

## Summary of Comments from Parks & Recreation Commission, 5/16/06

Subject: Small Public Places for Sacramento

1. Consider definition of specific geographic areas of the City where these facilities are to be targeted/provided
2. Plan for design and programming of these spaces for teens
3. To reduce costs, have less turf
4. Provide more shade everywhere possible
5. Provide for active uses in these spaces: small dog parks; small sport court areas
6. Similar facilities in other major cities get use 24 hours a day
7. Include public art: murals, sculptures
8. Conduct research in other cities to see what they've done
9. Promote and support organization of "friends of" groups
10. Make sure we ensure the success of these spaces, where they're well used
11. Farmers' Markets might be a way to attract more people to underused spaces
12. Develop targeted implementation plans to proactively identify opportunities, and acquire and develop properties
13. Explore joint partnerships with private businesses to establish and maintain these spaces
14. Partner with neighborhoods: for example, City could provide site "infrastructure", citizens could provide and maintain plantings
15. Don't let higher costs keep us from pursuing these goals
16. Make it clear that City is not reducing its overall requirements under Quimby Ordinance to provide less than 5 acres/1,000 residents of neighborhood and community parkland; rather, staff proposes that the goal in smaller infill projects be to provide 2.5 acres/1,000 on site and remaining requirements be fulfilled offsite and in other ways

