

A photograph of three children in yellow shirts fishing at a pond. The child in the foreground is a girl with short brown hair, smiling at the camera. Behind her are two other children, a boy and a girl, also smiling. They are holding fishing rods. The background shows a pond with reeds and a bright, sunny sky.

SAN JOSE
**PARKS, RECREATION &
NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES**

MASTER PLAN & PARK NAMING

New Alma Neighborhood Park

City Council: January 31, 2023

Presenters: Han-Lei Wang, Associate Landscape Architect, han-lei.wang@sanjoseca.gov
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Site Location

- Council District 7
- Corner of West Alma Ave. and Sanborn Ave.
- Adjacent to Alma Community Center



Background

- Generous donation of land by Rocco Elia and Louise Elia-Scaglione



Project Goals

- Adhere to donation condition
 - Children's playground
 - Park name reflective of Donors
- Engage community
- Develop park programming



**PLEASE JOIN US FOR
COMMUNITY MEETING #3!**

¡POR FAVOR ÚNASE A
NOSOTROS PARA LA REUNIÓN
COMUNITARIA #3!

WHEN: AUGUST 25, 2021 AT 6PM

WHERE: ALMA COMMUNITY CENTER,
136 W ALMA AVE

*WE WANT TO HEAR YOUR IDEAS!
¡QUEREMOS OÍR TUS IDEAS!*

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT: [BIT.LY/ALMAPARKPROJECT](https://bit.ly/ALMAPARKPROJECT)
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Community Outreach

- 1st Community Meeting:
 - Gather Programmatic Data and Present Site Context
 - April 21, 2021, 16 Community Attendees
- 2nd Community Meeting:
 - Present and Explore Four Design Concepts
 - May 19, 2021, 22 Community Attendees
- 3rd Community Meeting:
 - Present Refined Design and Document Feedback
 - August 25, 2021, 15 Community Attendees



Final Design

- Play Spaces
- Open Lawn Areas
- Passive recreation
- Seating
- Climbing
- Shade/Trellis
- Community Wall



Renderings



Naming Policy

- Conform with City Council Policy 7-5, Naming of City-owned Land and Facilities
- Reflect one of the following criteria:
 - Geographic location;
 - Prominent geographic feature or local reference point;
 - Adjoining subdivision/community;
 - Historical event;
 - An individual who has been deceased for at least five years;
 - **An individual via a donation or sponsorship agreement; or**
 - A group via a donation or sponsorship agreement.

Council Recommendation

- Adopt the name "Elia Park", per staff recommendation and in conformance with Policy 7-5 and Donation Agreement ("Elia" is the last name of donors)
 - Supplement park with named features (Rocco's Playground; Louise's Garden)
- Approve Park Master Plan for a new public park at the southwest corner of Alma Avenue and Sanborn Avenue and adopt the associated Appropriation Ordinance Amendments of \$274,000;
- Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to:
 - Submit a grant application and, if awarded, negotiate, and execute a grant agreement and a Conservation Easement with the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority

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