

Our Active & Creative Focus Group Meeting Notes (3/25/21)

1. Active Community (3/25)

- a. Please indicate the places where you are physically active within the City.
 - i. Various answers
- b. Are there other spaces you can be physically active that you are not currently taking advantage of?
 - i. Sidewalks for jogging and walking
 1. Would like a walking path like East LA
 - ii. Personal pool
 - iii. Walking paths due to excessive dog poop
 1. Can we provide bags for pet owners to use for poop?
 - iv. Bike lanes
 1. Would feel safer with protected bike lanes on City streets
 - v. Ashiya Park because it doesn't feel safe and isn't well-kept (dry) or inviting
 1. Would like even pavement
 - vi. Public pools
 1. Would like extended hours / more staff
 - vii. Riverbed area in South side of Montebello
 - viii. Parks due to lack of equipment
 1. Ex. exercise equipment for all ages and shade toppers to prevent equipment from overheating
 - ix. Bicknell Park and Dutcher Tot Lot
 - x. Park and Recreation Programs due to cost
 1. Would like tiered pricing for programs
 - xi. South Side Parks
 1. Need updates
- c. Indicate other locations that would be beneficial for the City to consider for open space in the future.
 - i. Edison right of ways
 1. Cover extensive amount of space, but are just fenced off
 2. Could put running trails, circuits, etc.

- ii. School districts will be downsizing due to decreasing enrollment, maybe we can partner with them to purchase property from them
 - 1. Maybe we can have an agreement with them to use the land instead of purchasing the land
- iii. Empty commercial lots or buildings – ex. Old Costco lot, Jimmy’s lot, Shell gas station
- d. What additional community programs/activities would you like to see in Montebello?:
 - i. Farmer’s markets, cooking classes, skate festivals, biking around the city, music festivals, 5K walk/run, swimming competitions, craft fairs, concerts at the park, food truck events, car shows, fire work shows, parades, movies in the park, battle of the bands, talent show, tennis tournaments, sports programs, STEM programs, financial literacy workshops

2. Creative Community (3/25)

- a. Identify the top 3 creative expression categories you are interested in and list possible community partners that can assist in this effort.
 - i. Cultural Heritage: Montebello Historical Society to Montebello Ponytails
 - ii. Cultural Organizations: Arts Commission and non-profit arts group
 - iii. Natural Heritage: San Gabriel Mission, Gabrielino Indians, CA State Parks, Nature Experts to teach classes on plants,
 - iv. Intangible Assets: name trails after Gabrielino Indians, Casa Cultural
 - v. Cultural Occupations: workshops on how to paint, poetry, cultural related books, political dances, LACMA, Getty, Walt Disney Concert Hall
- b. On the Cultural Assets Map, identify missing art/cultural sites:
 - i. Edward James Olmos residence
 - ii. Oscar de la Hoya residence
 - iii. Marge Villa residence
 - iv. Josh Perez residence