



DON'T SELL OUR PARK! SAVE THE OPEN PARK!

Friends of Allan Witt Park is an organization formed to preserve and improve Allan Witt Park. One of Fairfield's largest and most beautiful parks, Allan Witt Park serves as backyard to many people in the Fairfield community who do not have access to large green open space in their neighborhoods. The park provides a communal space for individuals, families and organizations to enjoy many recreational opportunities - baseball, basketball, swimming, tennis, soccer, skateboarding, flag football, volleyball, horseshoes and many other activities. The park has magnificent green open expanses bordered by tree-lined pathways ideal for walking, jogging, cycling or just sitting while enjoying the beauty of the serene parkland. Three playgrounds serve the many children of Fairfield and other out-of-town visitors to the park each day. Picnic tables and excellent barbecuing grills provide an opportunity for small to large social gatherings in the cool shade of trees which have been growing in the park for over 40 years. Ample nearby parking allows for easy access to the Sports Center, Community Swim Center (currently closed), playgrounds, picnic areas and other park amenities, including 8 lighted tennis courts which can be used without charge.

WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED?

The City of Fairfield has formed a partnership with Seattle-based developer Triad Communities and builder Centex Homes to build private multi-storey condominiums, townhomes, and other private dwellings in the park, reducing park size, beauty and openness. Retail business, live/work spaces, townhouses, and single-family dwellings are planned in several areas of the park. Many of these structures would be at least three stories high, and would dramatically reduce the open-space quality of the park. Many of the long-standing trees would be removed and many of the shady picnic groves would be sold. Maps of the existing plan can be viewed on the City of Fairfield website. The plan to build on the park is being reviewed by environmental consultants who will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR). Whether as a resident of Fairfield or as a park visitor, by voicing your concerns you can affect the direction of this proposal. We still have a chance to save our park. Below are the changes Triad Communities is proposing in their current plan:

- Sell 13-14 acres of the park to developers
- Reduce grassy park space from 38 acres to about 20 acres
- Build 3- to 4-story buildings and houses on 27 acres in and around the park
- Move softball and baseball fields to a privately-run facility on Cordelia Road
- Remove half of the 8 tennis courts
- Build close to 400 residential units and 12,000 sq ft of retail commercial space
- Build 3-storey townhouse blocks in the east part of the park (picnic groves)
- Demolish the Skate Park and rebuild it where the tennis courts are now located
- Build new public roadways through the park
- Demolish and remove the gazebo on Woolner Avenue
- Remove or relocate picnic tables, BBQ pits, play structures, horseshoe pits and volleyball courts
- Increase paved roadway and parking lot area from 4 acres to over 6 acres
- Demolish the two outdoor basketball courts and rebuild where the tennis courts are now located

WHAT CAN I DO? Read the back of the page to find out how you can help keep private housing out of your community park! *(continued on back of page)*



WHAT CAN I DO?

Here are some simple steps you can take to help preserve Allan Witt Park for our community, your families and children, and future generations.

1. **Contact your City Council Members and City Management** by calling the City Manager's Office at (707) 428-7400. Or ask to speak to David White in Planning and Development, (707) 428-7659, dwhite@ci.fairfield.ca.us. Let members of the Community Services Commission and Planning Commission know how you feel by calling **Community Services (707) 428-7714** or **Planning and Development (707) 428-7461**. Simply tell them what you think about selling your community park space. **Attend City Council Meetings and Planning Commission Meetings** and speak during the Public Comment period.

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2. **Write to the *Daily Republic*** newspaper and let them know how you feel about the park. Council members and City Management read the editorials closely and listen to your comments. Send your comments to: Letters to the Editor, The Daily Republic, P.O. Box 47, Fairfield, CA 94534 or email to bstanhope@dailyrepublic.net or drop them off at their office at 1250 Texas Street, Fairfield.
3. **Sign our petitions!** Join the Friends of Allan Witt Park organization and help us with upcoming projects that support our effort to keep the park whole. Or donate any amount to help with the costs of our Friends of Allan Witt Park campaign. Join the mailing list to receive updates by emailing brs@allanwittpark.org. or call (707) 425-7527
4. **For more information please visit the Friends of Allan Witt Park website at <http://www.allanwittpark.org>**