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**To:** [Irena Phillips](#)  
**Cc:** [Kathleen Haton](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Heritage Park Development - Notice of Intent  
**Date:** Friday, November 15, 2024 10:00:06 AM  
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Hello Irena,

Interesting to receive this now. Many of us had been wondering what had happened to the study that was done so many years ago. The information shown on the site and in the document is old, costs are old.

Why is there such a short public comment time for this project considering that it has been delayed for so many years?

Is the new District 3 City Council member James Mai involved in this?

Thanks,  
Mike Belfield  
32 Lewis

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**From:** Irena Phillips <[IPhillips@cityofirvine.org](mailto:IPhillips@cityofirvine.org)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 14, 2024 3:13 PM  
**Cc:** Kathleen Haton <[KHaton@cityofirvine.org](mailto:KHaton@cityofirvine.org)>  
**Subject:** Heritage Park Development – Notice of Intent

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Thank you for signing up to stay informed about the development of Heritage Park.

On behalf of Irvine's Park Development team, attached to this email is the Notice of Intent (NOI) for the project.

For any questions, please contact Kathleen Haton, Project Manager, at 949-724-6667 or [khaton@cityofirvine.org](mailto:khaton@cityofirvine.org).

Have a great day!



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**From:** [Jeanne Baran](#)  
**To:** [Kathleen Haton](#)  
**Subject:** Heritage Park Master Plan Updates  
**Date:** Friday, November 15, 2024 5:15:21 PM

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Please sign me up for emails to receive updates about the Heritage Park Master Plan. Jeanne Baran

**From:** [Maria Hiatt](#)  
**To:** [Irena Phillips](#)  
**Cc:** [Kathleen Haton](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Heritage Park Development – Notice of Intent  
**Date:** Saturday, November 16, 2024 9:46:27 PM  
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Got it.

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On Thursday, November 14, 2024, 3:13 PM, Irena Phillips <[IPhillips@cityofirvine.org](mailto:IPhillips@cityofirvine.org)> wrote:

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**From:** [Amir D Momtaz](#)  
**To:** [Kathleen Haton](#)  
**Subject:** Heritage park master plan  
**Date:** Monday, November 18, 2024 9:53:44 AM

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Dear Kathleen Haton, As you know, the most growing sport in recent years is Pickleball, so we need more and more Pickleball courts.

Before Covid 19, almost there was no mosquito in Irvine city, but right now people suffer the mosquitos, because female mosquitos lay eggs on or near water surfaces, so we need to clean the Heritage Park leak and rivers every day.

Because climate change, we need more and more trees in this park.

We need to be healthy and happy. those recommendations are matter for Irvine city.

Sincerely

John Momtaz

**From:** [stephen forman](#)  
**To:** [Kathleen Haton](#)  
**Subject:** Heritage Park Master Plan Updates  
**Date:** Thursday, November 21, 2024 7:00:49 PM

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**From:** Sharon G <thesixgreggs@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 21, 2024 4:59 PM  
**To:** Community Services <CS@cityofirvine.org>  
**Subject:** Heritage Community Park Improvements

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Hello,

I'm interested in giving my opinion regarding the improvements to Heritage Park. Can you please let me know how to proceed?

Thank you,

Sharon Gregg

**From:** [Suzette Tieman](#)  
**To:** [Kathleen Haton](#)  
**Subject:** Heritage Park Master Plan Updates  
**Date:** Thursday, November 21, 2024 8:23:15 PM

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Suzette Tieman

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**From:** Cindy O'Dell <odellcindy19@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 21, 2024 3:29 PM  
**To:** Community Services <CS@cityofirvine.org>  
**Subject:** Draft IS/MND

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Hello,

I would like to send a comment about the Draft IS/MND for Heritage Park's Master Plan. Is it possible to submit that by email? If so, it would be nice if you included it on the webpage along with an address for sending a written comment.

In case this is where to send the comment, here's mine:

I am concerned that the Draft IS/MND does not include anything about the Heritage Park Library even though it is mentioned in the Master Plan for the park because the city will be in charge of the library within the next month or so. Shouldn't it be part of anything to do with Heritage Park? I am concerned that the library's impact on the entire park is being overlooked.

Sincerely,

Cindy O'Dell

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Irvine CA 92620

President, Friends of the Heritage Park Library board



**From:** [Donna Larsen](#)  
**To:** [Kathleen Haton](#)  
**Subject:** Heritage Park Master Plan Updates  
**Date:** Friday, November 22, 2024 7:50:27 AM

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Donna Larsen  
Live directly across the street for nearly 50 yrs.

**From:** [MaryAnne Smith](#)  
**To:** [Kathleen Haton](#)  
**Subject:** Heritage Park Master Plan Updates  
**Date:** Friday, November 22, 2024 8:25:47 PM

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MaryAnne

**From:** [Rob Keller](#)  
**To:** [Kathleen Haton](#)  
**Cc:** [Rob Keller](#)  
**Subject:** Heritage Park Master Plan Updates  
**Date:** Friday, November 22, 2024 6:28:43 PM

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**From:** [Don Flick](#)  
**To:** [Kathleen Haton](#)  
**Subject:** Heritage Park Master Plan Updates  
**Date:** Saturday, November 23, 2024 11:04:42 AM

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**From:** [Tom Lillig](#)  
**To:** [Kathleen Haton](#)  
**Subject:** Heritage Park Master Plan Updates  
**Date:** Saturday, November 23, 2024 10:21:33 AM

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Thank you.

Tom Lillig

**From:** [Linda LeBrun](#)  
**To:** [Kathleen Haton](#)  
**Subject:** Heritage Park -Irvine Fine Arts Center  
**Date:** Sunday, November 24, 2024 2:09:40 PM

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Hello

First of all I appreciate IFAC as it is can not imagine it not being available - thank you.

Here is my “ wish list”

I have some suggestions regarding improvements at Irvine Fine Art Center:

The actual size of the pottery area could be enlarged dramatically.

This facility is a big part of our lives. When there are programs for the children, basically the seniors are reorganized, left out. How can the children be able to use the studio without disrupting the seniors who are there all year long? Also, the tables are organized for the kids. It could be set up differently for the potters, it does not flow smoothly.

There needs to be much more storage for supplies.

The glazing room needs to be totally reworked, it is way too small. A meeting with potters might shed light on possible changes which might help with the flow of work.

It would be great if all the doors opened automatically, similar to how the front door is now.

Maybe all the wheels should be in a designated room. Right now there are wheels in both rooms.

Thank you -appreciate you asking for input.

Sent from my iPhone  
Linda LeBrun

**From:** [Eva Wong](#)  
**To:** [Kathleen Haton](#); [boojay93](#)  
**Subject:** Heritage Park Master Plan  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 26, 2024 1:34:48 PM

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Hello, Ms. Haton!

I hope you are doing well.

I am writing regarding the planned improvements for Heritage Park. While we are very excited for the updates, it would be great if a parking structure were built to accommodate all the extra vehicles.

The residents of the surrounding areas should not have to bear the burden of not being able to park in front of our own homes because of the overflow into our neighborhoods from limited parking at Heritage Park, the Aquatics Center, Irvine High and now the soon to be opened Performing Arts Center (to which 34 parking stalls were eliminated for that project).

The daily high school traffic and the congestion is already bad enough. Students who drive are parking in our neighborhood and people dropping off students are causing cars to back up into the tract. I cannot tell you how many times I have been screamed at or flipped off because a parent decides to pull a U-turn on Ravenwood to cut in front of me trying to get out of the neighborhood. On the weekends, when events are happening at the park and the swim center, we are having to park away from our homes because there are no spaces. Sometimes trash is left behind.

Graduation, 4th of July (when we had celebrations at the park) were fine, but we should not have to constantly be telling people to quit blocking our driveways.... I am hoping that there is consideration for additional parking in your Master Plan.

Please..... If you had to live with this, you wouldn't be too thrilled, either. Thank you for your time!

Regards,

Eva Wong

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**From:** [rob keller](#)  
**To:** [Kathleen Haton](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Heritage Park Master Plan Updates  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 27, 2024 1:20:04 PM

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I emailed this to Collum earlier, he and I worked together to upgrade the nets for the Heritage Park pickleball courts. I also left you a voicemail, I have the following thoughts for the current/new pickleball courts at Heritage Park and also for Portola Springs

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Hi Collum,

I saw that Heritage Park is going to add pickleball courts as a part of their improvements plan. I have a comment to make about these new courts but would like to speak more to the existing courts at Heritage Park.

I play pickleball at both Portola Springs and Heritage Parks during the week, Heritage is closer to where I live and consider it my home park. Playing at both allows me to see the plus/minus between the two locations so I have the following suggestions for improvement:

- Heritage Park - remove the tennis court net and replace it with the three foot chain link fence. This fence should extend the full width to the side fencing with gates at both ends. Balls always find a way to wherever an opening exists, a full length fence with gates will minimize balls rolling from one set of courts to the other.
- Portola Springs - extend the three foot fencing between courts 1&2 and 3&4 and extend the three foot fencing between courts 3&4 and 5&6 by adding gates. As mentioned, balls always find a way to wherever an opening exists, a full length fence with gates will minimize balls rolling from one set of courts to the other.
- Heritage Park - add wind barriers to all the exterior fences. This cuts down on wind and on hot days it can provide some shading

New Heritage Park courts comment. I see the courts are going to lay side by side. Hopefully this provides more space behind the baselines and barriers - the existing courts currently have a short area behind the baselines and the tennis net. For the new courts you may want to expand the overall court area along the outer length to provide for space if its needed.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Rob Keller  
949-235-1985

On Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at 08:21:46 AM PST, Kathleen Haton <khaton@cityofirvine.org> wrote:

Good Morning,

Thank you for your email. Your contact information has been added to the City's interest list for the Heritage Park Master Plan.

Sincerely,

Kathleen

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To: Kathleen Haton <[KHaton@cityofirvine.org](mailto:KHaton@cityofirvine.org)>  
Cc: Rob Keller <[robkeller@cox.net](mailto:robkeller@cox.net)>  
Subject: Heritage Park Master Plan Updates

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# IRVINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Facilities Planning and Construction Services Department  
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December 6, 2024

via email: [khaton@cityofirvine.org](mailto:khaton@cityofirvine.org)

Kathleen Haton  
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Irvine, CA 92606-5207

Subject: City of Irvine - Heritage Park Master Plan  
Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study  
*Irvine Unified School District Response*

Dear Ms. Haton:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the City of Irvine (City) Heritage Park Master Plan (Project) for potential environmental impacts on the Irvine Unified School District (District) schools. The District has reviewed the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study made public on November 14, 2024 and offers the following comments.

**Comment 1:** 1.4.1 Proposed Land Use (Page 11, third paragraph): The City cites “...*the small expansion of an existing parking lot would eliminate a soccer field.*” The District requests that the City consider and make available a soccer field (or provide a new soccer field) to replace the current soccer field eliminated as a result of the Project.

**Comment 2:** 1.4.4.3 Drainage System (Page 18, second paragraph): The improvements along Escolar street will significantly impact the Irvine High School. The District requests that the City coordinate the improvements along Escolar street with the District to mitigate impacts to Irvine High School’s operations and traffic. Moreover, the District requests that these improvements occur during the summer when the high school is on summer break. As part of the drainage system, there is a proposed bioretention basin and Filterra units mentioned in the study. The District requests that the location be coordinated with the District and high school.

**Comment 3:** 1.4.5 Project Construction and Phasing (Page 19): Project construction duration “...*is anticipated to occur over a period of approximately four years, from December 2024 to December 2028*”. The District requests the City provide more specific construction timelines when the information becomes available.

**Comment 4:** 2.1 Project Information (Page 22, Item 10): The City states “*Not Applicable*”. The Joint Use Agreements between the City and District, specifically for the Northwood and Heritage Aquatics Pools, states under Article 4, subsection 4.11, that “*Alteration of the Facilities and Improvements constructed pursuant to this agreement, or construction of additional Facilities and improvements,*

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*shall be undertaken only with the mutual written consent of the City and District, after costs have been determined and agreed upon in writing in advance. The consent of either party shall not be unreasonably withheld.*” The District’s Board of Education is required to approve and grant permission for the portions of the Project which are on District property. In addition, the design and construction approval and oversight for work on District property shall be under the jurisdiction of the California Department of General Services, Division of the State Architect.

**Comment 5:** 3.1.c). Project Construction Phase (Page 35): The District requests that the City coordinate work prior to starting construction on District property for the Woollett Aquatic Expansion improvements, including but not limited to an Entry Permit, easements, etc.

**Comment 6:** 3.17.a). Impact to Alternate Modes of Transportation Facilities (Page 105): The District requests that the design of the Heritage Community Park parking lot, along Walnut Avenue, consider appropriate access for students, pedestrians, and cyclists westbound on Walnut Avenue allowing access to Irvine High School as commensurate with Title V of the California Code of Regulation, Section 14030 subparagraph B.

As you are aware, it is the District’s desire to continue working collaboratively with the City in order to maintain the District’s reputation for high quality education. We look forward to working closely with the City throughout this CEQA process and to continue our ongoing discussions.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (949) 936-5305 or email [kelvinokino@iusd.org](mailto:kelvinokino@iusd.org).

Sincerely,



Kelvin Okino  
Executive Director, Facilities and Construction  
Irvine Unified School District

cc: John Fogarty, Irvine Unified School District  
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December 6, 2024

Kathleen Haton,  
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Reg.: Heritage Park Master Plan

Dear Mrs. Haton:

I hereby oppose the current “Heritage Park Master Plan for the long-term rehabilitation of Heritage Community Park including an array of improvements to the park grounds and facilities”.

I have been an Irvine resident since 1985 and have lived at current address for almost 24 years. My residence is in walking distance from the park and I pass by it on Walnut Avenue daily.

**My opposition is based on the following:**

- Increases traffic and traffic congestions
- More than double the number of visitors, in excess of 2,000,000, per year
- Increase of pollution
- Loss of park land and possibly sports facilities
- Cost of project

**Detailed explanations:**

**Community outreach:**

According to the “Heritage Park Draft Master Plan”, published by the city in September 2023, the City conducted a “community outreach effort” in 2019, but neither my neighbors nor I have been contacted or even heard about the plan. Further, it states that more than 100 participants took part in a community meeting and over 60 attended workshops. These participants represent

less than 0.04% of Irvine's population, considering that Irvine had about 279,000 residents in 2020. This is for sure no representative of the residents that live around the park.

### **Traffic and Pollution:**

The plan does not address the now completed Performing Arts Center at Irvine High and its impact on the additional traffic and parking.

As it stands Walnut Ave is regularly congested around the entrance to the Woollett Aquatics Center. Adding a third pool to this center will only make the traffic situation worse, in particular considering the combination of the pool and the Performing Arts Center.

Adding additional parking along Walnut Ave. will not only reduce the vegetation that desperately needed to combat pollution, but also reduce the visibility of the park from the street.

According to the "Heritage Park Master Plan - Public Draft Initial Study-MND" at the time of writing the report the daily vehicle trips stood at 1,332. After the completion of the proposed changes this would add 1,349 trips to the park, i.e. it would more than double the traffic in and out of the park, to 2,681 trips and triple the trips during pm peak hours. This would strain the traffic congestion on Walnut Ave. even more. Please note, the current and future trips add up to 2,681, but the report states 2,671 daily trips.

I do not have copies of the Appendices A through F mentioned in the report, therefore, I could verify the emission numbers stated for both the construction phase and regular usage.

It would be my guess that the residents around the park will see an increase in exposure to the pollution stemming from equipment during the construction period, as well as from more than double the number vehicles that will enter and leave the park in the future.

### **Demolition Work:**

There is no consideration of the possible negative impacts of the demolition of the current structure. Do they contain asbestos and or other toxic materials?

### **I am questioning the Priorities:**

- Why is the 50 m pool on top of the list?
- Adding parking along Walnut Ave. contradicts the overarching consideration of "Create street visibility of park to improve connection to community", as the parking would block the view of the park.

- Adding parking to the NW corner is possibility, but it is a very inconvenient location for dropping people off, as it is the furthest away from the park, in addition to the fact that existing from Escolar to Walnut could be troublesome. People would use easier drop-offs. Not to mention that Escolar is a two lane road and backs up during events, which would be even worse by adding 321 more parking spots.

### **Communities around the park:**

It is interesting to read that "...no data is available regarding the reaction to the temporary impacts due to construction at the park", Under Reports and Studies it talks about "community outreach effort", as well as "A high level participants provided valuable insight..." and "community workshops" Did no one address the construction impacts during these sessions?

It is absolutely imperative that the residents around the park need to be contacted and surveyed to gain information on their perspective. These should include residents in the neighborhoods of El Camino Real, as they would be impacted the most not only by the construction, but also by the future changes in traffic.

### **Costs and Funding:**

In the plan there is no mentioning of where the funding would be coming from.

The plan estimates the overall costs in 2020 of over \$70 million, which equates to close to \$100 million today. According to the Associated Builders and Contractors reports that building material costs have increased by 37.7% since 2020. This is more than one third of the city's 2024-2025 budget. Where is this money coming from?

In closing, I like to reiterate that I oppose the current Heritage Park Master Plan for the long-term rehabilitation of Heritage Community Park including an array of improvements to the park grounds and facilities.

***As the outreach activities were performed more than five years ago, beginning of 2019, it would necessary and advisable to involve the communities in El Camino Real in this project as they would affected the most by any changes.***

Thank you for the opportunity to express my thoughts. I would be more than happy to get deeply involved in future projects concerning the city of Irvine.

Respectfully yours,

Thomas K. Lillig



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December 31st, 2024

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(949) 724 6667

Subject: Notice of Preparation of EIR for Heritage Park rehabilitation ( SR 24003145)

Dear Kathleen:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the subject document. The Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) provides fire protection and emergency medical services response to 23 cities in Orange County and all unincorporated areas. The OCFA operates 78 fire stations throughout Orange County.

We believe that the project will have less than a significant impact.

Please contact me at 714-573-6102 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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