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## **VAN BUSKIRK PARK MASTER PLAN FOR REUSE**

### ***Open House Community Meeting at Van Buskirk Community Center – September 8th***

STOCKTON, Calif. – The City of Stockton Community Services Department will host an open house community meeting on Thursday, September 8, 2022, from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., at Van Buskirk Community Center, 734 Houston Ave. The purpose of the meeting is for the community to see and provide input to the proposed master plan design for the reuse of Van Buskirk Park and recreational areas.

“The City of Stockton has been working with Design Workshop, a consulting firm that specializes in developing master plans for parks and recreational areas,” said Kris Farro, Director of Community Services. “We have taken all the valuable information that has been gathered from community members about what activities and amenities they would like to see included and have developed a plan that expands and enhances current popular, well-used areas, such as basketball courts, sports fields, and playground equipment. It is a very exciting plan that provides for new uses, unique to Van Buskirk in designated areas, such as a community garden, bike pump track, bike park, disc golf, a dog park, and much more. There is even an opportunity to partner with a federal agency to create space for restoring wildlife habitat, with trails, nature viewing areas, benches, and picnic areas.”

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This open house is open to all members of the community – seniors, adults, youth, and children, families, neighbors, and friends, are welcome and encouraged to attend. Join us. Come see the displays, conceptual drawings, and inspirational photos, and talk to City representatives, the design consultant, and potential partner agencies about the recreational and educational uses proposed for the reuse and programming opportunities at Van Buskirk Park and Community Center.

Take a few moments to complete the online survey. A link to the survey and additional information is available at [www.stocktonca.gov/VanBuskirk](http://www.stocktonca.gov/VanBuskirk). Drop by the open house and share your ideas and support.

For additional information, please contact the Community Services Department at (209) 937-8595 or email [Trevor.Wilson@stocktonca.gov](mailto:Trevor.Wilson@stocktonca.gov) or submit comments at [www.stocktonca.gov/AskStockton](http://www.stocktonca.gov/AskStockton).

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