



## HAYWARD AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

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June 24, 2013

Mr. David Rizk  
Development Services Director  
City of Hayward  
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Dear David,

The Hayward Area Recreation and Park District has been involved in the proposed development, now called The Boulevard, at the old Mervyn's site. HARD staff has met with City staff and the developer's representative to discuss the impacts of the development and the needs of HARD in the area over the past several months. HARD staff has reviewed the proposed development with a sub-committee of the Board of Directors.

The development runs along the San Lorenzo Creek concrete channel. While there probably is not an opportunity to return the San Lorenzo Creek to a more natural state, there is the opportunity to construct a pedestrian and bicycle trail along the creek. This could be yet another link of the future connection from the San Francisco Bay Trail to the Bay Area Ridge Trail.

HARD staff has begun discussions with the Alameda County Flood Control District to lease the area along the creek that is the current maintenance access road. The vision would be a terraced landscaped buffer between the development and the creek. It would be a linear park with both a pedestrian and bicycle path but would still allow for the County creek maintenance trucks. The area could be landscaped on both sides of the linear park. This would require some land dedication from the developer and possibly some proposed road changes between the existing garage and the creek to allow for the width of the linear park. In addition the current concrete channel wall could be treated with sort of new finish or wall facade.

The HARD would require that the developer pay the appropriate In-Lieu Park Dedication Fees and or a combination of In-Lieu Park Dedication Fees and land dedication. HARD would also request that it be involved with the final calculations and dedication requirements under the Quimby Act. If the developer has "resident only" play areas or pocket parks within the development, these should not be part of their park land dedication calculation. All funds should remain in the City's Zone D

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for the park development phase. The HARD would also consider the option of the linear park to be constructed by the developer.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at [lepl@haywardrerc.org](mailto:lepl@haywardrerc.org) or at 881-6716.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lawrence R. Lepore".

**Larry Lepore**  
**Park Superintendent**

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