



City of Sebastopol Planning Commission Staff Report

Meeting Date: Sept 27, 2022
Agenda Item: 5A
To: Planning Commission
From: Parks Subcommittee, Staff
Subject: Parks Tour – Libby Park

Introduction:

The intent of this Tour is to discuss potential improvements at Willard Libby Park with City staff, the Planning Commission (which serves as the City's Parks Commission), stakeholders, and the public.

Below are pre-tour notes by the Planning Commission's parks subcommittee with some edits by staff. The intent is to use this as a starting point for discussion of potential short- and long-range improvements.

ACTIVE AMENITIES

1 Highest Priority - Willard Libby Park

Valentine Street Sign is sad

Broken Asphalt Trails

Weeds around children's playground fence **M**

POND

Fencing:

Fence Removal/replacement around Pond may need additional work/discussion (note, this will be agendized for more formal review at a regular, recorded Planning Commission meeting.

Pond Fence could be low curb to prevent balls, etc.from falling in

Pond edges need softening with low and tall grasses for ducks

Turtle Island has blackberries - needs landscaping

Can the water look less green? Can the health be improved?

Add another bench or low rock seating to south/west of Pond area

New Patrick Amriott sculpture coming to Garzot Building

Bocci Ball Court sign is damaged **M**

Odd light pole(?) needs fixing or removal

Commemorative rock could have three other boulders suitable for climbing.

Remove grass here and add wood chips

Repair wood fence along south-east edge of park adjoining neighbors **M**

Add shade trees along this asphalt trail, more like Valentine Ave.

Add trees, shrubs, benches, and an activity on the mound
large rocks for climbing, natural stone or wood chip paths instead of lawn

Add trees, shrubs and taller grass clusters along some areas of the fence

Other park notes:

Laguna Youth Park

North Kiosk Area

- Parking lot behind Annex needs grading
- Kiosk is in wrong place, trail head isn't clearly marked
- Garbage (on a Monday)
- Trail guide numbers need QR codes/go online
- Amphitheater needs work. Maybe use all stone seating?
- Drip line remnants need to be removed **M**

Playground Area

- More large shade trees for structure and tables/benches

Bridge Area

- Vandalism on signs, both sides of bridge
- Consider removing fallen tree from waterway

2 New Americorp Trail improvements coming

South Kiosk Area

- Area needs a refresh
- Remove fencing, landscape, add access trails from sidewalk and parking lot
- Replace wood sign poles with rusted steel posts throughout park

Peace Garden Area

- Peace Garden looks mostly good. Seating in shady area is random
- Labyrinth memorial sign needs wood preserve and paint
- Labyrinth needs structural work or re-design
- Needs a cluster of large stones for sitting

Mario Savio Plaza

- Walk thru

Skategarden Park

- Getting major work now.
- Children's area (Name because it's separate?)
- Community Garden Plots
- \$20 annual fee, \$25 one-time security deposit
- Included in Skategarden refresh?

Tomodachi Park

- Can't read sign at entrance
- Slats missing and damaged in fence along west end (front of park)
- Garbage along ground near bridge abutment
- Garbage along new trail to JR Trail. Does it connect?
- Graffiti on bridge abutment is a Cal Trans project

PASSIVE PUBLIC AMENITIES

Laguna Wetlands Preserve
2 Kiosk Areas
Walk Trails

Laguna Uplands Preserve
Both entrances look good
Minor trash along trails (mostly exposed after weed whacking)
Some scattered posts near fence with Shiela Signer's property **M**
Either complete the trail looping along the east, lower edge,
OR close it off where the actual trail bends south

Jewell Avenue Extension
Jewel Avenue entrance is clean.
Lynch Road
Entrance is collecting old windows, florescent lights, and boxes of other free
stuff. Needs to be checked and cleaned up regularly. **M**

3 High Visibility area (May be County Parks?)

County Trail Heads

Joe Rodota Trail Head / Petaluma Avenue to Morris Street
Bench could be made level, repaired. (Looks sad) **M?**
Garbage can near bridge to Barlow Crossing has garbage around it
Quite a bit of garbage along that south/north section
Some garbage can be seen behind the hotel fence.

West County Trail Head / High School Road
Very good.

NO PUBLIC AMENITIES

Spoooner Park
Welcome sign needs washing (dusty)
Solar needs washing??

COMPLETED

Ives Park

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Luther Burbank Gardens
West County Museum
Ives Pool
Sebastopol Area Senior Center
Sebastopol Community Cultural Center
Wischemann Hall

Little League Fields

Ives Park Field
Clahan Field