Ups



The Plummer Park Comprehensive Improvement Plan team conducted the following pop-up events over Phase 1:

**National Night Out
West Hollywood Recreation
Services Divions**

Tuesday, August 5, 2025
(Movie in the Park at Vista)

**National Night Out
Russian-Speaking
Advisory Board**

Tuesday, August 5, 2025
(Block Party at Fuller Lawn)

**Helen Albert Certified
Farmer's Market**

Monday, August 18, 2025
(Fountain Ave. Parking Lot)

**City of West Hollywood
Youth Halloween Carnival**

Saturday, October 18, 2025
(Plummer Park)

**West Hollywood Day & State of
the Community Celebration**

Monday, November 24, 2025
(West Hollywood Aquatics &
Recreation Center)



Brainstorming Workshop

STEP A:
DISCOVERY



Video Storytelling Booth

STEP A:
DISCOVERY



“The Russian community gatherings here were always so lively”

“It’s a park where history and community are both still visible”

“It’s noisy sometimes, but it’s alive. That’s the spirit of the park”

“It’s a place for everyone - young, old, gay, straight, Russian, Latino, all together”

“Right now it’s still one of the only true green spaces left in West Hollywood”



Topical Chats

STEP A:
DISCOVERY



SPORTS & RECREATION



EDUCATION & PROGRAMS



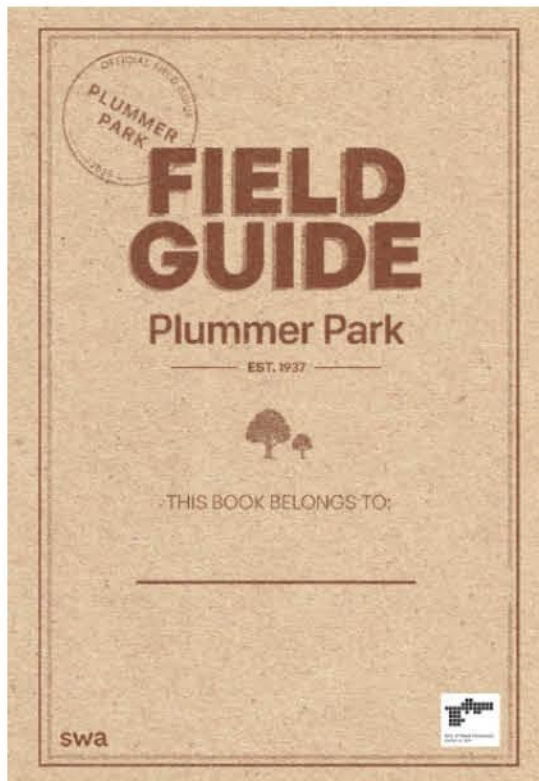
HISTORY & CULTURE
(WITH WALKING TOUR)



NATURE & OPEN SPACE
(WITH WALKING TOUR)

Walking Tour – Nature & Open Space

STEP A: DISCOVERY



03/IDENTIFICATION Flora

Can you identify these plants in Plummer Park? Record how many of each you find and if you think the species is native or non-native. See answers below!

1. Coast Live Oak (<i>Quercus agrifolia</i>)	2. Mexican Fan Palm (<i>Washingtonia robusta</i>)	3. Jacaranda (<i>Jacaranda mimosaefolia</i>)
4. Deodar Cedar (<i>Cedrus deodara</i>)	5. Bottlebrush (<i>Callistemon speciosus</i>)	6. Japanese Cheesewood (<i>Ritidopora tobinii</i>)
7. Tropical Milkweed (<i>Asclepias curassavica</i>)	8. Bamboo (<i>Bambusa</i>)	9. Show's Agave (<i>Agave showae</i>)
		10. Purple Society Garlic (<i>Tulbaghia violacea</i>)
		11. California Brittlebush (<i>Quercus agrifolia</i>)

04/IDENTIFICATION Fauna

Can you spot any of these animals at Plummer Park?

- Yellow-rumped Warbler** (*Geothlypis trichas*)
 Fun Fact: These colorful birds can digest wax from berries that other birds can't eat, making their great winter survivors when insects are hard to find.
- Western Honey Bee** (*Apis mellifera*)
 Fun Fact: Honey bees are super pollinators. They help plants and flowers grow by spreading pollen while collecting nectar to make delicious honey.
- Black Phoebe Bird** (*Sayornis nigricans*)
 Fun Fact: Black Phoebes are amazing flycatchers! They sit on low branches and swoop out to catch flying insects, helping control bug populations.
- Eastern Fox Squirrel** (*Sciurus niger*)
 Fun Fact: These squirrels are expert tree climbers and seed spreaders. By burying acorns and sometimes forgetting where they left them, they help new trees grow.
- Cloudless Sulphur Butterfly** (*Phoebastria sennae*)
 Fun Fact: These bright yellow butterflies migrate long distances and love visiting flowers, spreading pollen as they flutter around gardens and meadows.
- Southern Alligator Lizard** (*Elgmodon altemus*)
 Fun Fact: These lizards have flexible tails that can even detach to escape predators! They eat insects, spiders, and small bugs, helping to naturally control pests in gardens and wild areas.

BONUS:

- Inkcap Mushroom** (*Coprinus spp.*)
 Did you know? Mushrooms aren't flora or fauna, they're part of a group called fungi! They can break down dead leaves and wood, turning them into healthy soil that plants can use to grow.

Activity Observations

1. Vista Lawn
 - would like to see more pervious surfaces.
 - In favor more trees, less cement.
 - more green space, a lot of concrete, more pervious space.
 - lift up of pervious space.
 - Mike - strategize under that canopy.
 Describe how you feel in this space:
 - see more trees & foliage along the edge.
 - Urban Forestry & Biodiversity.
 - dense urban microforest.

How could this space feel better?
 - kids w/ bikes, swings, mt goat for people.
 - perimeter track, walking path -
 - benches - separate space for all the neighbors - shade - more seating.

2. North Courts Walkway
 - power line interfering w/ trees
 - bringing street to one way - parking -
 Describe how you feel in this space:
 - could use more improvement
 - shade
 - keep having programmed space for walking.

What do you see people doing in this space?
 - mad ab. dog park.
 - common garden - no fence -
 - fence not inviting.

How could this space feel better?
 - water conservation - use of lawn?
 - line of sight - security - no hidden pockets.

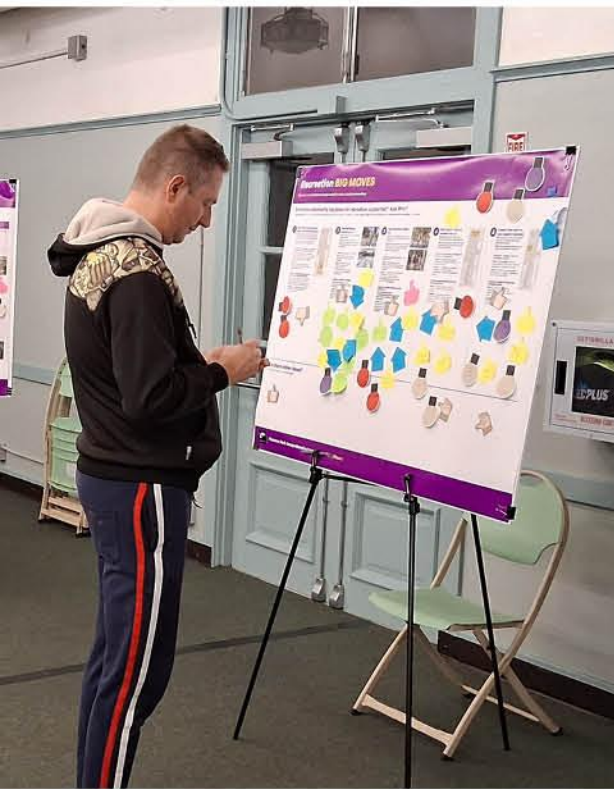
Walking Tour - History & Culture

STEP A:
DISCOVERY



Possibilities Workshop (1 & 2)

STEP B:
POSSIBILITIES



Teen Workshop

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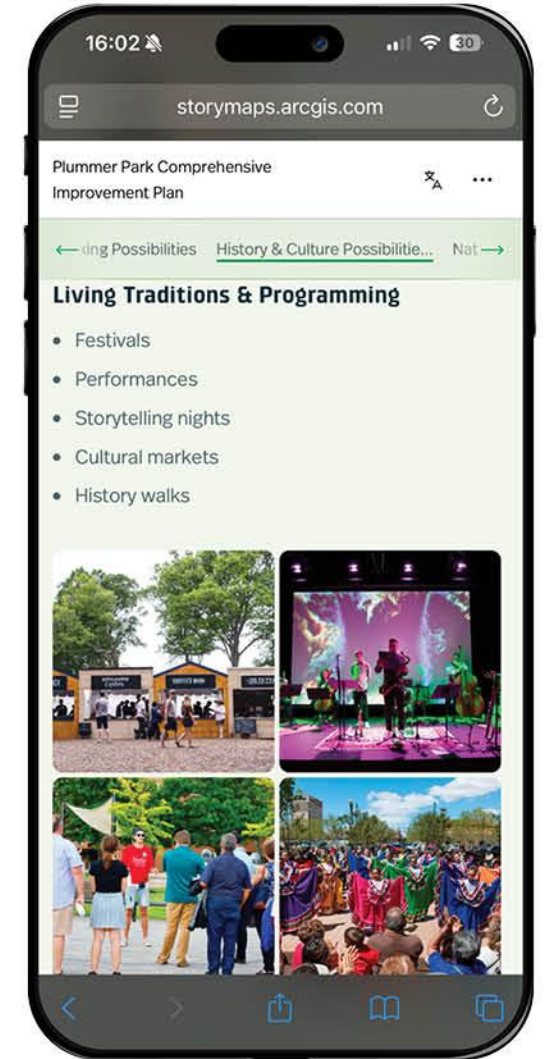
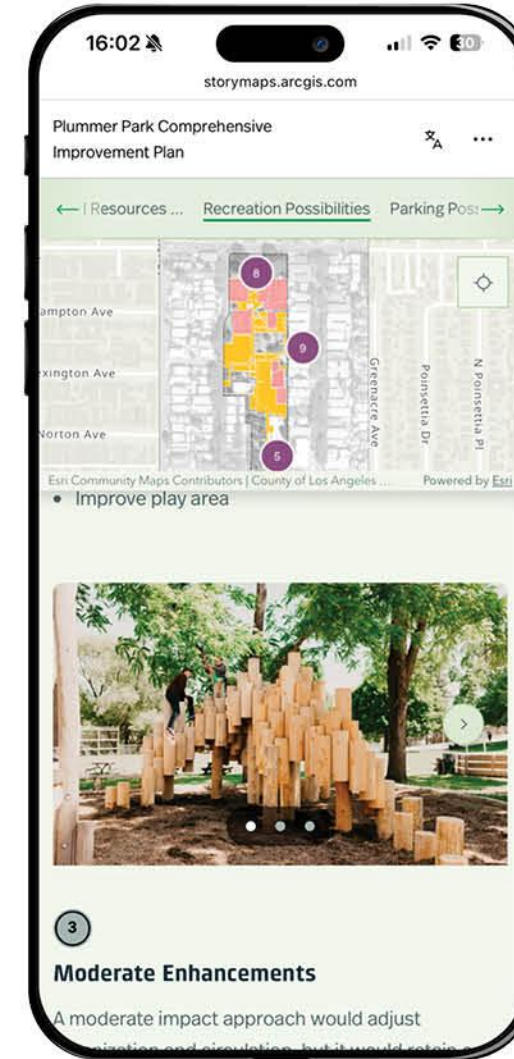
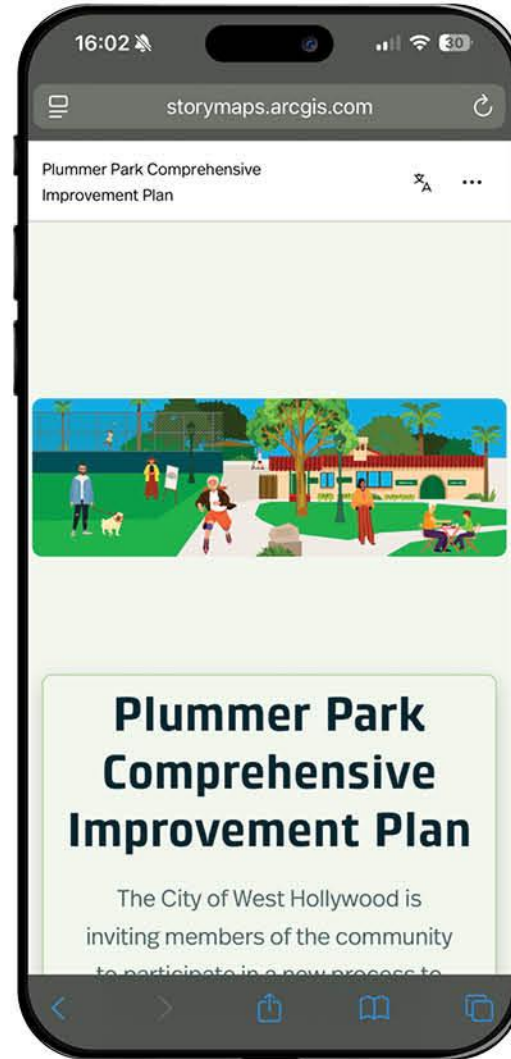


City-Wide Online Engagement Activity

STEP B:
POSSIBILITIES



City-Wide QR Codes



Community Voices

Questions to be Answered



“the What”

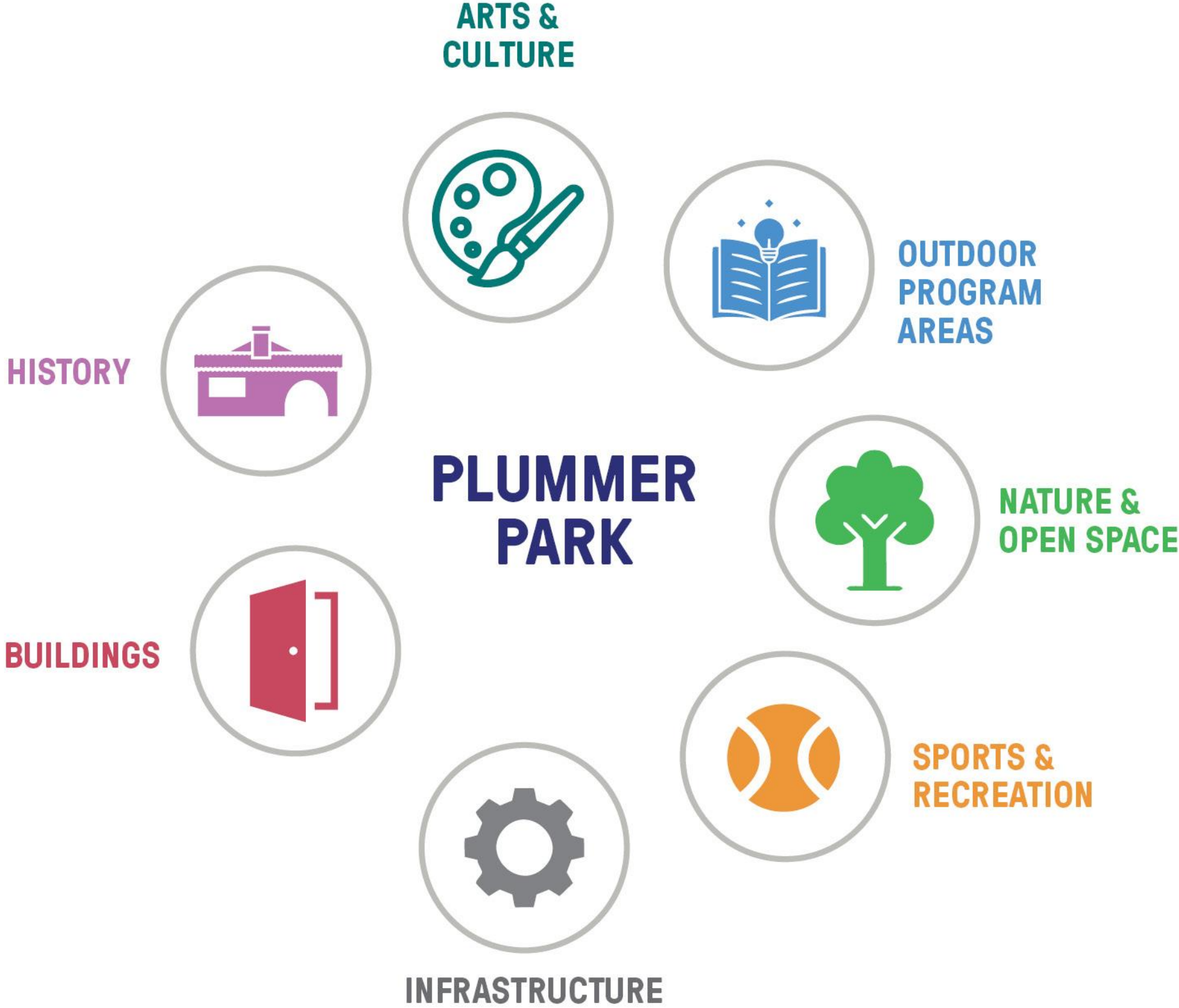
- What makes an ideal park?
- What is working well?
- What needs improvement?
- What is missing?

&

“the Why”

- Why should Plummer Park embody those ideal park values?
- Why do people gravitate to these spaces or should be protected?
- Why isn't it performing as intended?
- Why invest in this gap in park program?

Understanding Plummer Park Through Various Lenses



Recreation

“The playground should be dramatically overhauled. West Hollywood Park playground is so much nicer.”

“Workout equipment should be returned.”

Noise Mitigation
Splash Pad
Playground
Court Resurfacing
Ping Pong
Dog Park
Tennis
Nature Play
Bike Racks
Shade
Basketball
Pickleball
Walking Path
Open Lawn
Evening Lighting
Vista Lawn
Swimming Pool
Workout Equipment

“A swimming pool would be good for all ages.”

“Sound abatement between the courts and the street is needed.”

“More shade, keep the courts, and improve them.”

What's Beloved & Must Remain

- The **Sports Courts** are the most heavily used facility in the park.
- **Vista Lawn** is the most important flexible outdoor space for park events and daily use.

Priority Improvements

- **More permanent Pickleball Courts** to meet rising demand and popularity of the sport.
- **Playground outdated and inadequate** for current demand and different age groups.
- **Tennis and Pickleball Courts are Noisy.** Loud music and early-late hours of play are distracting to other park users and neighbors.
- **More shade** on courts and Vista Lawn to improve comfortability and combat rising temperatures.

Community Desires

- **Outdoor Fitness Zones**, an amenity that still has demand and was never replaced.
- **Water Play**, WeHo Aquatic center is always booked and too far for east side families. Community needs a place to cool off during the summer heat.
- **Outdoor Game Tables**, particularly chess and ping-pong tables for social gatherings.

Outdoor Program Areas

“I love the idea of a community garden, but where is the community? It should be open and accessible” without fences

“Every weekend Plummer Park should have an event.”

Remove Fencing
Nature Education
Weekend Events Evening Programs
Community Garden
Farmers Market
Food Security Demo Garden **Open Access** Movie Nights
Young Adults Monthly Markets **Food Programs** Micro-Forest
Performance Space
Outdoor Classroom
Summer Concerts

“Pop-up coffee kiosk, food vendor.”

“An additional Farmers Market day would be great. I love it but can’t come on Mondays!”

“Better signage is needed to display ongoing events and activities”

What’s Beloved & Must Remain

- The **Helen and Albert Certified Farmers Market** is important for providing access to fresh food.
- **Community Events** such as Summer Sounds, movie nights and seasonal festivals.

Priority Improvements

- **Expand the days and hours of the Farmers Market.** Monday mornings are difficult for most residents to attend.
- **Community Gardens should be more inviting.** Current design is foreboding and closed off. The gardens took away usable open space that should belong to everyone, not to a single group.
- **Communication of existing park programming.** Website and park signage inadequate at informing residents of park happenings.

Community Desires

- **Outdoor cafe or food vendors.** People want to have more reasons to spend time in the park, and feel food options would help.
- **More Weekend Programming.** Better for families and working adults, with busy weekday schedules.
- **Outdoor Classroom,** in urban environment people want more nature-based learning opportunities.

History

“Art and history could be incorporated much more meaningfully into the park”

“Keep space flexible. Courtyard could be open more frequently.”

“The buildings feel like dead space”

Russian Community
Ecological History
Indigenous History
Memory
New Deal 1938
Historic Buildings
Great Hall / Long Hall
Historic Preservation
Land Acknowledgment

Storytelling
Audubon Society
LGBTQ+
Bird Sanctuary
Exhibits
Courtyard Murals

“Buildings need modern technology to support events and community programs.”

“It’s a park where history and community are both still visible”

What’s Beloved & Must Remain

- The **Historic Buildings are the park’s identity.**
- **Spaces of memory.** Glad park space is used for historic monuments and plaques.

Priority Improvements

- **Activate Historic Buildings** for daily park use. Currently are closed off and underutilized. Consider opening courtyards to increase usable park space and shaded seating opportunities.
- **Historic Building Modernization** need basic functional upgrades, for lighting, AV and climate control.
- **Historical Markers are poorly located and easy to miss.** Many community members didn’t even know there are markers around the park.

Community Desires

- **Missing LGBTQ+, indigenous and ecologic history.**
- **Interpretative Programming and storytelling space,** community prefer walking tours, exhibits and storytelling tree, over more monuments and static representations of history.

Arts & Culture

“People in their 20s to 40s are under-served by programming currently.”

“More concerts, year round!”

Youth Art Classes
Local Artists Resource Library
LGBTQ+ Events
Maker Space
Woodshop 3D Printing
Co-Creation **Art Gallery** **Public Art** Ceramics Studio Film Festivals
Outdoor Performance
Community Murals
Rotating Installations
Summer Sounds
Memory Garden
Cultural Programming

“Art or Maker Space in buildings would be great”

“The space could be better designed to allow for a natural community gathering space.”

“There is a lack of awareness about art events in Plummer Park among neighbors.”

What’s Beloved & Must Remain

- The **Cultural Programming** such as dances, Mishka Festival and indigenous events.

Priority Improvements

- **Art Events are hidden and not visible to everyday park goers**, community members are often unaware that art exists at Park, especially exhibits on display within Long Hall.
- **Improve access to affordable rental and rehearsal space** the current rental spaces are seen as inaccessible to local artists and performers due to price and limited availability.
- **More programming for adults 20-40 and the LGBTQ+ community.** Arts and culture programs are primarily targeted to seniors and youth.

Community Desires

- **Dedicated outdoor performance space.** Need shaded seating, power, lighting, and infrastructure for outdoor events and shows.
- **Maker Space** without any local resource libraries or community colleges, there is need for affordable production tools such as wood/metal shop, 3D printers and ceramics.

Nature & Open Space

“We need more wide open, multipurpose community spaces that bring people together”

“Protect mature trees and dense tree canopy.”

“Fuller lawn often feels like a dead zone, underutilized.”

Permeable Surfaces
Biodiversity
 Elm Canopy **Shade** Oak Trees
Native Plants
 Bird Sanctuary **Trees** Pollinators
 Heritage Trees No Palms **Open Lawns** Bat Boxes Birdhouses
 Water Feature **Fuller Lawn**
 Green Space
 Climate Resilience

“Implement xeriscaping, plant more trees, and increase native, bird-friendly flora”

“Need more pervious and green space”

What’s Beloved & Must Remain

- The **mature tree canopy** is recited as the parks most distinguished feature.
- **Vista Lawn** is the most important open space.

Priority Improvements

- **More shade trees** to address climate warming and user comfort throughout the park.
- **Reduce amount of hardscape**, to address effects of heat island effect and city’s climate resiliency goals.
- **Fuller Lawn feels unsafe and underutilized.** Most disconnected part of the park and the interim community gardens made this worse.
- **Replace existing plantings with native species**, to increase biodiversity and reduce water-use.

Community Desires

- **Expand Vista Lawn**, not enough open lawn area for large events and every day use.
- **Botanical Garden on Fuller Lawn**, design natural garden for park users to reconnect to natural habitats.

Park Buildings

“Keep the Community Center”

“I love that WeHo offers a preschool in the park.”

“Install a chef’s kitchen for cooking classes”

Demo Kitchen
 Snack Shack Pro Shop Seeds of Hope
 Indoor-Outdoor Modernization
 Tech Library Activation **Preschool** Green Roof Wayfinding Multi-Story
Community Center
 Replacement Underutilized
 Restrooms
 Cafe / Coffee Kiosk

“We need more restrooms, and an overdose prevention center.”

“The community center is so dated!”

What’s Beloved & Must Remain

- The **Community Center services** is the heart of the park, and vital for daily functions for many residents.

Priority Improvements

- **Preschool must be replaced.** Where and how is divided between community members. Community feels preschool should be:
 - Moved to Great Hall/Long Hall
 - Constructed new in existing location
 - Moved to be part of the community center
 - Removed from the park
- **Community Center is disconnected from the park and outdoor program areas,** it is insular and hard to navigate, often perceived as not part of the park.
- **Replace pro-shop and adjacent restrooms.**

Community Desires

- **Demonstration kitchen** for food education and distribution support.
- **Disability Resource Library.**
- **More services for people experiencing homelessness** such as showers, community fridge and recharge stations.

Infrastructure

“Add more bike infrastructure, such as bike parking and a fix-it station on the north side of the park.”

“Right now it’s still one of the only true green spaces left in West Hollywood”

“ I love the active pathways and the presence of the ambassadors.”



“The Fuller side is too dark after sunset. Additional lighting is needed.”

“Consider reducing parking to create more space for park”

What’s Beloved & Must Remain

- The **parking lot for the Farmers Market** is important and most enjoyed program at the park.
- **Park ambassadors** are greatly appreciated for their responsiveness and sense of safety.

Priority Improvements

- **Lighting is inadequate** especially in areas behind Great Hall/Long Hall and Fuller Lawn.
- **Improve safety of public park restrooms.**
- **Park entries, signage and wayfinding is confusing**, there is no clear entries into the park for pedestrians, bicyclists, or vehicles.
- **Study parking strategy.** Community is divided on amount of park that should be offered. The Community feels:
 - Keep as is / Protect Parking Lot Trees
 - Remove parking, valuable public park space shouldn’t prioritize parking lots.
 - Increase parking density with a structure to increase usable park space.

Community Desires

- **More bike infrastructure**, add bike parking near the historic buildings, repair station to north and improve bike access points into the park.
- **More EV charging stations.**

The Community's Favorite Park Attributes & Amenities



Vista Lawn is the heart of the park and is the most utilized park amenity and serves the community on a daily use and for larger community events.

VISTA LAWN



There is a high demand for tennis and pickleball within the community.

TENNIS & PICKLEBALL COURTS



The Community Center's services provided are essential to the community as a resources for food, education and recreation.

COMMUNITY CENTER



Shade trees are considered one of the character defining features of the park by the community.

SHADE TREES



Seasonal and reoccurring community events that are hosted outdoors are widely cherished and often requested to increase the amount of.

OUTDOOR COMMUNITY EVENTS / PROGRAMS




Community finds immense value in spaces that serve multiple purposes, often favoring shaded lawns.

FLEXIBLE / MULTI-USE SPACES



The farmers market is a weekly park program that community feels is work well and many call for it to be expanded.

FARMERS MARKET



The community's respect for the park's historic buildings and call to revitalize them helps to define the parks historic character.

HISTORIC CHARACTER



Community food resources are thought by the community to be one of the best programs offered.

COMMUNITY FOOD PROGRAMS

The Community's Most Requested Improvements

Priority Improvements

- Increase shade for usability of recreation and event areas.
- Improve lighting for safety.
- Upgrade pro-shop restrooms.
- Fix communication of current park programs and create accessible centralized park calendar.
- Improve park signage and entry markers.
- Resolve parking tension, amount of parking areas vs. park space.
- Replace and expand playground for multiple age groups.
- Open up the buildings to better connect to park and everyday park goers.
- Update Historic Buildings to better support park programming and events.



The Community's Most Requested Needs

Priority Needs

- Add water recreation to combat heat, either swimming pool or splash pad.
- Add a cafe or coffee kiosk.
- Create a Maker Space.
- Expand programming offerings to weeknights and weekends.
- Protect and expand flexible green space.
- Add fitness zones, either defined walking loop or fitness equipment
- Add native plants and increase biodiversity within park.



Plummer Park Needs Assessment

2026 Plummer Park Needs Assessment

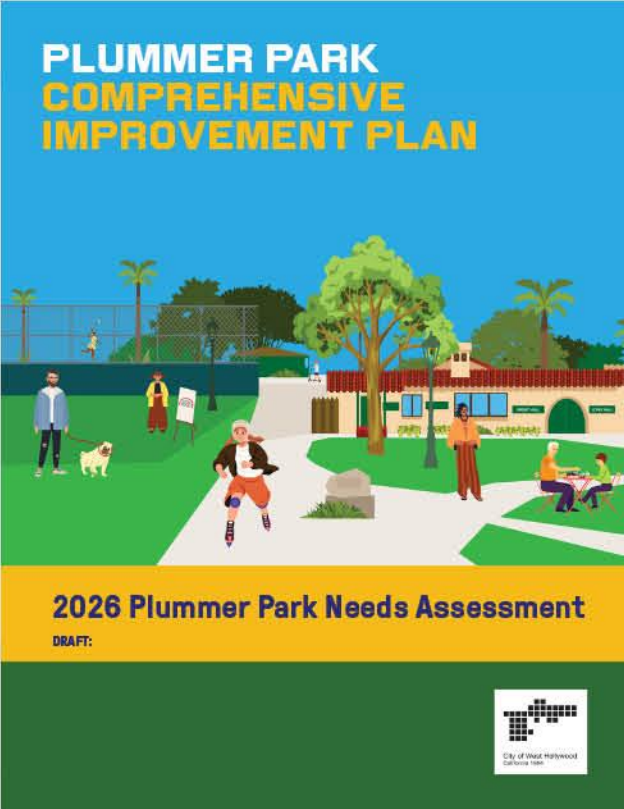
Includes:

- Understanding of Plummer Park & Its Role in the West Hollywood Park System
- Condition Assessment Update
- Amenity Need Benchmarking
- Key Findings

2016 LA County Park Needs Assessment



2026 Plummer Park Needs Assessment



Key Findings from Plummer Park Needs Assessment



- **High priority need for fitness zones** - currently 4x less fitness zones than peer communities.
- **Insufficient amount of open, flexible recreation space** – currently provides 4x less open green space than peer communities.
- **Insufficient amount of core park amenities**, including picnic tables, benches, and restrooms compared to peer communities.
- **Lack of a dedicated outdoor performance space.**
- **Insufficient amount of playground** - currently provide half the amount of playground areas compared to peer communities.
- **Lack of diamond and multi-purpose sports fields**, amenities currently only available outside West Hollywood, but offered at the adjacent Poinsettia Park.

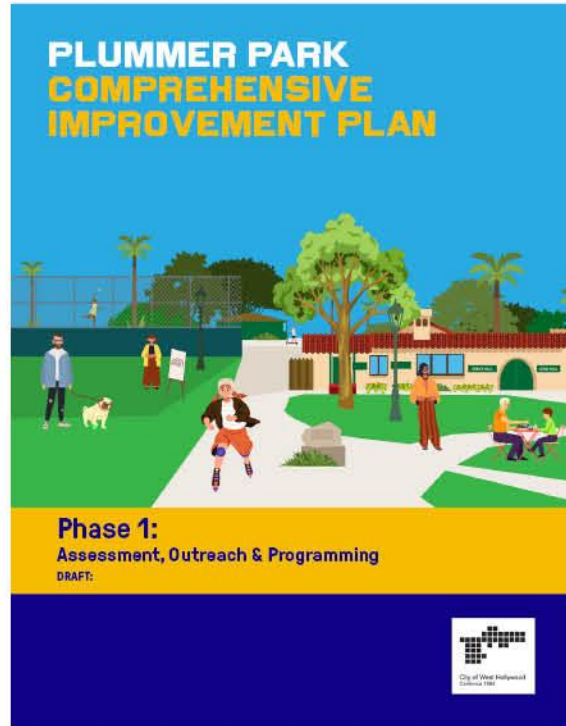
Alignment of Needs with Community Voices

Community Voices

Plummer Park Needs Assessment Findings

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Phase 1 Outcome



(DRAFT) Phase 1: Summary Report

- Past Planning Efforts Summary
- Existing Conditions & Park Analysis
- Community Engagement Summary
- Community Voices
- Findings Alignment with Plummer Park Needs Assessment

WE ARE HERE



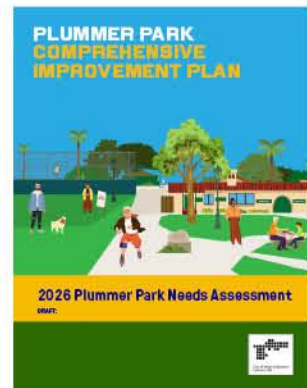
Review of Draft Summary Report with Community



to present to City Council



- Feasibility Studies & Alternative Analysis
- Ad-Hoc Design Steering Committee with Community Involvement
- Draft Comprehensive Improvement Plan
- Boards & Commissions Review
- Phasing & Budgeting Approach
- Final Comprehensive Improvement Plan



Plummer Park Needs Assessment

- Understanding of Plummer Park & Its Role in the West Hollywood Park System
- Condition Assessment Update
- Amenity Need Benchmarking
- Summary of Findings

Questions to Ad-Hoc Subcommittee

**Phase 1 Community Engagement included ‘Discovery’ and ‘Possibilities’ outreach.
(What and Why)**

Phase 2 Master Planning (Where and How) will include:

- Formation of an Ad-Hoc Design Steering Committee
- Study of Programming Options and Alternatives based on Phase 1 findings.
- Ad-Hoc Design Steering Committee review with Community Involvement
- Draft Master Plan Document in support of the Comprehensive Improvement Plan
- Boards & Commission Review
- Phasing & Budget Approaches and Alternatives
- Final Comprehensive Improvement Plan Recommendations for Council consideration

- 1. Does the Subcommittee feel that Phase 1 of the Plummer Park Comprehensive Improvement Plan covered adequate ground and the outreach effort is complete as presented tonight?**
- 2. Does the Subcommittee feel that along with the Needs Assessment the Outreach Summary Report will be sufficient information and analysis to bring to City Council for guidance in advancing to Phase 2 Master Planning?**

VI. Public Comment

VII. Comments from Ad-Hoc Subcommittee Members

VIII. Next Steps

IX. Adjournment