

## Foothills Reserve Park Referendum FAQs - Updated 3/17/2023

Q1. How will the Foothills Reserve HOA pay for the park?

A. The park construction and ten years maintenance will be paid for with the ADOT settlement for the taking the HOA land. That money was earmarked by the court for community improvements. It may not be disbursed to individual members. That settlement fund balance is currently at \$3,286,468. **HOA dues will not be affected by the park for at least ten years.**

Q2. What are the cost breakdowns for utilities and maintenance?

A. Our park designer estimates the park will cost \$38,000 annually for maintenance. That comes to \$64.00 per year, per household. The cost estimate is enclosed. The referendum includes 10 years of maintenance costs out of the HOA settlement fund.

Q3. Will the new park cost cause an increase in HOA dues?

A. **Not for at least 10 years.** Please read Q1 & Q2 answers for additional detail.

Q4. Is this a public park for anyone to use or just for the community?

A. This is a private park only for Owners and Residents.

Q5. Are restrooms and drinking fountains also being built to accommodate the users?

A. No, this is a resident park where the expectation is people will walk, bike, or skateboard from their residence. Restroom facilities tend to attract non-residents. For special community events, we will rent Porta Potties as required.

Q6. Is it going to be lighted and what are the hours of use?

A. Yes, there will be some lighting. Specific fixtures and hours of use have not been established. Decisions will be made with the concerns and input of the homeowners closest to the planned park taken into account.

Q7. Will the park cause the HOA insurance rates to go up due to the added liability?

A. Our existing carrier says **\$34 for year one**, that's about six cents per household. If communities with a private park incurred significantly higher risk, it is doubtful our current carrier would give us that \$34 figure.

Q8. Will the park have a fence and video surveillance or other vandalism deterrent?

A. Where appropriate. A fence along the west end is likely due to the proximity to the edge of the wash. That is currently slated for the youngest aged play set. If vandalism becomes a problem, video may become necessary to protect the community asset.

Q9. If a park is not built can there be a reduction in HOA dues?

A. No. The values of all our homes diminished when we lost the Common Area. The money will be used to enhance the long-term values of all our homes.

Q10. Where will parking be?

A. The park is for the residents with the idea that residents would walk, cycle, skateboard to the park. We will meet with homeowners to come up with a specific plan to ensure prevent the anticipated parking on the streets in front of their homes as a result of the park.

Q11. Will it be a pet friendly park and who will clean up the pet waste?

A. It is not a dog park, existing community rules apply to pet owners in the park area.

***Questions below are from the community meetings on the Park Referendum***

Q12. How do we know the actual cost of the park construction won't spiral out of control like the monument did?

A. What is being approved is \$1.3M. This is based on the plan put before membership. That estimate was built by a reputable firm who has expertise in this area. If costs unexpectedly rise, and the project exceeds the budgeted amount, the A/C and our contractor will need to revise the plan to stay within the budget, or ask the Board to approve a budget overrun. While membership would not necessarily vote on additional funding, it would need to be announced, and considered in an open HOA membership meeting.

Q13. Why are we voting now when so much is unknown?

A. Almost everything is known. Certainly, enough for membership to decide if we want to make this community improvement. No credible expertise has been presented to support all the alleged "unknown", nor has there been any documentation to support why "it's illegal", or how we are about to violate Federal law by "ruining a protected habitat". If any is presented, the HOA will consider and take appropriate action.

Q14. Can the splash pad be moved or eliminated?

A. Yes, both options are on the table. We have already stated at the public meetings. **The splash pad, if it is built, will be moved from the location in the plan** presented to membership.

Q15. Will there be bike racks?

A. Although not included in the design put to membership, it is a good suggestion that the A/C is likely to include in the final design.

Q16. If approved when would we see the final design?

A. If approved, the A/C will begin work with our contractor to build a construction plan. All design changes will be documented and posted on the HOA website in the existing Park Project Documents area. We will move as quickly as we can, but we cannot give a specific date or timetable.

Q17. What will the park hours be?

A. The Architectural Committee will adopt the park hours and rules. They will do so using community input, and a review of established rules and hours for similar communities.

Q18. What is the noise abatement plan?

A. Our design company made a plan that includes bushes, special court material and other amenities to minimize any potential noise issues this park type may create. Again, our design contractor has expertise in this area. He has stated that it is unlikely anything coming from the park will exceed the existing freeway noise.

Q19. How long with the park construction take?

A. If approved, it is projected to be 9 to 12 months by our design company who, again has expertise in this type of project.

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