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October 20, 2017

Honorable Don S. Guzman, Chair Parks, Recreation, Energy, and Legal Affairs Committee Council of the County of Maui Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Guzman:

Respectfully transmitted is a copy of COUNTY COMMUNICATION NO. 17-417, from the Director of Parks and Recreation, that was referred to your Committee by the Council of the County of Maui at its meeting of October 20, 2017.

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Enclosure

cc: Director of Council Services

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October 12, 2017

Honorable Alan M. Arakawa Mayor, County of Maui 200 South High Street Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

For Transmittal to:

Honorable Mike White, Chair and Members of the Maui County Council 200 South High Street Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair White and Members:

OR TRANSMITTAL

SUBJECT: WELLS PARK MASTER PLAN

The Department of Parks and Recreation is requesting the opportunity to present an update and obtain Council feedback for the Wells Park Master Plan.

The plan was prepared over the last year by a consultant team working with staff from our department. The process was truly community-based, with a variety of opportunities for public engagement such as interviews, open houses, and "pop-up" events at several Wailuku First Fridays.

In addition, we established a Project Advisory Committee (PAC) made up of the park's key stakeholders. The committee met four times and was critical in resolving several design issues. This was the first time the department used an advisory committee for a planning project and it is something we expect to do on future projects and studies.

The department would like to provide a brief description of the planning process, the results of the master plan, and a summary of costs and phasing for the park's improvements as depicted on the attachments.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact David Yamashita, Parks Planner at Ext. 6508.

Sincerely,

Director of Parks and Recreation

Brianne Savage, Deputy Director BS:DY:Is

COUNTY COMMUNICATION NO. 17-417

### COSTS & PHASING

The redevelopment of Wells Park will likely be done in phases. With this in mind, the park has been divided into three areas or phases as shown at right.

Preliminary costs for each phase or area are shown below, in the order in which the work would be done.



#### KEY ACTION

- New accessible restroom
- Multi-purpose court
- Court Improvements
- Lighting for walkways, courts & parking

\$10,700,000\*

Entry plaza

# 2 KEY ACTIONS

- New paved walkway around park
- Outdoor exercise equipment
- Improvements to sports fields
- Batting cage
- Trees and benches
- Covered basketball court
- New parking lot

## **KEY ACTIONS**

- New lap pool and splash pad
- Multi-use facility and locker rooms
- Basketbal half-court
- Outdoor multi-purpose space around new facility

\$12,823,000\* \$15,245,000\*

Includes costs for design, adjustment for location, general conditions, contractor overhead and profit, bonds and insurance, GET, and contingency.
 Costs do not include the preparation of an Environmental Assessment, which could add approximately \$150,000.

#### WELLS PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Jamie Aloy Bronco Little League
Kalei Polo-Ael Walluku Pop Warner
Frank De Rego Maui Redevelopment Agency
Wayne Feike "Iao Intermediate School
Russ Gushi Landscape architect
Mike Kinoshita Walluku Junior Tennis
Sonya Niess Nutrition and Physical Activity Coalition
Craig Nunokawa Walluku Junior Tennis, Pop Warner
Joey Vierra "Iao Intermediate School

Design Consultant: PBR Hawaii



# **WELLS PARK Master Plan**

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Wells Park was once the center of community life in Wailuku, the place where residents met for the county fair, for political rallies, religious celebrations, and to participate in sports.

The Wailuku Gym was the place if you were a kid living in town and the pool was where you learned to swim. Times have changed since those days and the park doesn't quite have the

The first county fair was held at Wells Park in 1915. The star attraction was Daisy the elephant The goal of the Master Plan is simple - to bring the shine back to Wells Park and to restore its role as a place where the community comes together. The park will continue to be a multi-purpose park where kids and adults can play football, baseball, tennis, basketball, aikido, and enjoy its aquatic facilities.

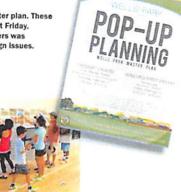
New features and improvements will broaden its appeal and invite other users. Some of these features include a walking path, exercise equipment, more trees and benches, and a place to hold small community events.

Another key concept is to reinforce and strengthen Wells Park as a place for health and fitness. Over the years Wells Park has evolved into an informal campus with facilities that improve personal health and well-being.

Some of these ideas may be new but they build upon the original purpose of the park -- to be the center of community life in Wailuku.

A variety of public engagement techniques were used to prepare the master plan. These included stakeholder interviews, open houses, and "pop-up" events at First Friday. In addition, a Project Advisory Committee comprising key park stakeholders was established; the group met four times and was essential in resolving design issues.





#### New batting cage Renovated lawn for New walking path with New covered Improved walkway from Renovated sports and outdoor Wailuku Gym. trees, benches, and outdoor basketball court. Market St. into park tennis courts activities exercise stations. When fully New parking lot New sidewalk, realigned New multi-purpose Central gathering Multi-use facility and renovated, New aquatics facilities parking, shade trees, and court/event space place with relocated locker rooms the park will [Specific aquatics features benches along Wells St. restroom will be defined in an attract new Aquatics FacilitiesPlan] activities and

users of all ages.

# Wells Park MASTER PLAN GOALS

- Maintain existing uses that now provide recreational opportunities.
- Provide new features that draw people into the park throughout the week and the day.
- Create an inviting pedestrian corridor along Wells St. with shade trees and benches.
- Develop a stronger linkage between the Wailuku Gym site and the larger Wells Park parcel.
- Improve access into into the park with improved walkways and new entry points.
- Provide more shade and places to sit within the park.
- Create a central gathering place in the park.
- Include improvements that allows Iao School to continue using the park.
- Consider maintenance considerations when designing new improvements.

The opportunity for exercise in close-to-home parks, greenways, and other open space must be part of any comprehensive solution to this health crisis.

The Health Benefits of Parks, Trust for Public Land, 2006.