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El Cerrito Community Council Meeting WE ARE HAVING A REALTORS PANEL FOR THE ECCC APRIL MEETING

Board Member, Melissa Steele, and other realtors discuss real estate and answer our real estate questions.

APRIL 15TH - 7:00 – 8:30 PM

VIA ZOOM

Want to know what homes are selling for in El Cerrito, real estate trends, if real estate investment is a good choice for you?

Join us to hear about San Diego real estate and ask your questions, including specifics on the El Cerrito area, what to expect during the buying and selling process, the loan and the escrow processes, adding value to your home, renting and anything else you can think of.

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ECCC IS GOING TO TAKE A VOTE ON THE PARC PROPOSAL AT THE OUR MAY 20TH MEETING

PARC, which stands for Park And Recreation Coalition, is a group that includes former city planners, landscape architects, architects, and community planners. This group is promoting improvements to the new City Parks Master Plan, General Plan Recreation Element, and Citywide Park Development Impact Fee (which make up the Parks component of Complete Communities). At our March meeting, PARC member, Carolyn Chase, described their suggestions for improvements to the current City's Plan, including funding proposals such as specific use taxes, maintenance assessment districts that would allow areas to fund park land acquisition and upkeep so City residents can have park acreage based on population, 2.8 acres per 1,000 residents, which was the goal of the prior Recreation Element.

PARC's goals are especially important when one considers the push for higher density development and the need for getting outdoors for exercise and recreation. In El Cerrito, we have been talking about more pocket parks, a dog park and possible acreage for park opportunities in the neighborhood. We currently walk our dogs and children on our sidewalks and children are playing in the streets, so we want more opportunities for recreation and gathering outdoors.

Many at the meeting expressed a willingness to pay taxes for more parks and recreation area, as long as there is assurance that the tax money collected could only be spent on parks and recreation area.

Please review the PARC presentation - available for viewing on the ECCC website and join us in a vote to support PARC's improved park and recreation plan for all of us.

NEXT CHOLLAS TRIANGLE PARK MEETING JULY 20th

The City Planning Department presented an update and took ideas and recommendations from participants on the Chollas Triangle Park Plan at the March 17th Colina del Sol Park & Rec Council meeting. They are now working on the input and will return at the July 21st

meeting with a compilation of the community ideas for further feedback. The new Chollas Triangle Park project will provide new recreational facilities based on the community input. For more information, call (619) 533-4207 or email engineering@sandiego.gov. The current Chollas Triangle Park Plan is available for viewing online at <https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/profiles/easternarea>

We will keep you posted and send a reminder on the July meeting. If you are interested in park and recreation in the area, think about joining the Colina Del Sol Park & Rec Council. The meetings are held at 5319 Orange Avenue, on the third Wednesday of each odd month, 6-8 p.m. The next meeting is Wednesday, May 19, 2021. For more information, see <https://www.sandiego.gov/parks-and-recreation/general-info/boards/crg>.

CRAWFORD HIGH SCHOOL UPGRADES



Crawford High School is continuing its Whole Site Modernization Project remodel with work on the main campus buildings. The current steel structure that has emerged along Colts Way will soon be transformed into the multi-winged, multi-story building as illustrated above that will be home to the school administration services, performance art center and classrooms.

The project will provide improvements to existing classroom spaces, replace aged and inefficient buildings by providing opportunities to define and create the architectural image of the campus. The exterior improvements will provide more parking spaces, improve campus safety and security and create multi-functional areas aimed at promoting interaction among students and school personnel.

The Career Technical Education (CTE) program project will be a new automotive diagnostic, service and repair instructional facility. The new facility emulates current industry emulates current industry standards and provides space for CTE program extension.

The athletic facilities at Crawford High are completely upgraded and modernized, with improvements for the football, baseball and softball stadiums and tennis courts.

The football stadium improvements include a new synthetic turf field, all-weather track, new accessible bleachers, sound system, scoreboard, lighting, and goal posts on the approximately 7 acres. The 6.8-acre baseball field was relocated and rebuilt and received stadium and facility upgrades. An upgraded softball field and new accessible tennis courts area totaling approximately 5-acres are also being constructed.

The football stadium improvements added accessible bleachers with 1,500-seat capacity on the home side and 750-seat capacity on the visitor side, a press box with elevator for ADA accessibility, a ticket booth, home and visitor entrance gates, restrooms and concessions for home and visitors.

The baseball and softball fields' upgrades have added backstops, dugouts, bleachers, announcer's booths, concession stands, new scoreboards and new fencing.

The tennis courts include new surfacing, striping, fencing and landscaping. The parking lot includes new surfacing, striping and accessibility.

ECCC WORKING WITH SDPD, TALMADGE, WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND CO-OP CAFE ON HOMELESS ISSUES

San Diego Police Department, Community Relations Officer, Terry Hoskins, asked members of El Cerrito, Talmadge, District 9, Julio Garcia and Rock Church Wesley United Methodist Church (the Church) and its Co-op Cafe to meet together to discuss homeless people staying on the Church's property after hours, homeless camping and increases in thefts and car break-ins throughout the communities. The Co-Op Cafe, located on the Church's property at 5380 El Cajon Blvd, and associated with the Church, provides about 165 meals in crates of food to prepare and cook and about 85 ready to eat meals through grant funding and has showers available – both during the hours of 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. each day. Many homeless people who are served meals or take showers are being allowed to stay on the Church grounds from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The meeting was to discuss the homeless people who are camping out at the Church after hours or go a short distance into the surrounding neighborhood and are causing a number of crime problems as well as leaving behind human waste, trash and drug paraphernalia.

This was an initial meeting and more are expected as the group works on solutions to problems identified. All agree that solutions will take some time.

During the ECCC January meeting, there were comments regarding homeless encampments in the area. If you are noticing problems, ask the property owner get a Letter of Agency with the SDPD.

The Letter of Agency and other documents are available online at

<https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/police/pdf/letterofagency.pdf>
and
https://www.sandiego.gov/police/forms/forms_help.

If you do not have a Get It Done App on your phone, you can report a **non-emergency** situation online at <https://www.sandiego.gov/police/crimereports/startaccess> or call **619-531-2000**.

**CELEBRATE ARBOR DAY, SATURDAY,
APRIL 30TH - BY PLANTING A TREE**

Help San Diego be a little more green and the air a little cleaner. Trees help turn carbon emissions into oxygen, they are homes for birds, shade from the sun, beauty in your landscape and produce food. Make it a fun event by selecting a tree from your favorite nursery in the coming weeks. Even if you do not have a yard, you can plant a tree in a pot. **If planting in the ground, check with utilities to ensure you are not going to destroy any lines.**

Arbor Day was started by J. Sterling Morton in Nebraska in 1872. At that time, he organized planting about a million trees in the state. By the 1920s, each state had started observing Arbor Day. Today, dozens of countries around the world observe Arbor Day throughout the year. Be part of the celebration this year and plant a tree.

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