



**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA**  
**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT**

**AGENDA DATE:** February 28, 2024

**TO:** Parks and Recreation Commission

**FROM:** Administration Division, Parks and Recreation Department

**SUBJECT:** Director's Report

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Commission receive a presentation on the status of various Parks and Recreation Department (Department) initiatives and activities.

Reimagining Franceschi House Community Workshop

Staff hosted a community workshop on Saturday February 10<sup>th</sup> at the Riviera Ridge School to introduce the project and gather community feedback. The workshop was well attended by over 60 members of the community. Staff and the project's architecture team, DesignARC and EPTDESIGN, presented the site's opportunities and constraints to encourage discussion about what the future of the project site could be with the house removed. Vision boards posted throughout the room highlighted key aspects of the site, its history, and potential design elements to enhance the park through sustainable design. In addition to the community workshop, the Department has an online survey and information about the project on the City's website and this location: <https://sbparksandrec.santabarbaraca.gov/projects/reimagining-franceschi-house>. The workshop discussion, coupled with the online survey results, will guide the development of three concept designs to be shared at a future workshop.

Shoreline Park Bluff Erosion

Shoreline Park has experienced some significant bluff erosion due to the recent storm events and high surf. There are three areas of the park currently fenced to ensure public safety. In the next few months, the Department will determine the most feasible approach to relocate park fencing as well as a portion of the concrete walkway.

Parks and Recreation Administration Flood Damage

The Parks and Recreation Administration building at 620 Laguna Street experienced significant flooding during the December 21, 2023 storm event. Although a number of steps were taken to remove water and dry out the interior, the building is currently unusable due

to mold. Staff with offices in the building have been relocated to various other locations, including the Parks Division building, Carrillo Recreation, and the Cabrillo Pavilion. It is not known how soon the building will be rehabilitated.

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