

Recreation and Parks 2008 General Obligation Bond

Draft Bond Criteria for Project Selection

In order to properly prioritize funding those projects most important the needs of the Recreation and Parks system, we are proposing to use a set of criteria which then become a basis for "scoring" or quantifying each properties' need and help us to make difficult funding decisions and understand trade-offs.

Seismic / Life Safety Needs

This criteria evaluates the seismic condition of a facility, which relates directly to the themes of the citywide capital plan. A citywide seismic assessment was conducted in the mid 90's, classifying City owned buildings into the seismic rating categories. The categories range from 1 to 4, with a 4 being the most significant danger. Seismic and Life Safety are a major priority for the Citywide Capital Plan.

Degree of Dilapidation / Physical Condition

Using our Condition Assessment Data ("COMET" Assessment) data to determine which parks are in the greatest need for repair and replacement.

Density / High Needs Areas

Considering those areas that have been designated high needs areas in the Recreation and Open Space Element of the City's General Plan. The General Plan calculation for high needs areas have been determined by a number of factors including income, high concentration of children and seniors and other factors.

Multi-Functional Properties

Many of the properties offer a variety of recreational opportunities, and this criteria allows us to evaluate those sites that provide more types of recreational opportunities. This criteria attempts to recognize those sites that provide the most diverse set of facilities, but not necessarily the largest.

Other Considerations: Equitable Distribution / Citywide Balance

It is important to the City that capital funds are used citywide.

Other Policy Projects:

Better Athletic Fields – Provide funds to replace grass turf fields with engineered turf which can withstand urban use demands. Field playtime use can increase significantly with these improvements.

Community Opportunity Fund – Provide funds to community members who apply to have capital improvements made to their park. These community groups would be encouraged to provide a commitment to the park either by leveraging other funds or programs or community time assisting in park stewardship.

Reforestation Funds – Our urban forest is large, special and it needs considerable work, including needs assessment, tree repair, removal and planting.

Restrooms - This would provide funds to replace dilapidated freestanding restrooms in our parks throughout the city with a new restrooms which are easier to maintain, monitor and operate.