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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** August 23, 2018

**TO:** Hillview Community Center Project Task Force

**FROM:** Los Altos Parks and Recreation Commission

**SUBJECT:** INPUT TO THE HILLVIEW COMMUNITY CENTER TASK FORCE

At its August 16, 2017 meeting, the Parks and Recreation Commission discussed what considerations, within the focus of the Commission, the Task Force should keep in mind when planning a recommendation for the new Hillview Community Center. The Commission created the following list of considerations that they feel are important for the new Community Center. The Commission plans revisit these suggestions at their next Commission meeting scheduled for September 13, 2017, after which, any revisions would be resubmitted to the Task Force.

The overarching concept that the Parks and Recreation Commission would like the task force to consider is the need for additional outdoor park space. The City of Los Altos has a very low parks acreage ratio compared to neighboring cities in the Bay Area, so the Commission would like to see a net increase in parks space as part of this project.

**NATURESCAPE PLAY ELEMENTS** – Playground type elements for children and adults that are composed of natural features, such as logs, boulders, and other natural things. The Commission believes the naturescape would be a good way to protect Hillview neighbors' privacy and reduce noise in the adjacent neighborhood.

**WALKING TRACK OR WALKING PATH** – A track or pathway that surrounds or meanders through the new facility where users are able to jog, walk or stroll around the new facility and open space.

**ROOFTOP PARK/LIVING ROOF** – The roof of the building is partially or completely covered with landscape, creating additional park space and other environmentally friendly benefits.

**INDOOR-OUTDOOR CONNECTION** – Indoor café space that is directly adjacent to a children's outdoor water feature where parents and caretakers can relax while watching their children play.

**FLEXIBLE INTERIOR SPACE** – Indoor space that is flexible and not dedicated encourages multi-generational activity.

The above considerations were approved by the Parks and Recreation Commission 6-0 (one Commissioner absent) to be submitted to the Hillview Community Center Task Force.