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CITY OF IRVINE
BOMMER CANYON CATTLE CAMP REHABILITATION
COMMUNITY WORKSHOP SUMMARY REPORT
April 25, 2018

THE PROCESS

Residents of the City of Irvine were invited to an overview of the Bommer Canyon Cattle Camp Rehabilitation Project site history, planning history, and project process and encouraged to provide feedback regarding the prioritization of programs and activities at the site, as well as character and atmosphere of the renovated facility. Eighteen (18) attendees participated in the evening's workshop discussions in one of three separate groups.



WORKSHOP GOALS

For Topic #1, attendees were presented with a list of all the recreation program needs identified using existing programs and activities held at the Cattle Camp. Participants were asked to add any other programs or activities to the list. Participants individually prioritized the program needs. Each individual then identified their top 5 priorities on large format paper utilizing color dots. Then, each group discussed individual responses until a group consensus on the top 5 priorities was reached and recorded on large format paper. The group's conclusions were presented to all workshop participants and posted on the wall.

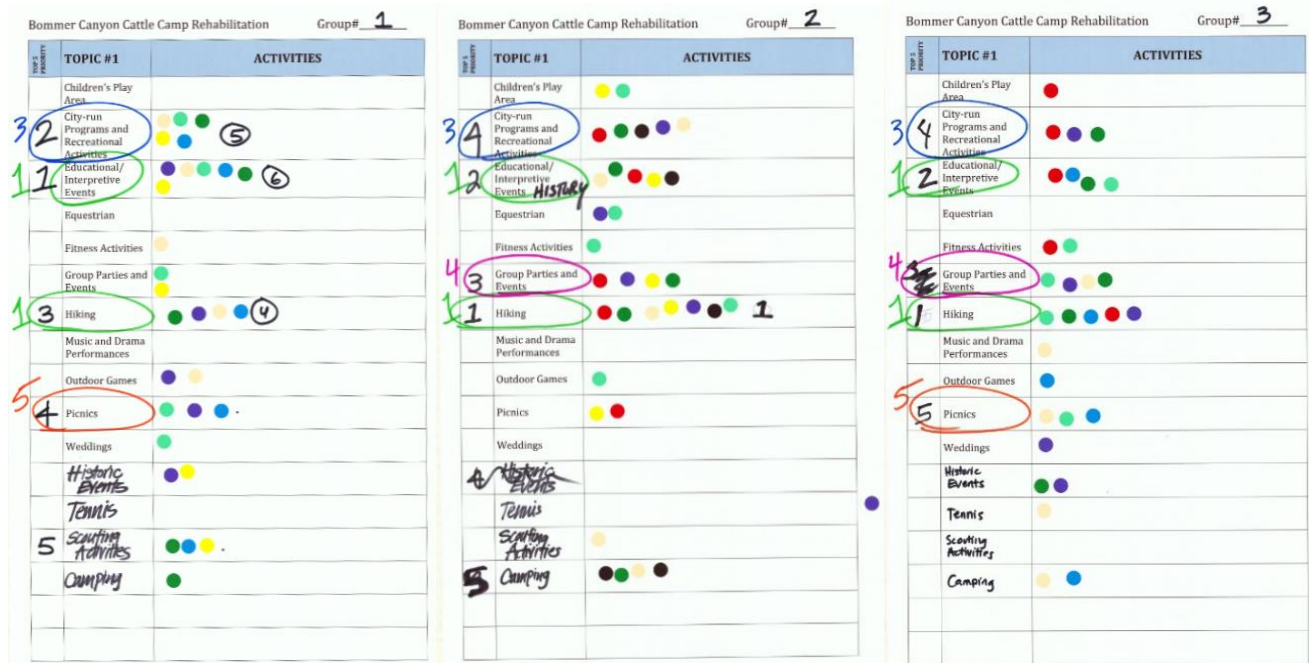
For Topic #2, attendees were presented with four (4) exhibits regarding alternative priority areas for rehabilitation of the facility. The exhibits included Cattle Camp Area Priority Focus, Architectural Character, Landscape Character, and Surface Materials. Participants were given (4) dots/votes each and asked to vote for their preference on each of the (4) exhibit boards. The conclusions were presented to all workshop participants.

For Topic #3, attendees were each given (2) "post-its" and asked to write their 'vision' for the new rehabilitated Cattle Camp area at Bommer Canyon Community Park. Participants placed their notes on the 'Vision' board exhibit and then all comments were read aloud to the workshop participants. At the conclusion of the workshop, participants were given a comment card to fill out if they wanted to convey any additional information. Participants were also given a handout with the link to the online survey and encouraged to have other residents fill out the survey that includes similar topics discussed at the workshop.

OVERVIEW OF RESULTS

Following are the two topics discussed and the associated consensus results.

1. What are the **Top (5) Recreation Programs Needed** at the Bommer Canyon Cattle Camp?

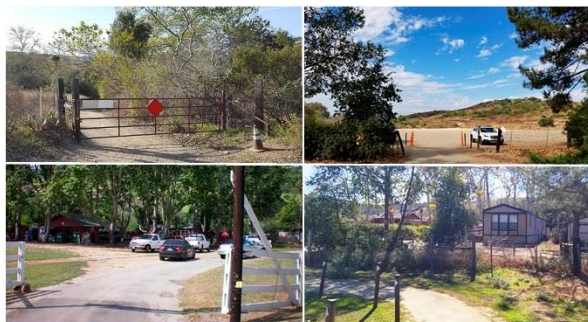


- Educational/Interpretive Events (tie)
- Hiking (tie)
- City-run Programs and Recreational Activities
- Group Parties and Events
- Picnics

2. Character/Style of Bommer Canyon Cattle Camp

TOPIC #2A

WHAT SHOULD THE CITY FOCUS ON FOR THIS SITE?



ACCESS TO THE CATTLE CAMP



AMENITIES AND EQUIPMENT



REPLACE AGING STRUCTURES



WAYFINDING SIGNAGE



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CATTLE CAMP AREA FOCUS
BOMMER CANYON CATTLE CAMP REHABILITATION
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2A What should the city of focus on for this site?

Priorities (in order) include:

- Replace aging structures (11)
- Amenities and equipment (5)
- Access to the cattle camp (1)
- Wayfinding signage (1)

TOPIC #2B

WHAT ARCHITECTURE IS BEST SUITED FOR THIS SITE?



AGRICULTURE / FARM



CONTEMPORARY



HISTORIC-COTTAGE



RANCH



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ARCHITECTURAL STYLE BOMMER CANYON CATTLE CAMP REHABILITATION CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA

2B What architecture is best suited for this site?

Preferences (in order) include:

- Agriculture/Farm (13)
- Ranch (4)
- Contemporary (1)
- Historic Cottage (0)



MANICURED TURF



NATURAL LANDSCAPE



NATURALIZED MEADOW GRASS



NATURALIZED PLANTING



SHADED TREE CANOPY

2C What landscape is best suited for this site?

Preferences (in order) include:

- Shaded tree canopy (9)
- Natural landscape (8)
- Naturalized planting (1)
- Manicured turf (0)
- Naturalized meadow grass (0)

TOPIC #2D

WHAT SURFACE MATERIAL IS BEST SUITED FOR THIS SITE?



BOARDWALK / WOOD DECK



DECOMPOSED GRANITE



FLAGSTONE



EPOXY STONE SURFACE



NATURAL SURFACE



WOOD MULCH



SURFACE MATERIALS BOMMER CANYON CATTLE CAMP REHABILITATION CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA

2D What surface material is best suited for this site?

Preferences (in order) include:

- Natural Surface (11)
- Decomposed Granite (5)
- Boardwalk/Wood Deck (2)
- Epoxy Stone Surface (0)
- Flagstone (0)
- Wood Mulch (0)

3. VISION

- Natural historic
- Rustic cattle camp
- Let Nature Rule!
- Welcoming, inviting, open, rustic, historic, memorable
- As natural and similar to original as possible
- Updated rustic feel, keep the outdoor cattle ranch look
- Preserve the historic heritage of the site and educate the public about the era and Irvine Ranch Cattle Camp, allow public access to this treasured natural site
- Nature and serenity should be the primary feel for those visiting the site
- Retain the historic farming architecture and character (renovate with minimal modernization – except maybe add some bathrooms)
- Preserve and enhance the natural environment (native plants)
- Make it useable and safe for everyone to enjoy
- Respect the history of cattle camp both for the Irvine Company's history and City of Irvine
- The renovations should augment the facilities to improve the education and outdoor activities. Improve the BBQ pit, build ADA access, put in plumbing for restrooms. Explore night activities like star gazing with telescope pads.
- The renovations should preserve the historic "Cattle Camp" nature of the site and allow it to foster nature education, hiking, and picnic/outdoor events.
- Historic site preserved. Place to learn about and experience the way Irvine was when it was a ranch.
- Renovated buildings which preserve original character of the camp.
- Welcoming to groups with adequate restrooms, parking, signage and places to serve food and beverages
- Interpretive signage on trails, with photos and history and overview maps
- Put history of cattle camp on story boards with photos of cattle camp operations
- Natural
- Group fun/Gather
- Historical, natural, green, trees, grass, barn, farm, benches
- Wild hamsters, chickens, mountain lions, pigs
- Bathroom, bushes, tall trees
- Better access, upgraded rustic facilities, lots of native plants
- Keep it as natural (farm like looking), more trees, and drought tolerant plants
- Finished restrooms, shady shelter in the style of farm, barn, lots of tables / benches
- Better access for all Irvine residents to enjoy outdoors and upgraded facilities but there surrounded by native flora and fauna
- Greater access and availability for public use. Remodel that provides greater access on a regular basis (open to the public)
- Greater access to hiking trails etc.
- Ranch, cowboy, BBQ, surrounded by natural habitat

Summary:

Natural	14
Historic	11
Access	9
Remodel	8
Educate	5
Preserve	5
Restrooms	5
Rustic	4

COMMENT CARDS:

1. Replace falling structures, build bathrooms, plant trees, shelters for different activities, any structure build to be farm like. Make sure historical information is kept at the ranch. Preserve some of the landmarks.
2. I'd like to see it kept as natural as possible, and with limited access as it is, to help preserve and protect the area. Events are there because of the rustic feel of it.
3. The community input event on 4/25/18 was very well-planned and informative. I was happy to be a part of it. My question is: If Bommer Canyon is not open year-round now, could that please be considered as an option? Thank you!
4. The Irvine Historical Society is willing to work with you on the history of the site. Former employees of the The Irvine Company had been included in their company picnics, and can help with the history of the buildings.
5. Thank you for hosting this public forum and for enlisting public comment. Please allow the Irvine Historical Society to contribute as needed with preservation efforts. We would be happy to assist however we can.
6. I am an Irvine resident and a professor of Astrophysics at University of California, Irvine. If you would like some advice about how you do a few things to expand Bommer Canyon's use to include night sky/astronomy activities, please give me a call or email. This is one of the darkest sites in Irvine and it's a great resource for science education and public outreach!
7. Please use social media to keep residents informed – not bulletin board postings in shopping centers – allow for interaction and fluid feedback: communication with residents. Preserve historical feel of the ranch. Too much “new” building and loss of Irvine persona. Take resident feedback seriously. Do not diminish resident input like City Council. Share results – transparency is always the best policy.