

HOWARD PARK MASTER PLAN PUBLIC OUTREACH MEETING

Presented by the City of Lone

June 8, 2023



WELCOME!
**We are glad you
are here!**



TONIGHT'S GOALS

- Community Input regarding recreation facilities and uses at Howard Park
- Compatibility of uses
- Ancillary Uses and capacity
 - Parking
 - Bathrooms

THEN...

- Develop the Alternatives
- Develop strategic plans to implement with our community partners



OVERVIEW

1. Why we are updating the Plan
2. Plan Process
3. Overview of Howard Park history and rules of HP
4. Overview of Facilities at the Park
5. Overview of Existing Agreements with Community Partners
6. Get your input regarding what should be included in the Master Plan
7. Complete Questionnaire before you go!



GROUND RULES

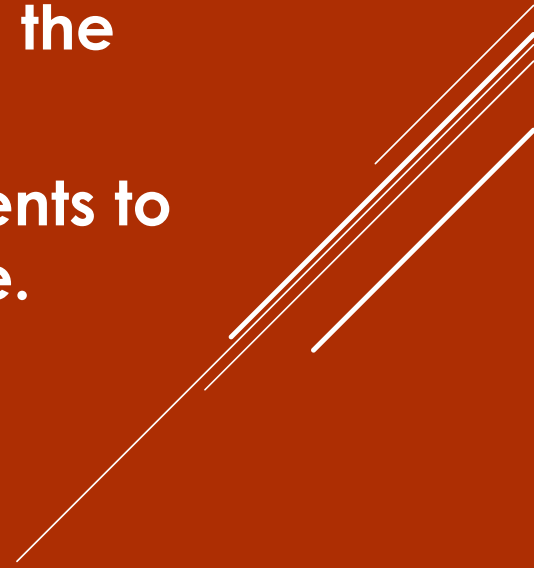
- Everyone participates, no one dominates.
- Minimize or eliminate side conversations.
- One person will speak at a time.
- Be respectful.
- Your time will be limited by the facilitator.





WHY UPDATE THE PLAN?

1. To incorporate the needs and desires of the community.
2. To ensure compatibility amongst all uses within the park.
3. To allow for improvements to the park's infrastructure.



PLAN PROCESS



Public
Outreach
Meeting

June 8, 2023
Community Input

Data
Analysis &
Develop
alternatives

Compare data for
analysis and devise
alternatives

Present to Parks
& Recreation
Commission

August
22, 2023

Present to
City Council

September
19, 2023



**Implement
Strategic Plans
with our
Community
Partners**



HOWARD PARK OVERVIEW

- ▶ City of Ione purchased the park from Howard Estate in 1990 and changed the name from “Ione Picnic Grounds” to Howard Park.
- ▶ The park encompasses roughly 90 acres.
- ▶ The first Master Plan for the park was developed in 1996.
 - ▶ In 2010, the City had a new Master Plan prepared which updated the project list, completed new CEQA reviews, and ensured consistency with new General Plan adopted by the City in 2009



HOWARD PARK MUNICIPAL CODE

12.04.030 - Rules and regulations—Howard Park. The rules and regulations governing Howard Park are as follows:

▶ A. Speed Limits.

- ▶ 1. The speed limit shall be posted and enforced at ten miles per hour (Vehicle Code Section 21113).

▶ B. Ione Picnic Association.

- ▶ 1. The IPA shall have use of the customer keys for all locks without deposit provided the organization assumes liability to restore the integrity of the master key system in the event any keys or locks are lost.

▶ C. Sports Activities.

- ▶ 1. Schedules of sports league activities shall be established by the park commission.
- ▶ 2. Sports groups shall contribute to the upkeep of the facilities they use.



HOWARD PARK MUNICIPAL CODE (CONT.)

► Chapter 12.04 – PARKS

► 12.04.020 – Rules and Regulations – All Parks

- No firearms or dangerous weapons are allowed in any city park unless in the possession of a duly constituted law enforcement officer
- Normal hours of park shall be between 8:00 A.M. and 10:30 P.M. unless prior approval is obtained
- No open fires shall be permitted unless facilities are available and prior approval is obtained
- No vehicles shall be permitted off paved roads except in designated areas (What does that mean at Howard Park?)
- The police department shall be notified of all approved groups for park usage and police protection requirements shall be specified on the current applications
- City-supplied power shall be limited to normal use of permanent facilities
- City-supplied water shall be restricted to normal park uses only
- No dumping out-of-park trash or garbage shall be permitted



HOWARD PARK MUNICIPAL CODE (CONT.)

▶ 12.04.021 – Smoking Restrictions

- ▶ Smoking shall be prohibited in all current and future parks within the City of Ione unless specified by designated smoking areas

▶ 12.04.035 – Drug Free Zones

- ▶ The parks and playgrounds of the City of Ione are declared to be drug free zones



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EXISTING FACILITIES AND AMENITIES

	FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	IN MASTER PLAN?
1	Evalynn Bishop Hall (EB Hall)	Main hall, side room, kitchen facilities; placed by volunteers from Cal Expo when Cal Expo remodeled	YES
2	Ed Hughes Memorial Arena	200'x 250' covered equestrian/multi-purpose arena used for year-round events such as equestrian, dog, and car shows; stables with stalls, tack room, and walking area; Portlock donated \$200k for new arena building and cover; stables moved by volunteers from Stockton fairgrounds	YES
3	Horse Track	Historic horse track surrounding playfields open only part of the year	YES
4	Soccer Fields	Four large soccer fields – with snack shack	YES
5	Softball/Base ball Fields	Four softball, baseball, and little league diamonds and outfields – with snack shack	YES
6	Play Structure	Three children's play structures located west of baseball fields and south of soccer fields – three or two? One donated	YES
7	Pond and Nature Trails	Pond in the southeastern portion of the Park used for drainage detention. Several informal nature trails in the southeastern portion of the Park	YES



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EXISTING FACILITIES AND AMENITIES (CONT.)

	FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	IN MASTER PLAN?
8	Bathrooms	Five bathroom facilities - north of baseball fields, within baseball field snack bar and soccer field snack bar, within EB Hall, and at arena	YES
9	Amphitheater	Small amphitheater used for performances and events located north of EB Hall with bleachers	YES
10	Crafts and Fair Area	Open area located west of baseball fields including event booths and periodically for craft programs and fair events	YES
11	Wine and Beer Garden	Open area located immediately southeast of EB Hall used periodically for social events – put in by Lone Picnic Association	YES
12	Carnival Area	Parking area west of EB Hall used periodically for carnivals	YES
13	Event Booths	Nine event booths scattered throughout park used for various purposes (ticket sales, carnival games)	YES
14	Horseshoe Pits	Two outdoor play areas consisting of a pitcher's box and pit with a stake – area adjacent to northside of the track is not currently in use, but newer area adjacent to Beer and Wine garden is used – put in by Lone Picnic Association	YES



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EXISTING FACILITIES AND AMENITIES (CONT.)

	FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	IN MASTER PLAN?
15	Picnic Areas	Compact areas with picnic benches and facilities located throughout Park	YES
16	Disc Golf Course	18-hole disc golf course at northernmost location of Park	NO
17	Dog Park	Fenced in dog park at north entrance of Park	NO
18	Skate Park	Outdoor area consisting of half-pipes, handrails, stair sets, and banked ramps – fundraised through volunteers	YES
19	Parking Areas	Two formal unpaved areas north of play fields and west of EB Hall – numerous informal areas used periodically for parking throughout Park	YES
20	Tennis/Basket ball Courts	Fenced in location consisting of four basketball hoops and two tennis courts	NO



HOWARD PARK COMMUNITY PARTNERS AGREEMENTS

ORGANIZATION	START DATE	END DATE	TYPE OF COMMITMENT
Ione Junior Tennis League	August 7, 2021	June 30, 2023	AGREEMENT
KD's Horsemanship, LLC	November 1, 2022	July 1, 2023	AGREEMENT
Mother Lode Youth Soccer League	July 1, 2015	June 30, 2035 *Open for review June 2024	AGREEMENT
Amador County Little League West	July 1, 2014	June 30, 2034 *Open for review June 2024	AGREEMENT
El Dorado Disc Sports Foundation	November 1, 2022	November 1, 2023	AGREEMENT
Amador County Girls Softball Association	July 20, 2021	-----	LETTER OF SUPPORT



LET'S GET STARTED!

- Fill out questionnaire
- Compatibility of uses discussion





NEXT STEPS

- **Develop the Alternatives**
- **Present to our Parks and Recreation Commission for a recommendation to the City Council**
- **City Council Adoption**
- **Develop strategic plans to implement with our community partners**

