



Pepper Park Design Workshop

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Q&A

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Is there any connection with the bayfront bike path to this park?

Yes. The proposed Segment 5 of the Bayshore Bikeway will tie into the Bayshore Bikeway connection that currently ends adjacent to Pier 32 Marina and extends south across Sweetwater Channel and into Chula Vista. There will be bikeway connections from the Bayshore Bikeway to the park.

Will the water features be conscientious of our water shortage and the environment?

Any water feature would be developed consistent with regulations existing at that time.

Does the current pier meet requirements for ferries to drop and pick up passengers?

The City of National City is currently exploring this idea.

A few people had mentioned an addition of a dog park. Has that been considered?

The Public Trust Doctrine and Port Act do not allow for municipal types of uses such as dog parks. When the Port was created by an act of the state legislature in 1962, it was granted the state tidelands and submerged lands to manage for the benefit of all people of the State of California (a dog park is considered a neighborhood use – deemed to benefit primarily those who live nearby in neighborhoods).

Was there thought to the safety associated with the beach area and the transit of watercraft?

Due to limited land space and adjacent uses – e.g., vessels at National City Marine Terminal, boats traversing the channel to and from Pier 32 Marina, and sensitive biological resources on the south side of the channel – any beach area would be perched and not at water level.

Would plaza support entertainment or events? What's the capacity?

In general, the intent of a plaza space would support entertainment or events; however, specific details, such as capacity and programming would be determined at a later time.

Will the pier be rebuilt?

No changes or revisions to the boat launch ramp facility, the pier, or the Aquatic Center are proposed as part of any future changes to Pepper Park or the overall National City Balanced Plan.

What would the nature play include?

If “nature play” is selected as a future park element, specific details of what is included in the “nature play” would be determined at a later time.

What is the plan for lighting, security and "open hours" in all plans?

Consistent with the Port Code, the park is open from 6 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. and the gates are closed between 10:30 p.m. and 6 a.m.

Is there any intent for water access (swimming)?

Due to limited land space and adjacent uses – e.g., vessels at National City Marine Terminal, boats traversing the channel to and from Pier 32 Marina, and sensitive biological resources on the south side of the channel – there is no intent for water access such as swimming.