## SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK WITH US

You can turn any comments or questions in at the end of your walking tour or submit them via email to generalplan@hermosabch.org before February 25, 2016

Do you feel the highlighted goals and policies will help to achieve the vision for Hermosa Beach?

Are there any new observations you made while on the tour? Are these observations adequately addressed with proposed goals and policies?

What other observations and ideas would you like to share with us?



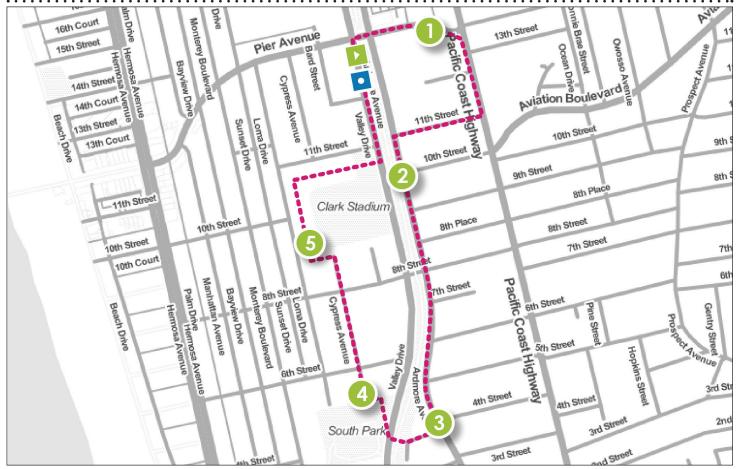
# **COMMUNITY SPACES + PARKS**

COMMUNITY CENTER/THEATER • OPEN SPACE + TRAILS • RECREATIONAL AMENITIES • ACCESS TO PARKS

### **DESCRIPTION**

From the Community Center to the Valley Greenbelt, neighborhood parks and numerous parkettes, Hermosa Beach cherishes the cultural and recreational opportunities offered by the community spaces visited on this tour. The historic Community Center on Pier Avenue is truly a focal point for daily activities and events that enhance local culture and connectedness as a community. The Community Center provides space for meetings, dance and exercise classes, youth and senior activities, and is home to the community theater, history center, and outdoor recreational activities like the skate park and tennis courts.

Hermosa Beach currently has more than 50 acres of parks and a total of 20 parks and parkettes. These community spaces are well utilized but in need of consistent maintenance, upgrades, and renovations to meet the ever changing needs and activities of the community. South Park, one of the largest parks in Hermosa Beach, includes a newly renovated playground area that is universally accessible and utilizes the natural landform and landscape features. While future phases of renovations have been identified, South Park sets the tone for reimagining how other parks and community spaces may be upgraded and renovated throughout Hermosa Beach to be more accessible, provide greater functionality, and support opportunities to lead healthy and active lifestyles.



- Ommunity Center Theater +Arts
- South Park Upgraded Facilities
- 2 The Greenbelt Trails + Habitat
- Clark Field Park Access Points
- Bi-Centennial Park Small Parks



## **RELEVANT PROPOSED PLAN GOALS + POLICIES**

#### Community Center + Theater



Land Use Goal 12. A mix of cultural facilities that support and encourage the community's vibrant range of art creation and presentation.

- **12.1 Existing City venues for art.** Maintain City-owned recreational facilities with consideration of their existing and potential use as venues for art creation, exhibition and performance.
- **12.2 Future venues for art.** Consider opportunities to incorporate community performance, craft, and other artistic facilities into the development or redevelopment of City-owned community facilities.
- **12.3 Convenient use of City spaces.** Make it as easy and affordable as possible for city arts organizations to use City facilities.
- **12.4 Outdoor performance and exhibit space.** Support the maintenance and development of outdoor areas for the performance and exhibition of arts festivals and events.
- **12.5 Creative art centers.** Support the development of the Aviation Blvd Corridor and Cypress District as regional centers for the creation, study and presentation of art.
- 12.6 Artistic needs. Consider the unique needs of artists in City zoning and planning policy making.

### Open Space + Trails



Parks + Open Space Goal 4. Direct and accessible routes and connections to parks, recreational facilities, and open space are provided.

- **4.1 Close proximity to parks.** Provide a variety and distribution of parks, open space, and recreational facilities to enhance proximity and easy access to all residents.
- **4.2 Enhanced access points.** Increase and enhance access to parks and open space, particularly access points that promote physical activity such as pedestrian- and bike-oriented access points.
- **4.3 Safe and efficient trail network.** Develop a network of safe and efficient trails, streets, and paths that connect residents, visitors, and neighboring communities to the beach, parks, and activity centers.
- **4.4 ADA accessible park access.** Ensure all park access points and facilities are ADA accessible.
- **4.5 Parking to parks.** Consider converting parking areas adjacent to parks into additional greenspace, as access to parks for alternative modes is enhanced.

### Recreational Amenities + Access to Parks

Parks + Open Space Goal 1. Abundant parks, open space, and recreational facilities to serve the community.

- **1.1 Diverse programs and facilities.** Offer diverse recreational programs and facilities to meet the needs of seniors, youth, families, and persons with disabilities.
- **1.2 Parks fees.** Require new discretionary development to contribute fees, consistent with State law, for expanded park space when publicly accessible open space is not provided on-site.
- **1.3 Creative parks and open space.** Encourage creativity and innovation during the development and provision of additional open space or parks, rooftop gardens, and park space integrated into parking structures.
- **1.4 Park expansion opportunities.** Consider the purchase of property to create additional parks and open space as opportunities arise to expand existing parks or create new parks.
- **1.5 Shared use agreements.** Work with adjacent jurisdictions, the school district, and private facilities to offer recreational opportunities or activities not available at City of Hermosa Beach facilities.

Parks + Open Space Goal 2. First class, well maintained, and safe recreational facilities, parks and open spaces.

- **2.1 Facility upgrades.** Improve and update park and open space facilities on a regular basis.
- **2.2 Lighting and visibility.** Provide appropriate lighting and visibility within park facilities while avoiding adverse impacts to adjacent properties.
- **2.3 CPTED principles.** Utilize "Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design" (CPTED) Principles in the design and renovation of new and existing parks and open space facilities.
- **2.4 Low maintenance design.** Promote environmentally sustainable and low maintenance design principles in the renovation, addition, or maintenance of parks and recreation facilities.

Parks + Open Space Goal 3. Community parks and facilities encourage social activity and interaction.

- **3.1 Social and cultural events.** Design and program parks and open space to accommodate unique social and cultural events to foster connectedness and interaction.
- **3.2 Family-friendly events.** Encourage, permit, and support community group, nonprofit, or business organized events on City property that support physical activity, beach culture, and family-friendly social interactions.
- **3.3 Commercial use of facilities.** Regulate commercial use of City parks and open spaces to ensure activities do not impact general use and enjoyment.
- **3.4 Balance space needs.** Balance the space needs and demand on public resources of formal and informal events.
- **3.5 Health and physical activity.** Increase the availability of space and activities that promote community health and physical activity such as community gardens, fitness stations/equipment, and fields/courts.
- **3.6 Community Gardens.** Increase available space and necessary infrastructure to incorporate community garden plots at parks.



