Van Buskirk Park Master Plan

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Area Context

Map showing the area context with labels for parks and schools.
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Biological Resources and Ecosystem Values of the Van Buskirk Golf Course: A Re-Use Study
What We’ve Heard

Develop a long-term sustainable park

Activate the park through diverse recreation and park amenities

Create gathering spaces that encourage community ownership and investment

ENGAGEMENT AT A GLANCE

- 6 Stakeholder meetings
- 2 Online surveys
- 110 Survey responses
- 9 Staff meetings
- 4 In person meeting with the community
Alternatives

• Three Alternatives
• Similar program
• Active areas adjacent to community center and club house
• Western portion: Low impact recreation and restoration
East Enlargement
MASTER PLAN
The master plan incorporates several design features to create a vibrant community space. It includes an enhanced neighborhood connector along Houston Avenue, providing improved accessibility and connectivity to the park. Internal walking loops also span the entire length of the park, promoting physical activity and offering diverse routes for exploration.

The park design prioritizes safety and visibility by creating a usable edge and incorporating features that increase visibility from the community. More frequent use will make the park feel safer and more welcoming. Additionally, the internal pedestrian paths are large enough to accommodate security vehicles and emergency access when necessary, ensuring the well-being of park visitors.

The park is designed to be diverse and inclusive, with a wide range of amenities that will attract a variety of users, catering to their different preferences and recreations. Van Buskirk will become an activated community hub for the residents of south Stockton, providing new recreation opportunities and serving as a central gathering place.
Central Enlargement
West Enlargement
Preliminary Opinion of Costs
The **Total Extended Cost** only considers installation of amenities. Additional costs related to site clearing, site preparation, utilities, and infrastructure buildout will be calculated as the City moves forward with engineering and construction.
Implementation

Available funding

Environmental Impact

Community Priorities

Partnerships
- Public Private Partnerships
- USACE & SJAFCA
- Stockton Unified School District
- American Golf Foundation
- First Tee
- Edible Schoolyard
- American Rivers
- Trust for Public Land
Thank You

Questions & Comments