

Parks and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

6:30 P.M.

Malibu City Hall, Multipurpose Room

Call to Order

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

Report on Posting of Agenda – February 12, 2026

1. Ceremonial/Presentations

A. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

2. Written and Oral Communications from the Public and Commissioners

A. Communications from the public concerning matters which are not on the agenda but for which the Commission has subject matter jurisdiction. The Commission may not act on these matters at this meeting.

3. Consent Calendar

A. Previously Discussed Items

None.

B. New Items

1. Approval of Minutes

Recommended Action: Approve the minutes for the November 18, 2025 Parks and Recreation Commission Regular meeting.

Staff Contact: Administrative Assistant Saleaumua, 456-2489 ext. 349

2. Community Services Department Monthly Report

Recommended Action: Receive and file a report of activities, events, projects, and programs coordinated by the Community Services Department in January 2026.

Staff Contact: Community Services Director Riesgo, 456-2489 ext. 350

4. Old Business

None.

5. New Business

A. FIFA World Cup and Summer 2028 Olympic Programming

Recommended Action: Review and provide feedback on potential community programs for the FIFA World Cup and Summer 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Staff Contact: Community Services Recreation Manager Manisco, 456-2489 ext. 363

B. Las Flores Creek Park

Recommended Action: 1) Receive a report on Las Flores Creek Park design elements, property boundaries, and constraints; and 2) Provide feedback on future discussion items related to park amenities.

Staff Contact: Community Services Director, Riesgo 456-2489 ext. 350

6. Staff Updates

7. Commissioner Reports, Comments and Inquiries

Future Agenda Items

Adjournment

Future Meetings

Tuesday, March 17, 2026	6:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting	City Hall Multipurpose Room
Tuesday, April 21, 2026	6:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting	City Hall Multipurpose Room
Tuesday, May 19, 2026	6:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting	City Hall Multipurpose Room

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Old Business items have appeared on previous agendas but have either been continued or tabled to this meeting with no final action having been taken. Public comment shall follow the rules as set forth under Oral Communication.

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Brittany Saleaumua, Administrative Assistant



Parks and Recreation Commission Agenda Report

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**Item
3.B.1.**

To: Chair Villablanca and Members of the Parks and Recreation Commission

Prepared by: Brittany Saleaumua, Administrative Assistant

Approved by: Kristin Riesgo, Community Services Director

Date prepared: February 3, 2026 Meeting date: February 17, 2026

Subject: Approval of Minutes

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the minutes for the November 18, 2025, Parks and Recreation Commission Regular meeting.

DISCUSSION: Staff has prepared draft minutes for the November 18, 2025 Parks and Recreation Commission Regular meeting.

ATTACHMENTS: November 18, 2025 Regular meeting minutes

MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 18, 2025
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
6:30 P.M.

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Chair Villablanca called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following persons were recorded in attendance by the Recording Secretary:

PRESENT: Chair Judy Villablanca; Vice Chair Jake Lingo; Commissioners Alicia Peak (arrived at 6:46 p.m.), Georgia Goldfarb (arrived at 7:00 p.m.), and Dane Skophammer

ALSO PRESENT: Kristin Riesgo, Community Services Director; Kate Manisco, Recreation Manager; Chris Orosz, Interim Recreation Manager; and Brittany Saleaumua, Administrative Assistant

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Villablanca led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION Commissioner Skophammer moved, and Vice Chair Lingo seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The question was called, and the motion carried 3-0; Commissioners Goldfarb and Peak absent.

REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

Administrative Assistant Saleaumua reported the agenda for the meeting was posted on November 14, 2025.

ITEM 1 CEREMONIAL/PRESENTATIONS

A. Social Media and Digital Marketing Presentation

Recreation Manager Manisco provided an overview of the department's social media profiles, trends, posts, and engagements in 2025.

Commissioner Peak arrived at 6:46 p.m.

ITEM 2 WRITTEN AND ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Anne Komarovsk stated she was running for Governor in 2026.

Scott Dittrich stated a dog park was needed in Eastern Malibu, and the area on Rambla Pacifico Street of Las Flores Creek Park would be an ideal location.

ITEM 3 CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION Commissioner Peak moved, and Commissioner Skophammer seconded a motion to approve the consent calendar. The question was called, and the motion carried 4-0; Commissioner Goldfarb absent.

The Consent Calendar consisted of the following items:

- A. Previously Discussed Items
None.
- B. New Items
 - 1. Approval of Minutes
Recommended Action: Approve the minutes for the August 19, 2025 Parks and Recreation Commission Regular meeting.
 - 2. Community Services Department Monthly Report
Recommended Action: Receive and file a report of activities, events, projects, and programs coordinated by the Community Services Department in September 2025.

Commissioner Goldfarb arrived at 7:00 p.m.

ITEM 4 OLD BUSINESS

- A. Equestrian Park Update
Recommended Action: 1) Review Malibu Equestrian Park operations, proposed maintenance, and facility use options; and 2) Provide a recommendation on park operations management for Council consideration.

Community Services Director Riesgo and Interim Recreation Manager Orosz presented the staff report.

In response to Commissioner Peak, Community Services Director Riesgo stated staff completed general park maintenance, and Trancas Riders and Ropers (TR&R) provided a list of maintenance requests.

In response to Commissioner Skophammer, Interim Recreation Manager Orosz stated that an Agreement with TR&R would not prohibit the city from coordinating equestrian programs. He stated staff would communicate with TR&R to ensure no programs overlap.

Vice Chair Lingo stated the equestrian community was not using the park, and dog walkers were the primary park patrons.

In response to Commissioner Skophammer, Interim Recreation Manager Orosz stated that feedback regarding arena maintenance and standards was provided to staff by local community stakeholders and equestrian arena professionals.

In response to Chair Villablanca, Interim Recreation Manager Orosz stated that staff maintained the park for general use and additional maintenance would be required for horse shows or other large-scale programs.

Commissioner Peak stated attendance data from the equestrian community was very low and did not justify additional funding for maintenance.

POINT OF ORDER

Administrative Assistant Saleaumua stated that if the Commission had no further clarifying questions, the floor would open for public comment before the Commission discussed the item.

Commissioner Goldfarb stated maintenance should be completed on the horse arenas, and she supported the additional expenses to ensure a safe facility.

In response to Commissioner Peak, Community Services Director Riesgo stated park rules state visitors use the park at their own risk.

Public Speakers: Bonnie Decker, Ell Conrad, Jeremy Walker, Dylan Klumph, Alan Armstrong, Lani Netter, Haylynn Conrad, and Nance Tapley-Peck.

Chair Villablanca closed the floor for public comment.

Commissioner Goldfarb requested outreach and equestrian programming for children.

Commissioner Skophammer stated that some people lost horse stables in the Woolsey Fire had not rebuilt them. He stated the arena conditions could contribute to the limited use of the park.

Chair Villablanca stated Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) owned the park, and they could revoke access at any time since the City's agreement was year-to-year.

In response to Chair Villablanca, Community Services Director Riesgo stated SMMUSD does not want to sell the park to the city.

In response to Commissioner Peak, Community Services Director Riesgo stated the commission should provide feedback on the proposed fee schedule, community use agreement, and maintenance budget.

Commissioner Peak opposed reducing the proposed fees and paying for the additional maintenance expenses to maintain a park that was not being adequately utilized.

In response to Commissioner Skophammer, Community Services Director Riesgo stated the additional estimated maintenance expenses were \$160,000.

Commissioner Goldfarb and Commissioner Skophammer advocated for reduced facility use fees.

MOTION Commissioner Skophammer moved, and Commissioner Goldfarb seconded a motion to reduce the proposed arena fee schedule by half. The question was called, and the motion carried 4-1; Commissioner Peak dissenting.

Community Services Director Riesgo stated that the proposed arena fee schedule would not be reviewed by the City Council until June 2026 and inquired about the duration of the fee reductions.

MOTION Chair Villablanca moved, and Commissioner Skophammer seconded a motion to reduce the proposed fee schedule in half upon city council approval until June 2027. The question was called, and the motion carried 4-1; Commissioner Peak dissenting.

MOTION Chair Villablanca moved, and Vice Chair Lingo seconded a motion to recommend that staff develop a Community Use Agreement with Trancas Riders and Ropers, and the motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chair Lingo recommended that TR&R collaborate with staff on a maintenance budget for City Council consideration.

In response to Commissioner Skophammer, Interim Recreation Manager Orosz stated TR&R must have a community use agreement with the City before establishing a budget.

MOTION Vice Chair Lingo moved, and Chair Villablanca seconded a motion to recommend that staff work with TR&R to create an Equestrian Park maintenance budget for City Council consideration, and the motion carried 4-1; Commissioner Skophammer dissenting.

Commissioner Peak stated she wanted the Commission to review the Equestrian Park maintenance budget.

In response to Chair Villablanca, Community Services Director Riesgo stated the budget would be provided as a staff update.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT

Chair Villablanca amended the motion that staff provide the maintenance budget back to the Parks and Recreation Commission as a staff update.

The amendment was accepted by the maker of the motion.

The amended motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 6 STAFF UPDATES

Interim Recreation Manager Orosz provided an update on the Legacy Park Water Bottle Filling Station.

Recreation Manager Manisco provided an update on Senior Center programs, Halloween Bu Bash, special events, and the recreation guide and City newsletter.

Community Services Director Riesgo provided an update on the Community Lands Project and the December Special meeting.

ITEM 7 COMMISSIONER REPORTS, COMMENTS AND INQUIRIES

Vice Chair Lingo thanked Commissioner Peak for her service as the AYSO Regional Commissioner.

In response to Vice Chair Lingo, Community Services Director Riesgo stated the Council will receive an update on the Community Lands Project during the December 8, 2025 Regular meeting.

Commissioner Skophammer provided an update on the Snack Shack project and stated the Ad Hoc Committee has worked with the designer and staff to complete the final preliminary design.

In response to Chair Villablanca, Community Services Director Riesgo stated staff would send Commissioners previous staff reports and minutes related to a dog park at Las Flores Creek Park.

Commissioner Goldfarb stated the removal of invasive species and public outreach should be a new City policy.

In response to Commissioner Goldfarb, Chair Villablanca stated that education on the pesticide ban was needed for the pesticide policy and could be mandated within City parks, but not citywide. She suggested the City create an Environmental and Sustainability Commission.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Review of the Request for Qualifications Process
Snack Shack Design

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Villablanca adjourned the meeting at 9:13 p.m.

Approved and adopted by the Parks and
Recreation Commission of the City of
Malibu on February 17, 2026.

JUDY VILLABLANCA, Chair

ATTEST:

BRITTANY SALEAUMUA, Administrative Assistant



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**Item
3.B.2.**

To: Chair Villablanca and Members of the Parks and Recreation Commission

Prepared by: Brittany Saleaumua, Administrative Assistant

Approved by: Kristin Riesgo, Community Services Director

Date prepared: February 3, 2026 Meeting date: February 17, 2026

Subject: Community Services Department Monthly Report

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file a report of activities, events, projects, and programs coordinated by the Community Services Department in January 2026.

DISCUSSION: The Community Services Department coordinated the following activities, projects, and programs in January 2026.

RECREATION

Aquatics: The Malibu Marlins Swim Club and adult conditioning winter programs resumed on January 6 following a two-week break. Thirty-six youth participants are on the swim team, and eight participants are in the adult conditioning program.

The Community Services Department hosted a Lifeguard Recertification class on January 10. The class included in-water assessment and written tests. Three current staff members were recertified for two years through the American Red Cross.

The Malibu Community Pool was closed on January 17 due to Southern California Edison electrical work at Malibu High School.

Community Classes: Afterschool programs in partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of Malibu began on January 14 at Webster Elementary School. Classes included wildlife biology and ultimate sports, with fourteen participants taking the eight-week session.

Winter enrichment classes began on January 17, with twenty-eight registered participants. Programs included ballet, dog obedience, hip-hop, Music Together, and various one-

workshops, including LEGO® robotics, power and strength yoga, self-defense, and trick and treats dog obedience.

On January 17, eight participants and their dogs attended a one-day Tricks and Treats Dog Obedience Workshop at Malibu Bluffs Park, instructed by My Best Friend Obedience (Attachment 1). The following week, over ten participants registered for the beginner and intermediate six-week course to learn clicker training, loose-leash walking, and managing distractions.

Six adults took part in a Self-Defense Workshop at Malibu Bluffs Park on January 24. Instructed by The Pit Malibu Martial Arts, the group learned basic karate moves, blocking and striking techniques, stances, and awareness skills to help them feel more confident and prepared in everyday situations.

On January 24, sixteen youth participated in a LEGO® Robotics workshop at Malibu Bluffs Park. Instructor Marty Felgen with Playsmart Education showed participants how to build walking robots using engineering and mechanical design principles.

Seven participants attended a Power and Strength Yoga Wellness Workshop at Malibu Bluffs Park on January 27. Instructors from The Mindry led the group through intention-setting exercises, breathing practices, and guided visualizations, helping participants find clarity and focus in a calm, supportive environment.

Outdoor Recreation: Nature walk and Storytime at Legacy Park took place on January 14. Children and parents viewed and learned about monarch butterfly caterpillars, wildflowers, and waterfowl.

City staff led a sunset hike at Charmlee Wilderness Park for seventeen participants. Hikers viewed the sunset and heard an active pack of coyotes, a barn owl, chorus frogs, and a pair of great horned owls.

Seniors: Weekly Senior recreation programs continued in the Malibu Senior Center and Malibu Bluffs Park, Michael Landon Center. Programs include cardio salsa, chair yoga, choir, coloring, knitting, mat Pilates, soul line dancing, stretch and strength, tai chi, total-body workout, and Zumba®.

On January 15, the Senior Center hosted a Financial Planning for Retirement lecture, with seven seniors in attendance. The speaker delivered an interactive lecture covering different retirement accounts, investment options, and estate planning.

A Mason Jar Wind Chime art activity took place on January 20, providing ten participants with mason jars, colorful beads, and wire to complete their craft.

Sixty seniors gathered at the Malibu Senior Center on January 22 for the Monte Carlo Senior Monthly Luncheon. Whole Foods catered the event, offering a choice of honey-

glazed salmon or lemon chicken as entrées, along with fingerling potatoes and goat cheese salad. Entertainment was provided by Danny J, Legends Impressionist, who delivered memorable performances of Dean Martin, Elvis Presley, and Frank Sinatra.

Seven seniors participated in the Senior Excursion to the Petersen Automotive Museum in Los Angeles on January 27 (Attachment 1). The group met at Malibu Bluffs Park before taking the shuttle to the museum, where they explored the exhibits at their leisure.

Malibu artist, Helen Campanella instructed a painting class at the Senior Center on January 28, with twelve participants in attendance. The instructor provided all necessary supplies, including canvases, paints, brushes, and palettes (Attachment 1).

Over twenty participants attended the Fitness As You Age workshop on January 29, led by Mike Anderson, owner of CrossFit Malibu. Anderson guided seniors through various exercises designed to promote healthy aging, mobility, and agility (Attachment 1).

Special Events: Park Tales: Forest Friends at Malibu Bluffs Park occurred on January 8, with 5 children and their caregivers in attendance. The Malibu Library Children's and Outreach Librarians led story time and a forest-themed craft. Recreation staff provided participants with gifts and snacks.

Sports: Youth Sunday Soccer began on January 11 for children ages two to four. Twelve participants are registered for classes at Malibu Bluffs Park hosted by Super Soccer Stars.

Youth and Parent and Me tennis, instructed by John Rom, began on January 10 with thirteen participants. Classes take place on Saturdays at the Malibu High School Tennis Courts.

The Youth and Middle School Basketball Leagues resumed weekly games on January 10 following a holiday break. League games and classes are on Saturdays and will conclude on February 21 with end-of-season participation awards for players in grades kindergarten through fifth and a playoff game for middle school athletes.

Adult Open Gym Basketball is held weekly on Wednesdays at Malibu High School. The program averages over 25 participants per week.

PARK MAINTENANCE

Cross Creek: On January 6 and 7, contractors removed two non-native Norfolk Island Pine Trees on Cross Creek Road, as recommended by a certified arborist.

Las Flores Creek Park: Staff met with various contractors to discuss and schedule the work for the park restoration project.

Legacy Park: City staff removed fifteen palms, three Pompas grass plants, and 500 square feet of oxalis and mustard throughout the park property.

Replaced the faded corkboard in the display case with a new decorative version.

Installed a new quick coupling device to provide access for pressure washing equipment.

Pressure-washed and cleaned all park benches, sculptures, drinking fountains, and hardscape surfaces.

Malibu Bluffs Park: Removed graffiti from park signage.

Completed turf renovation on the Multipurpose Field, which included aerating the soil, dethatching the turf, verticutting, removing the thatch from the field, overseeding with cool-season rye grass, and applying seed cover to protect the seed and improve germination. The temporary fence surrounding the Multipurpose Field was removed, and the field was reopened to the public.

Installed a replacement for the triple wave slides on the main playground near the Michael Landon Center that consisted of assembling the multiple slide components and securing the attachment to the main structure (Attachment 1).

Medians and Right of Ways: Installed a new water hose connection in the parkway planter to allow manual watering for newly planted trees.

Michael Landon Center: Removed graffiti from various areas within the building, including the restrooms. A specialized, non-toxic, and surface-appropriate solvent was used to lift the vandalism without damaging the underlying paint or materials of the equipment and buildings, followed by a thorough cleaning and reapplication of protective coating where necessary.

Installed signage stating, "Please do not flush anything except toilet paper in the toilet."

Staff worked with a contractor to repair a leaking toilet seal in the handicap-accessible stall of the women's restroom and a leaking angle valve within the pipe chase.

Trancas Canyon Park: Pressure-washed and cleaned all park benches, picnic tables, drinking fountains, and hardscape surfaces.

Repaired and replaced the hand dryers within the men's and women's restrooms.

ATTACHMENTS: January 2026 Community Services Department photographs

Community Services Department Monthly Report
January 2026 Department Programs

Tricks and Treats Dog Obedience Workshop



Petersen Automotive Museum Excursion



Community Services Department Monthly Report
January 2026 Department Programs

Painting with Helen Campanella



Youth and Middle School Basketball League





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**Item
5.A.**

To: Chair Villablanca and Members of the Parks and Recreation Commission

Prepared by: Kate Manisco, Recreation Manager

Approved by: Kristin Riesgo, Community Services Director

Date prepared: January 29, 2026 Meeting date: February 17, 2026

Subject: FIFA World Cup and Summer 2028 Olympic Programming

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Review and provide feedback on potential community programs for the FIFA World Cup and Summer 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

DISCUSSION: With several upcoming global events, the City has an opportunity to expand its community programs and events that celebrate Malibu's character, creativity, and coastal environment. Recreation programs and events provide comprehensive benefits that enhance physical, mental, and social well-being, improve quality of life, and strengthen communities. These programs can reduce stress, foster social cohesion, and promote healthy, active lifestyles across all ages, while also delivering economic and environmental advantages.

FIFA World Cup (International Federation of Association Football)

As international attention on global soccer events increases, the City may consider programs that celebrate athleticism, cultural exchange, and community gathering from June to July 2026.

Summer 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games

With the Los Angeles region hosting the 2028 Summer Olympic Games, Malibu has an opportunity to participate in this historic event that highlights the City's coastal identity and Olympic values.

Potential program opportunities for the FIFA World Cup and Summer 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games may include,

- Themed “Park Tales Storytime in the Park”, in partnership with the Malibu Library
- Themed movies for “CineMalibu, Outdoor Movies in the Park”
- International and multi-cultural inspired community programs or events
- Community-engaged projects involving youth, schools, or local organizations
- Temporary art installations in City parks*
- Performing arts*

Fiscal impacts will vary depending on the scope, scale, and duration of each project. Funding sources may include,

- City General Fund request
- City Public Art Fund*
- Partnerships with regional agencies or event organizers
- Grants or Sponsorships

*Requires Malibu Arts Commission collaboration

There is a preference to prepare and request funding during the City Budget process for Fiscal Year 2026-27 and 2027-28.

The Malibu Arts Commission and Youth Commission have discussed their proposed ideas at the respective February 2026 Regular meetings. Feedback provided by the Parks and Recreation Commission will be combined with the other Commission’s proposals for an evaluation by staff and potentially Council. The Commission should provide recommendations on priorities and program or event development.

ATTACHMENTS: None



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**Item
5.B.**

To: Chair Villablanca and Members of the Parks and Recreation Commission

Prepared by: Kristin Riesgo, Community Services Director

Date prepared: February 11, 2026 Meeting date: February 17, 2026

Subject: Las Flores Creek Park

RECOMMENDED ACTION: 1) Receive a report on Las Flores Creek Park design elements, property boundaries, and constraints; and 2) Provide feedback on future discussion items related to park amenities.

DISCUSSION: Las Flores Creek Park opened to the public in 2008 as part of the Las Flores Canyon Creek Restoration and Las Flores Creek Park Project. Las Flores Creek Park was built on both sides of Las Flores Canyon Creek and required a Coastal Development Permit (CDP), a Conditional Use Permit (CUP), and an Initial Study under the California Environmental Quality Act due to its proximity to Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Area (ESHA).

The 6.7 acre neighborhood park featured picnic tables, restrooms, a playground area, and walking trails set within a landscape of over forty native plant species. Educational signage included details on the local flora, riparian habitat, creek stabilization project, and the area's history. The City also partnered with the Malibu Monarch Project to add a native pollinator garden on Rambla Pacifico Street.

In 2025, the Palisades Fire destroyed nearly all park features. Staff are focused on replacement and rehabilitation projects to return the park to its original condition. Repairs currently underway include fencing installation, irrigation replacement, electrical repairs, trail rehabilitation, landscaping, and tree planting. Phase 2 of repairs includes new signage and benches, playground replacement, and septic system repairs.

City Parcels

Las Flores Creek Park is located on the east side of Las Flores Canyon Creek between the creek and Las Flores Canyon Road. It extends approximately a quarter of a mile from the furthest northern and southern points of the park (Attachment 1). The City owns a

parcel north of Las Flores Creek Park that is approximately 1,000 sq ft. There is no public parking at the northern parcel, and it is used as a picnic area.

Public Parking and the former pollinator garden were located on Rambla Pacifico Street. There are three privately owned parcels on Rambla Pacifico Street that would require the City to work with the property owner(s) for future use.

Park Zones

Playgrounds: Two playgrounds near the restrooms and park entrance were a key feature of the park. The playground's theme includes nature-related play equipment such as stepping stones, climbing and balance ropes, animal climbing structures, a teeter-totter, a modified merry-go-round, and a boat structure. Playgrounds were separated for children ages two to five and five to twelve.

Trails: An interpretive pedestrian trail extended the length of the park, providing visitors with information about the riparian environment and the land's history. The trail system is decomposed granite and ADA accessible. It also provided pedestrians access points from properties along Las Flores Canyon Road and Rambla Pacifico Street.

Native Landscape: The park's vegetation includes all species native to the Santa Monica Mountains area. Several native sycamore and oak trees were retained when the City acquired the property.

Pollinator Garden: In 2018, the City worked with the Malibu Monarch Project to install a native pollinator garden on Rambla Pacifico Street. The garden featured Coyote Bush, Sagebrush, White Sage, Hummingbird Sage, Bush Sunflower, and various other pollinator plants. In 2020, the City received a grant from Xerces Society and installed over 1,000 native plants.

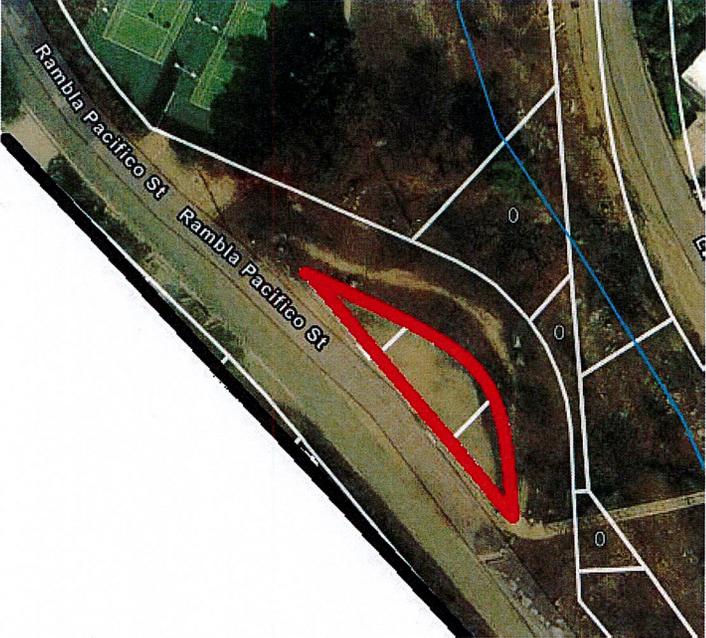
Amenities: The park features Men's and Women's restrooms, picnic tables, benches, a pedestrian bridge, parking, and an emergency supply storage area.

Constraints

ESHA boundaries exist in a significant section of the park's usable area (Attachment 2). The Local Coastal Program (LIP) states that ESHA shall be protected against significant disruption of habitat values and only uses dependent on such resources shall be allowed within such areas. During the park's construction, the project objectives included removing exotic plant species, increasing native riparian vegetation diversity, stabilizing banks, improving aquatic habitat, and integrating long-term management. The City's Initial Study (IS) included guidelines to restore the degraded habitat while providing public accessways and trails.

ATTACHMENTS: 1) Las Flores Creek Park, City-Owned Parcel Map
2) Las Flores Creek Park ESHA Map

Las Flores Creek Park City-Owned Parcel



Private property outlined in red



Northern Parcel



Las Flores Creek Park
Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Area (ESHA)