

Sunday, April 25, 2021





Hello,

At our recent Green Valley Estates' Advisory Board meeting (April, 21, 2021) there was a discussion on the current state of benches in our park areas. The questions focused on whether any of them were in need of repair or replacement, and also where to place the five new concrete benches recently purchased. **(See recommendations at the end.)**

Within Green Valley Estates there are several park areas which I have divided into five sections (A-E):

(A) Grande Blvd Playground:

These benches and picnic table seem to be in good shape. In an email (4-23) Danielle suggested painting them. Given the rubber coating over metal it may be a challenge to get the paint to stick and not peel off after a year or two. I agree with Danielle's (4-26) pressure washing plan.

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(B) Pacific Ave (Main Park)

The wood on all these benches has deteriorated significantly. I suggest we refurbish them by replacing the wood. If possible, with Plastic Lumber for long term durability.



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Picnic Tables are in good shape

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Bench wood needs to be replaced

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Bench wood needs to be replaced

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Bench wood needs to be replaced

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Bench wood needs to be replaced

(C) Pacific Ave (Path between Main Park and Secondary Park)



There is one bench along the path. It is made of Plastic Lumber and is in good shape.








(D) Pacific Ave (Secondary Park)

This park has the largest number of benches. They are made of Plastic Lumber and they all are in good shape.



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(E)Hill Terrace Drive



This park has two benches in good shape within the toddler area. I agree with Sal's suggestion to put **two** new benches on the soccer field side of the basketball court (to avoid the water problem). They should be centered on the two half courts. They are marked Y and Z.

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My suggestions:

Park Benches

- (1) **(B) Pacific Ave (Main Park)** Refurbish the benches in Pacific Ave (Main Park) around the baseball/soccer field. I favor refurbishing these benches because the seats have backs and are more comfortable.
- (2) I also support Danielle's suggestion to **use the existing holders we have for another bench**. I suggest placing the new bench (to be made from the two existing holders) in this park at the spot marked X (See satellite image above.) I suggest the bench be angled to face the baseball backstop. This will allow people to see all three areas (Basketball, Soccer, and Baseball).
- (3) **(E) Hill Terrace Drive** Put two new benches on the soccer field side of the basketball court centered on the two basketball half courts. They are marked Y and Z.
- (4) We have three additional new benches to place. I suggest we consider placing two of them on the other side of the creek bridge along the walkway. Specifically beside the path on the stream side.



- (5) We have one additional bench to be placed. Suggestions?

Other maintenance issues:

- (1) Three soccer nets need to be replaced. (One of the two nets on (E) Hill Terrace is in good shape.)
- (2) The baseball backstop (B) Pacific Ave (Main Park) is in need of repair. The fencing bottom has been curled up by kids repeatedly kicking it. The standard wire wrap to secure the bottom won't be strong enough. I suggest using a **Stainless Steel Hose Clamp** or other method to strongly secure it.



- (3) In one section of the backstop the ground level metal pole is missing, that will have to be replaced before the fencing can be secured to it.



- (4) I support Danielle's recommendation to have Sal fix the landscaping fabric that is coming up through the mulch at the (A) Grande Blvd Park
- (5) I also support Danielle's recommendation to replace the basketball nets.

Sincerely,
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