

**From:** [Charles Little](#)  
**To:** [CityCouncilListPublic](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Natural Roseland Creek Park  
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Dear Councilmembers,

I am writing in support of a Nature Park at the Roseland Creek site. Particularly in Roseland, people need trees and green space for the amenities that are greatly limited in that part of town. Compare Roseland with other areas of town with more trees and green spaces. Who lives in the latter and what are their incomes like?

A Natural Park will provide cooling shade, space for quiet reflection, and enjoyment of nature for all, particularly children. Which would you rather have next door to you? A Natural Park or a hot, noisy playground?

And of course this is not to mention the critical role that trees and natural areas can play in mitigating the effects of the Climate Crisis for our citizens.

thanks for your attention to my concerns,

Charles S. Little

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*I know when I do not know.*” (Socrates, *Apologia*.)

**From:** [Susan Kirks](#)  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Sept. 28, 2021 City Council Meeting - Agenda Item 15.1 - Roseland Creek  
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Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council,

I learned today this item was on your agenda for September 28. I have been on a mailing list with a request for updates for over 2 years and did not receive any notices about the MND being available for review or this agenda item being scheduled for your calendar.

I write on behalf of Madrone Audubon Society, a conservation nonprofit organization based in Sonoma County, serving 3000 Audubon members of the National organization and our local organization. We have followed this land acquisition and planning for the parcels for many, many years. We have offered written and public comments in your City of Santa Rosa Council meetings. We have been aware of a dedicated effort by caring community members for 20 years to ensure this land was both acquired and conserved, and then planning to occur for the best amenity available for the community.

We are deeply concerned to see this agenda item scheduled to approve what was a park plan that only received a public meeting in March 2020, a meeting I was unable to attend, but heard it was not a good meeting and there was not sufficient community input. I understood there would be more meetings and more input would be requested from community members and organizations like ours, Madrone Audubon. I understood there would be additional outreach to ensure input from indigenous tribes would be heard and honored, that the NAACP Chapter's input would be heard and honored, and the many, many educators and school students who begged your Council to prioritize this land for a Nature Preserve that was desired in the community would be requested again, and honored. I do not see that any of these additional meetings occurred, and we certainly did not receive any notice of additional meetings.

A plan for paved parking and for any active athletic activities on this property are not congruent with the exceptional natural resources that need to be preserved, restored and enhanced.

I have had an opportunity to review the Lozeau Drury correspondence submitted to the City and, with all due respect, it is ludicrous to read the response by David J. Powers that this additional input does not result in any change in the findings in the MND.

A full Environmental Impact Report is needed for these parcels, coalescing into one property for community benefit. Rarely in the urban setting do we find such a jewel of a property with resources that can be protected and enhanced, an area to offer passive recreation, and a place of respite for so many community members as well as nearby students for educational benefit.

It is imperative that your Council delay a decision on the Roseland Creek property issue and, please, obtain the additional input that was promised from the March 2020 meeting. I would like to believe that you as a Council want to proceed in a manner that is best for your community and for future generations who will be able to access, appreciate and contribute to this property as a Nature Preserve.

The pandemic has impacted everyone's lives. I understand one trail had been promised to be completed by, I believe, October 2020 in agreement with the Open Space District and a conservation easement to combine the CEs in existence was in process.

If there is a concern about timelines and deadlines with the Open Space District, we know the District has worked with Santa Rosa and other cities in the past to accommodate needs for change in timelines in order to ensure that the best outcome for the community, as well as a complete and detailed Conservation Easement can occur. The new input from Lozeau Drury should have an interface with the Open Space District's preparation of the new single Conservation Easement. Dr. Shawn Smallwood who prepared a biological resources opinion is also one of the most highly respected and ethical biologists in California.

Please continue this item to a date uncertain and engage again with the community, require a review of the Lozeau Drury correspondence and report, and serve the Santa Rosa community in the best way possible. This agenda item coming forward to you on September 28th is not serving the community nor the exceptional property and the project waiting to be formalized that is in balance with the natural resources and provision of passive recreation and education.

Thank you for accepting this comment.

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**From:** [Juanita G Tlahuitzo](#)  
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Roseland needs a park! The community of Roseland is just as underserved as Moorland. Most community members know the tragedy that occurred in that area some years ago, where a child was mistaken as a criminal and shot dead by a Sonoma County Sheriff. As is, the Roseland area is over-policed with little to no outlets for children and their families to enjoy outdoor spaces, for leisure and or enjoyment. We need more green space within our community! Traditionally, the area being considered for a new park, has been a hot spot for police activity, homelessness, and gang activity. I'd like to imagine that my hometown community would like to see children playing at a park, instead of what it has been exposed to over the years.

Concerns about Roseland Creek Community park on Burbank Ave.:

Paved parking lot would encourage side shows & car donuts. Already skid marks in school parking lot across the street!

Wildlife needs area to survive. Many rare and varied species as in spotted salamander, red tailed hawks.

Great to preserve wildlife to show kids.

There is already an underused large park at end of the street!

Creek needs to be cleared of concrete to avoid flooding when we get rain again.

Natural trails are great for local residents to walk dogs, etc... Used all the time for that purpose.

Please leave our park in it's natural state!!!

Sincerely,

Nancy Kucich-Wilson & Denton Wilson



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