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To: [CITY COUNCIL \(INCL. CMO STAFF\)](#); city.manager@surfcity-hb.org; supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: 11 18 Agenda Item #25-872
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 2:19:36 PM

I encourage the City Council to vote yes and adopt the updated master plan for the City's parks. The City is fortunate to have a wide variety of park spaces available to its residents and visitors. Let's continue to maintain and to build upon these important assets for our community.

Paula A. Schaefer

SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATION

Meeting Date: 11/18/25

Agenda Item No. 13 (25-872)

From: [John Redaelli](mailto:John.Redaelli@surfcity-hb.org)
To: supplementakomm@surfcity-hb.org
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Senior Programs:

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Existing Conditions:

- During the 2020 to 2024 time frame, the second greatest growth in population by age group was evidenced among City residents 75 to 79 years (13.2%).
- The pattern of growth in the City's population over 65 was more than the growth among Orange County residents 65 years or older.

Community Voice:

- Senior programs, activities, and classes as recreation programs desired were recorded from the community in Workshop 2, the Multimodal Survey, as well as various stakeholder interviews.
- Exhibit 4.2-3 illustrates the geographic distribution of responses that requested senior programs, activities, or classes as a desired recreation program.

Recommendations:

- Continue and expand senior programming including affordable fitness classes and pickleball classes.
- Could expand senior programming to Murry and Edison Park Community Centers for seniors living near these Community Centers.
- Continue to offer veterans outreach of the Veterans Resource Center at the Central Library.
- Continue to offer senior social services at the Senior Center in Central Park.

Map: A map of Huntington Beach showing the geographic distribution of responses for senior programs, activities, and classes. The map includes a legend for Workshop 2 and Multimodal Survey.

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From: Annmarie

To: Gomez, Charlene

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21191 White Horse Ln

Huntington Beach, CA 92646

(END)

From: john plichta

To: Gomez, Charlene

Subject: Solar shade structure

Date: Monday, August 11, 2025 6:29:25 PM

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Thank you for your time

Sincerely, John & Candy Plichta]

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From: Michael Campanale

To: Gomez, Charlene

Subject: murdy park and edison park bocce courts

Date: Monday, August 11, 2025 2:15:38 PM

dear ms. gomez-

with much respect, i beseech you to consider the bocce court situation at murdy park, in particular, and edison park, also. the sport of bocce has been around since the roman times, invented by roman soldiers, in their past times, and has evolved into a world- wide phenomenon. it is an important cultural endeavor for the italian and hispanic community, and is experiencing a new rise in popularity, as the " baby- boomers" reach an age if less strenuous activity to keep up with physical fitness. i am a life long bocce player, and have played on courts all over northern and southern california. in my opinion, when the bocce courts first opened at the end of 2019, they were the latest and the greatest- the envy of all other bocce venues in the state. however, in the 4/12 years of the courts' existence, they have not aged well: boccecourtbuidersofamerica, the builder of our courts, sent a " technician" down from their home office up north, and he did a cursory " patch- up" job, however, it was from adequate. the wooden side boards have not weathered well, are splintered and warped in spots, and need extensive upgrading, along with the resin- based surface of all four courts, which have warped and are " rolling" on much of the surfaces, due to improper installation, in regards to drainage. in short, when the rains came, the water had nowhere to go, so it just percolated and degraded , causing the surface to implode. in short, i don't feel like the city of huntington beach got their money's worth from this workmanship. i attended many meetings at city hall, pleading the case for bocce courts for huntington beach in the embryonic stages of the planning , and i recommended daniele colleone, of worldrenowned colleone bocce courts, knowing that " you get what you pay for". alas, the bid went to perceived most value- oriented " guy", and you got what you paid for. in finality, i implore the city to get their money's worth, and get it right this time. i also have knowledge of what good bocce courts are, and am availing myself to you for any advice you may be seeking. i sincerely hope my message is well received, with much respect and care for our beautiful city of huntington beach, and also our " bello gioco", beautiful game, of bocce

respectfully,

michael campanale, president,

team campco bocce of huntington beach

(END)

From: R T

To: Gomez, Charlene

Cc: Karen Talbot

Subject: Bocce Ball Courts

Date: Wednesday, August 13, 2025 7:46:55 AM

My wife and several of our friends enjoy using the Bocce courts at Murdy Park on a weekly basis. Please know how much we enjoy this place how much we appreciate that our city has such a nice Bocce facility. We would love to see the courts resurfaced if that's in a future budget. This is a wonderful and wholesome sport/game suitable for all ages (not just us senior citizens).

Thank you!

Russ & Karen Talbot

57851 Marshall Drive

Huntington Beach, CA 92649

(714) 585-2034

(END)

In Conclusion:

I'm So Lucky To LIVE in Huntington Beach!...Thank You So Much For Your Time and Consideration!...

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John Redaelli

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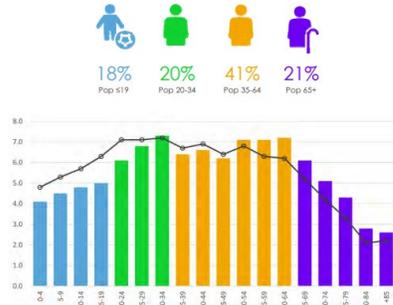


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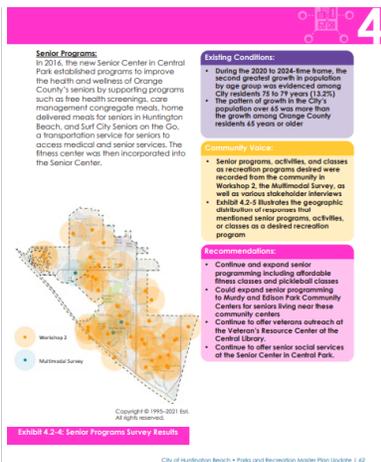
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To: Gomez, Charlene
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From: Michael Campanale
To: Gomez, Charlene
Subject: murdy park and edison park bocce courts
Date: Monday, August 11, 2025 2:15:38 PM

dear ms. gomez-
with much respect, i beseech you to consider the bocce court situation at murdy park, in particular, and edison park, also. the sport of bocce has been around since the roman times, invented by roman soldiers, in their past times, and has evolved into a world- wide phenomenon. It is an important cultural endeavor for the Italian and hispanic community, and is experiencing a new rise in popularity, as the " baby- boomers" reach an age if less strenuous activity to keep up with physical fitness. I am a life long bocce player, and have played on courts all over northern and southern california. in my opinion, when the bocce courts first opened at the end of 2019, they were the latest and the greatest- the envy of all other bocce venues in the state. however, in the 4/12 years of the courts' existence, they have not aged well: boccecourtbuidersofamerica, the builder of our courts, sent a " technician" down from their home office up north, and he did a cursory " patch- up" job; however, it was from adequate. the wooden side boards have not weathered well, are splintered and warped in spots, and need extensive upgrading, along with the resin-based

surface of all four courts, which have warped and are "rolling" on much of the surfaces, due to improper installation, in regards to drainage. in short, when the rains came, the water had nowhere to go, so it just percolated and degraded , causing the surface to implode. in short, i don't feel like the city of huntington beach got their money's worth from this workmanship. i attended many meetings at city hall, pleading the case for bocce courts for huntington beach in the embryonic stages of the planning , and i recommended daniele colleone, of worldrenowned colleone bocce courts, knowing that " you get what you pay for". alas, the bid went to perceived most value- oriented " guy", and you got what you paid for. in finality, i implore the city to get their money's worth, and get it right this time. i also have knowledge of what good bocce courts are, and am availing myself to you for any advice you may be seeking. i sincerely hope my message is well received, with much respect and care for our beautiful city of huntington beach, and also our " bello gioco", beautiful game, of bocce

respectfully,
michael campanale, president,
team campco bocce of huntington beach
(END)

From: R T
To: Gomez, Charlene
Cc: Karen Talbot
Subject: Bocce Ball Courts
Date: Wednesday, August 13, 2025 7:46:55 AM

My wife and several of our friends enjoy using the Bocce courts at Murdy Park on a weekly basis. Please know how much we enjoy this place how much we appreciate that our city has such a nice Bocce facility. We would love to see the courts resurfaced if that's in a future budget. This is a wonderful and wholesome sport/game suitable for all ages (not just us senior citizens).

Thank you!
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In Conclusion:

I'm So Lucky To LIVE in Huntington Beach!...Thank You So Much For Your Time and Consideration!...

Sincerely,
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