



Awards of Distinction

Category:

Outstanding
Renovated Facility
(Large District)

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Criteria: Honors excellence in design and planning of newly renovated public park facilities. Exhibits high standards of quality, versatility, accessibility, and community involvement.

Nominee: Tennyson Park

District: Hayward Area Recreation and Park District

District Submission:



Summary of Nomination

The Hayward Area Recreation and Park District (H.A.R.D.) proudly submits the Tennyson Park Renovation Project for CARPD's Facility Design Award, recognizing excellence in park redevelopment, community engagement, and inclusive recreation.

The grand reopening of Tennyson Park marked a transformative milestone for the South

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Hayward community. More than a renovated space, this project represents a shared vision brought to life, one rooted in equity, accessibility, and meaningful community connection. Funded through the District's Measure F1 Bond, the \$11.5 million investment revitalized a 10-acre neighborhood park into a vibrant, multi-generational destination that reflects the voices and needs of its residents.

Originally breaking ground in 2023, the project reimagined Tennyson Park as a dynamic and inclusive recreational hub. The renovation introduced a wide range of amenities designed to serve users of all ages and abilities. These include a multi-use grassy field, upgraded skatepark, brand-new pump track, Bankshot and basketball courts, group picnic areas, walking paths, and expanded parking. To enhance environmental sustainability and visitor comfort, more than 40 new trees were planted, providing shade and contributing to the park's natural beauty.

Central to the park's identity is the Mia's Dream Come True All-Abilities Playground, a deeply meaningful feature that exemplifies the District's commitment to inclusive design. Inspired by a local family's vision and supported by an initial \$5,000 gift from Make-A-Wish Greater Bay Area, the playground offers accessible play structures, sensory-rich experiences, and thoughtfully designed spaces that allow children of all abilities to play side by side. By incorporating this treasured community asset into the broader renovation, Tennyson Park has become a regional destination for inclusive recreation.

Community engagement was a cornerstone of the project's success. Residents, families, and youth played an active role in shaping the park's design, providing input that influenced everything from amenities to layout. This collaborative approach ensured that the final outcome reflects the unique character of the Tennyson neighborhood while advancing equity in access to high-quality parks and open spaces.

The Tennyson Park Renovation exemplifies excellence in public park redevelopment. Through innovative design, inclusive features, environmental enhancements, and strong community partnerships, the project has transformed an aging facility into a welcoming and vibrant space for recreation, gathering, and belonging.

Today, Tennyson Park stands as a model for how thoughtful planning and community collaboration can create spaces that truly serve everyone. It is a powerful example of what investing in community looks like, and why parks matter.

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Nominee: Jurupa Community Center

District: Jurupa Area Recreation and Park District

District Submission:



Summary of Nomination

This project represents a significant investment in the community, transforming a 40-year-old facility into a modern, accessible, and highly functional center that serves residents of all ages and abilities.

The renovation of the Jurupa Community Center was thoughtfully planned and expertly executed to extend the life of the building while meeting the evolving needs of the community. Key improvements included the construction of a **new commercial-grade warming kitchen**, comprehensive **ADA-compliant restroom upgrades**, and the modernization of the **multi-purpose space** to support a wide range of recreation classes, community events, and public activities.

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The addition of the new kitchen has greatly enhanced the facility's ability to host programs, special events, and community gatherings. It now supports meal programs, rentals, and special functions that were previously limited due to outdated infrastructure. This improvement has expanded programming opportunities and increased the Center's value as a true community hub.

ADA restroom improvements were a critical component of the renovation. These upgrades ensure that all community members, including individuals with disabilities, can comfortably and safely access the facility. The improvements reflect a strong commitment to inclusivity, equity, and compliance with current accessibility standards.

The updated multi-purpose facility has been revitalized to support diverse uses, including recreation and enrichment classes, community meetings, private celebrations, and special events. Modern finishes, improved functionality, and flexible design now allow the space to better accommodate the needs of participants, instructors, and event organizers, while creating a welcoming and vibrant atmosphere.

Beyond physical improvements, this renovation has strengthened community engagement and pride. By preserving a long-standing neighborhood facility and investing in its future, the project honors the community's history while positioning the Jurupa Community Center as a cornerstone for recreation, connection, and service for decades to come.

The successful renovation of this aging facility demonstrates a clear vision, effective planning, and a strong commitment to enhancing public spaces. For its positive impact, improved accessibility, and expanded community use, the Jurupa Community Center is truly deserving of recognition as an **Outstanding Renovated Facility**.

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Nominee: Harada Neighborhood Center Improvements Project

District: Jurupa Community Services District

District Submission:



Summary of Nomination

The Harada Neighborhood Center, located within Harada Heritage Park, is a vital community hub supporting youth programs, contract classes, rentals, and recreation services. As one of Jurupa Community Services District's (JCSD) most heavily utilized facilities, maintaining its functionality, accessibility, and overall user experience is essential to delivering high-quality service to the Eastvale community.

Following the recent completion of JCSD's Parks & Recreation Master Plan, a comprehensive, community-driven roadmap shaped directly by resident input, this project was identified as a priority reinvestment. The Master Plan reflected the community's vision for high-quality, well-maintained, and modernized facilities. In essence, these improvements were not just

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staff-driven, they were designed by the community itself.

In alignment with this vision, JCSJ initiated a comprehensive Capital Improvement Project focused on extending the facility's lifecycle, improving operational efficiency, and elevating the overall customer experience.

Key improvements included:

- Full roof replacement
- Interior and exterior repainting
- Restroom renovations
- New flooring throughout the facility
- Replacement of interior and exterior doors
- Installation of a new reception desk and lobby area

The project was delivered through a competitive public bidding process, reinforcing JCSJ's commitment to fiscal responsibility, transparency, and accountability. Importantly, the scope was intentionally designed to address long-term infrastructure needs rather than defer maintenance, demonstrating disciplined, proactive asset management.

The Harada Neighborhood Center Improvements Project exemplifies excellence in public stewardship. By aligning capital investment with a community-driven Master Plan, JCSJ transformed an aging facility into a modern, durable, and efficient space that will serve residents for years to come. This project demonstrates that impactful innovation is not only about building new amenities, but also about reinvesting thoughtfully in existing assets to maximize community value. The final result is more than a renovation, it is a strategic reinvestment in a community asset shaped by resident priorities.

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