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**From:** Fikes, Cathy  
**Sent:** Friday, November 12, 2021 1:23 PM  
**To:** Agenda Alerts  
**Subject:** FW: Edison community park

-----Original Message-----

From: Julie Bagby <julie.bagby@gmail.com>  
Sent: Thursday, November 11, 2021 7:25 PM  
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>  
Subject: Edison community park

I participated in the community input night and I don't recall such extensive renovations. I definitely do not want the park changed so drastically nit do I want a parking lot next to our homes!! Please, let's take more time with this massive change!!!!

Julie Bagby

**SUPPLEMENTAL  
COMMUNICATION**

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Dear City Council Members:

As residents of Park Place adjacent to Edison Park we are disappointed in learning of the proposed changes to the park. We have lived in this neighborhood for 23 years and use the park every day to walk our dog. We understand that changes need to be made but feel many of these changes are not in the best interest of the residents and neighborhood. The plans proposed are turning the park into a sports complex.

We have two main concerns:

**1. Parking lots on Stilwell** – Putting a parking lot on Stilwell will add more traffic and congestion to an already congested area on game days. The proposal adds four soccer fields, pump track, expansion of tennis and pickle ball courts along with the current activity areas will draw 100's of people and cars. Parking is being added but not an adequate amount to accommodate the increased numbers of cars parking in our neighborhood.

We have been dealing with nightmare parking issues in our neighborhood for years but with no help from the city. We have requested parking passes to no avail and now it will only get worse. Property values will be affected by adding parking on Stilwell. **We urge you to position parking lots on Hamilton if possible or at Edison High School. If two soccer fields can be approved by Edison then parking lots should be to. Keep parking out of our neighborhoods. Protect the residents of Huntington Beach.**

**2. Removal of Mature trees** – The removal of these old, beautiful trees will take away from what the park is and reduce the shade the trees provide. We walk in the park every day with our dog. With this proposal there will only be one spot for him to cool off. It will reduce our ability to enjoy the park. It takes years for trees like this to grow to maturity. **Please preserve what little nature we have left, any mature tree we can save has a positive effect on climate change.**

It is our understanding that adding soccer fields was initiated because the developer needed to relocate them from the Gisler School Property in order to build a condominium complex.

**Please don't allow a developer and design firm to dictate what happens in our park and neighborhood to maximize profits at the expense of the property owners.**

We would like to invite the council members to walk the park and neighborhood with the residents that this will affect before any decisions are made. The proposal as it stands now needs to be scaled down to protect our property values and way of life. **We urge you to listen to the residents of our wonderful city to keep our neighborhood beautiful.**

Sincerely,

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**Subject:** FW: Edison Comm Park

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From: Rick Bagby <rbagby7@gmail.com>  
Sent: Thursday, November 11, 2021 6:34 PM  
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>  
Subject: Fwd: Edison Comm Park

Dear City Council,

- > As a 35 year resident of Park Place I am very concerned and strongly opposed to the proposed "improvements" to Edison park reviewed Wed evening at the community center meeting. I am specifically referring to the proposed removal of many mature trees, the idea of placing a parking lot along Stilwell where home values will be negatively impacted by cement replacing green. This design is unacceptable and we need to have more input as this affects all of us on many levels.
- > Note, i attended a planning meeting that requested community input. We provided that and none our many suggestions included the massive parking lot depicted.
- > Please DO NOT approve this flawed plan. We need to provide on behalf of the people who will be most impacted.
- > Richard L Bagby
- > Homeowner Park Place Homes HB
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- > Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Fikes, Cathy  
**Sent:** Friday, November 12, 2021 11:15 AM  
**To:** Agenda Alerts  
**Subject:** FW: Edison Park "improvement" Travesty

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**From:** amyvf47@gmail.com <amyvf47@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Friday, November 12, 2021 11:09 AM

**To:** CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>

**Subject:** Edison Park "improvement" Travesty

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Hello elected officials who are also my neighbors,

I am writing to express extreme heartache over plans to cut down champion trees that are decades old.

These treasured beauties are the best thing about Edison Park. They offer much needed shade and a home for birds and wildlife in our area. They are the only thing in the entire park that are actually irreplaceable in our lifetime. They are priceless.

You can always get more cement. But do cities ever tear up cement and replace it with 50 year old trees?

Nothing adds more value to the immediate area. Their gorgeous canopies watch over very large church meetings on the Stillwell Street hill every single Sunday. What a joy to see all the families worship and build community in this lovely setting. Young children run and play on the rolling grass off to one side. Safely tucked away from busy streets and traffic. Free to just be children in nature. Where and when does that happen anymore?! I am not a member of this particular church but I am crushed to think that where once loving people gathered in natural beauty and the glory of God to share their faith and support each other... There will be a parking lot?!

People visit these sky-kissing branching wonders in the park daily to escape the sun and let their dogs enjoy watching the squirrels scamper safely on limbs high above them. I say limbs because these are living clean air producing beings. It is a sacrilege to murder healthy trees this old and this beloved for absolutely no good reason.

A building company - NOT the tax paying community - is choosing to kill these magnificent specimens. Why? To tar this precious green space over with asphalt.

The want to pave paradise and put up a parking lot. Which by the way has already been done in this very park off of Magnolia. A huge chunk of nature gone forever! Trees, bushes and grass were already siphoned off for extra parking. It is a huge lot but rarely half full even. But it always has homeless parked there living in cars and campers. And once a huge boat! So...thanks?

If you keep taking park land to make parking lots, pretty soon you can rename the park, "Edison Community Center and Parking lots". People can drive to the Parking Lot to enjoy...parking lots.

Is more parking needed? Sometimes. Mainly on Saturdays. For a period of hours. That's really it. Sometimes for a really big event. But there already exists "more parking". The parking is there.

There are two parking lots at Kettler School. On the weekends the front school district lot is unused. People could park there on game days. Walk straight back to the fields. And/or use the back lot - which actually is the closest to the fields you could possibly park. Isn't it worth it to work out something there instead of further decimating rapidly diminishing open space? And also spend less money? We think it is!

If you refuse to look at this existing option - why not extra parking off of Hamilton? Away from people's front doors? There are no houses over there. The original park design is actually very thoughtful. The footprint cushions the rowdy noisy activities in the center

and other really quite considerate planning. It is why people bought houses nearby. A parking lot where proposed is also dangerous to the children living and playing so close.

Every one of you claimed to be an open space advocate when you ran! ALL of you! Natalie, will you allow this horrible plan to go forward as it is? Dan? Please. No. Kim Carr, will you at least accept my invitation to come meet a group of us who live in the neighborhood, first?

NO construction company. Just the people and their representatives. Let the actual residents host you. Please? Eric? Will you accept my proposal? Rhonda? You have a home nearby. PLEASE come meet your neighbors. See how our quality of life and home values will be so negatively affected. We can take a walk as a group. We can have snacks. Or just get right to it! The choice is yours Day. Evening. You name it.

Erik Petersen? Please? Mr. Posey? Barbara - you of all people know home values. Do you recognize the last name, Barbara? You've managed a property in our family. Please?

Just hit pause. Hear us out. See it through the homeowners eyes. Look at a few alternatives or compromises. Let's not needlessly hurry something that's so important to the entire city. Our cherished, extensively used and few remaining parks.

Money can be saved. Are you fiscally responsible with city money? And NO green space lost.

But is that in the best interest of the building company who is driving this whole debacle? And by the way - how backwards is that process?

And why is it structured in this manner? Is that even legal? Their push polls do not truly reflect what the many, many homeowners in the immediate area actually want.

We've been to several of their dishonest "input" meetings. Answer me truthfully, council members - have any of you been to these sessions? Do you know what the people are really asking for? Or just what the construction company is reporting?

You do fully understand that they financially benefit by doing the most possible building and demo?

That is not however, in line with what residents want. They want improvements. Some changes. But mostly - we love it! Keep the trees. Keep the walkability.

I am begging you to hold off on voting through this current plan. It is being rushed through without proper attention and thoughtful planning. Many people who own homes closest to the massive proposed demolition and egregious changes have no idea what is proposed. It is beyond inconsiderate. These homes are the largest investment we have. Our futures. Our nest eggs. It's hitting us quite literally - where we live.

Some of these meetings were held when covid protocols were still in place. I personally know of a neighborhood family with a high risk member who could not sit crowded indoors with no masking enforced. They showed up and had to leave.

You know that we lost all the shade structures too, right? The skate park is rad.

See? Open-minded. But don't take the remaining natural shade too! Do you know how much hotter it's gonna get with less green and more cement? Everywhere else people are planting trees. In Huntington Beach you want to rip the best and most valuable of them out?!

So...

Back to the trees...

I witness high school athletic teams resting there after a challenging workout in the hot sun. Picnics are a regular thing under their peaceful shade. Birthday parties. Just one person reading a book. People on a lunch break. Teenagers studying (well. Mostly studying haha) During the height of covid the park had people on romantic dinner dates nightly. So cute! When summer hits I see so many people with baby's out there to escape the heat in their unairconditioned homes.

Many seek out these champion trees calming, cooling embrace for a moment of nature in a city pretty bereft of trees that are this established. Especially in our neck of the non woods.

The incredible mature pine trees feed birds. Squirrels. They shelter nests. We have resident Great Blue Herons. A pair of majestic hawks. Woodpeckers. Rapidly disappearing from our area barn and tree swallows. A flock of Starlings. Mockingbirds. Killdeer. Many protected species and even rare bird sightings.

We are close to the wetlands and many migratory birds pass through yearly. Birders await their return and exalt in their sightings. Those sightings are sometimes found in Audubon's Sea and Sage newsletter for bird counts.

The breathtakingly beautiful Western Bluebirds have had Boy Scout and Blue Bird Society built boxes hanging in those glorious trees serving as their home for many decades.

What message are you sending to all who respect and appreciate nature? What does it really say about you as a council person - if you will not come to the aid of preserving open space? Is this the record you want?

I see Vic Lizepeg's legacy every time a flash of shimmering sublime blue flies by my head in Edison Park. Because Vic started those bluebird boxes. And cared for them. And every time my soul stirs watching these charming birds. I think of Vic and I thank him silently. Thank you, Vic! Shout out for bird loving electeds!

What will you leave behind as your legacy?

I extend to you a true spirit of compromise. The park does need improvements. But not desecration. Let's meet. Let's talk! Let me ( us - all are welcome!) Show you the beauty and value we experience and cherish everyday. See it through our eyes. Share what vision you see with us.

I'm listening. I'm willing. Are you?

I look forward to your response.

Thank you for your time

*Sent from my LG K40, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone*

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**From:** Fikes, Cathy  
**Sent:** Friday, November 12, 2021 1:58 PM  
**To:** Agenda Alerts  
**Subject:** FW: Edison community center redesign

**From:** Gary Oakes <gahoak@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 11, 2021 9:11 PM  
**To:** CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>  
**Subject:** Edison community center redesign

Please please please add a bunch of pickleball courts....they are sorely needed!!! We have to travel to Tustin just to play pickleball...demand for courts far exceeds capacity.

Thanks,

Gary Oakes

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**From:** AMY MONTOYA <amy.montoya3588@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 3:43 PM  
**To:** supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org  
**Subject:** To help Huntington Beach teens

How about a skatepark at wieder park?

During the summer there is always 10 to 20 teens hanging around the park throwing trash everywhere and sometimes smoking weed. A skatepark would be a good outlet. They always have their skateboards and trick bikes with them, and as a mom of toddlers who doesn't want her 1 and 2 yr old exposed to look lots of cussing I think this would be beneficial for everyone.

Amy Montoya, call me at 720 416 5077  
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