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CITY OF UKIAH SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT ON CURRENT AND FUTURE PARKS AND RECREATION NEEDS

Ukiah, CA. August 26, 2024. - The City of Ukiah is conducting a Parks Gap Analysis to assess how well existing parks are meeting community needs, and what might be needed for future parks. In addition to staff analysis, a robust community engagement process will be undertaken. Community engagement will include focus groups, individual meetings, surveys, event tabling, and outreach to City of Ukiah commissions.

An online survey is available at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EnglishParksAnalysis> (English); a Spanish version is available at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EspanolUkiahParques>.

In addition to the online surveys, an outreach table will be open at the Ukiah Pumpkifest for public comment and an open community forum will be held at the Public Spaces Commission meeting on September 10th at 5:30 PM at the Ukiah Conference Center.

The need for this analysis was identified in the City's 2040 General Plan, which states the City "shall prepare a parks gap analysis identifying areas of the city underserved by parks and recreation facilities access." Additionally, the "analysis shall, at a minimum, establish equitable access standards, including the minimum distance between parks and every residence, and potential funding mechanisms." This will help the City of Ukiah to prepare for population growth, changing demographics, and possible annexations.

The process will include mapping exercises, the identification of appropriate level of service measures, and goals for the City's Park system. Recreation opportunities and needs will also be assessed. Finally, the document will address potential funding opportunities.

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