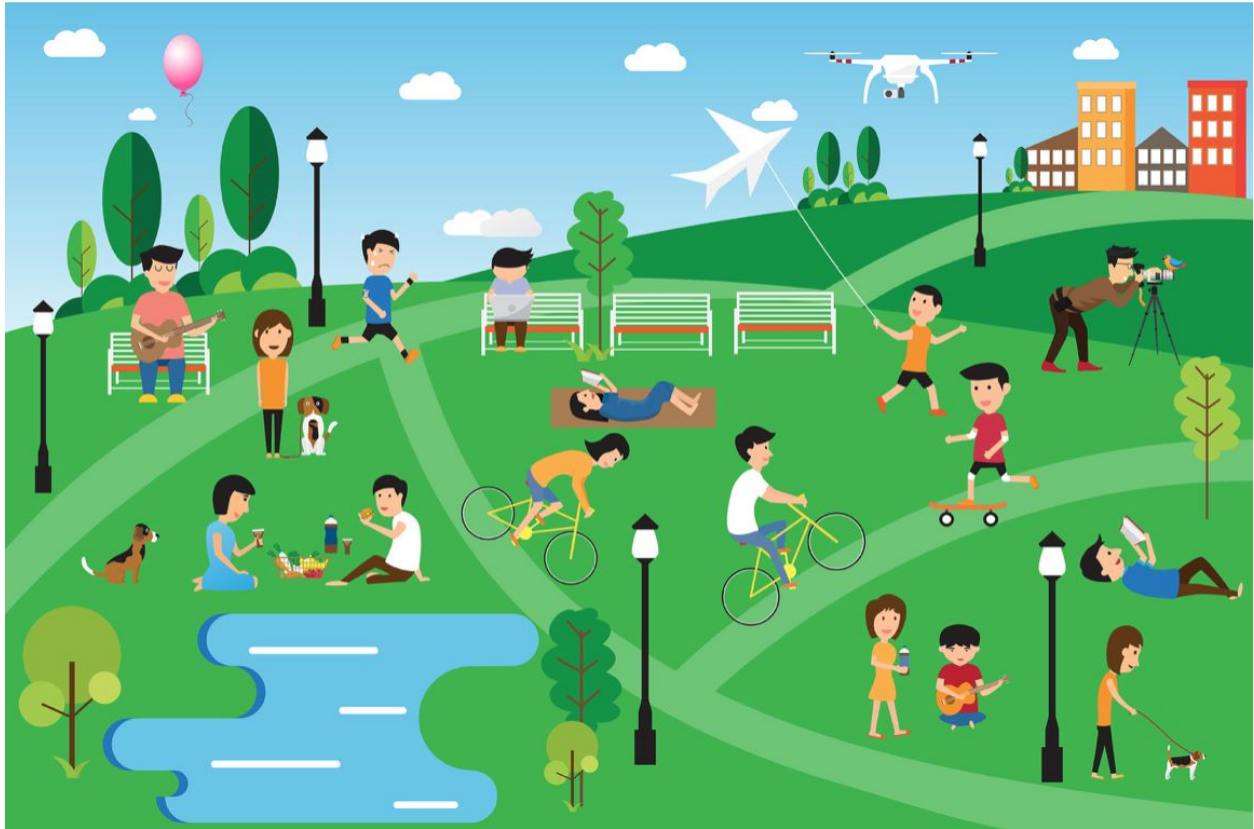


# Redwood City Downtown Parks Planning Update



Given your past involvement in the the planning and development of new parks in Downtown Redwood City, our team at the Redwood City Parks & Arts Foundation has provided an update on the project below:

Timeline	
<b>September 2018</b>	Following the completion of the <a href="#">Downtown Parks Site Assessment &amp; Feasibility Study</a> and <a href="#">presentation</a> , City Council decides to move forward with designing three downtown park sites.
<b>November 2018</b>	Redwood City Parks & Arts Foundation hosts a field trip to multiple award winning <a href="#">neighborhood parks and retail-oriented public spaces</a> . Attendance includes Redwood City staff members, community stakeholders, Council Members, and PRCS Commissioners.

<b>March - May 2019</b>	Redwood City Parks & Arts Foundation and generous community co-hosts (Redwood City Improvement Association, Redwood City-San Mateo County Chamber of Commerce, Redwood City Downtown Business Group, Redwood City Downtown Neighborhood Association, Acclaim Companies, Sequoia Hotel, and Friends of the Redwood City Public Library) organize a 3-part Park Design Speaker Series. The summary report highlighting the speakers, topics, co-hosts, press, and photos <a href="#">available here</a> .
<b>Late February 2020</b>	The Redwood City Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department closes the <a href="#">request for qualifications (RFQ) application window</a> , very pleased with the high number of applications received.
<b>May 2020</b>	Redwood City is awarded an <a href="#">\$800,000 grant from Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors</a> to go towards the planning and construction of a new 0.45 acre public park in Downtown Redwood City on the corner of Middlefield Road and Main Street. Total estimated park budget is approximately \$3,000,000, set to be completed within the next 2 years.
<b>Late 2020</b>	City-wide community engagement process scheduled to begin.

PRCS Director Chris Beth's comments regarding the RFQ entries:  
 "A total of 21 proposals were submitted to PRCS for the Downtown Parks Plan RFQ (request for qualifications). That's a lot and that's wonderful. Very high quality firms have shown interest in this forward thinking project. A review committee has been formed, and we are in the process of reviewing and ranking the RFQ's. Our projected timeline is to have the final consultant under contract by this summer so we can begin the public outreach process."

We look forward to your continued engagement in this process as the Redwood City PRCS Department continues their efforts moving forward.

Sincerely,  
 Board of Directors, Redwood City Parks & Arts Foundation