



SAN JOSE
**PARKS, RECREATION &
NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES**

On-Site Recreation Credits Round 2

Fee Study Task Force Meeting

Thursday, April 21, 2022

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Agenda

- Our Goals
- Review What We Heard from the Task Force
- Program Components
- Mixing and Matching
- Q&A



Sidewalk Trampolines – Copenhagen

Photo Source: <https://www.trendingcity.org/sidewalk-trampolines-copenhagen-1>

Activate SJ Goals

Equity and Access

- Ensuring access to a quality public space within a 10-minute walk of resident's homes
- Ensuring a diversity of parks and public spaces, accessible to all residents

Public Life

- Encouraging diverse opportunities to engage in public life and recreational play in public spaces

Identity

- Seeking to create high-quality, well-designed public places

What we heard from the Task Force (round 2)



Paseo Mercurio POPOS – San Jose, CA
Photo Source: Staff

- Private amenities can be beneficial to developers
- Difficult to determine the "right" amount square footage
- Cost of improvements could be beneficial for all projects
- Maximizing flexibility is crucial

Credits for Private Amenities

- Credits for private amenities are not advancing the goals of the Department
- Credits for private amenities will be removed (or limited)
 - 10% cap on private amenities will be introduced, should we continue to provide credit



Recreation Room - Fitness Center, "The Pierce" San Jose, CA
Photo Source: <https://www.thepierce.com/gallery/community-amenities/>

Credits for Public Amenities

- Align with Department/Activate SJ goals
- Provide a public benefit
- Flexibility provided through a variety of qualifying amenities
 - Fitness equipment, Gaming tables (e.g., chess/checkers, ping pong, foosball, etc.), interactive art elements, tot lot and/or children's play areas, hard or soft game courts (e.g., bocce ball/pickle ball), turf playing field, etc.
 - "Other Amenities as approved by the Director of PRNS"



Commodore Park Fitness Equipment – San Jose, CA
Photo Source: Amanda N., Yelp (https://www.yelp.com/biz_photos/commodore-park-san-jose?select=QJ2Qg0URUBXill0zuqXksw)

Credits for POPOS



POPOS must:

- Be minimum 1,500 square feet
 - Be at street level, accessible from the sidewalk/street
 - Include two (minimum) City identified public amenities
 - Have appropriate signage and public access easements
- Credit is provided for the total square footage of the POPOS
 - Not just the square footage of the public amenities

Credits for POPOS

- Credit will not be provided for:
 - Commercial areas (restaurant seating, fenced and/or reservable areas)
 - Common/decorative landscape areas, private yards, required setbacks with restricted uses (e.g., driveway aprons, side setbacks, etc.) landscaped corridors, bike and pedestrian paths, riparian corridor, environmental mitigation areas, stormwater treatment areas
- If approved, design guidelines will inform additional design and programming



Commercial Seating POPOS – Santa Cruz, CA
Photo Source: Staff

POPOS Cost of Construction Credits

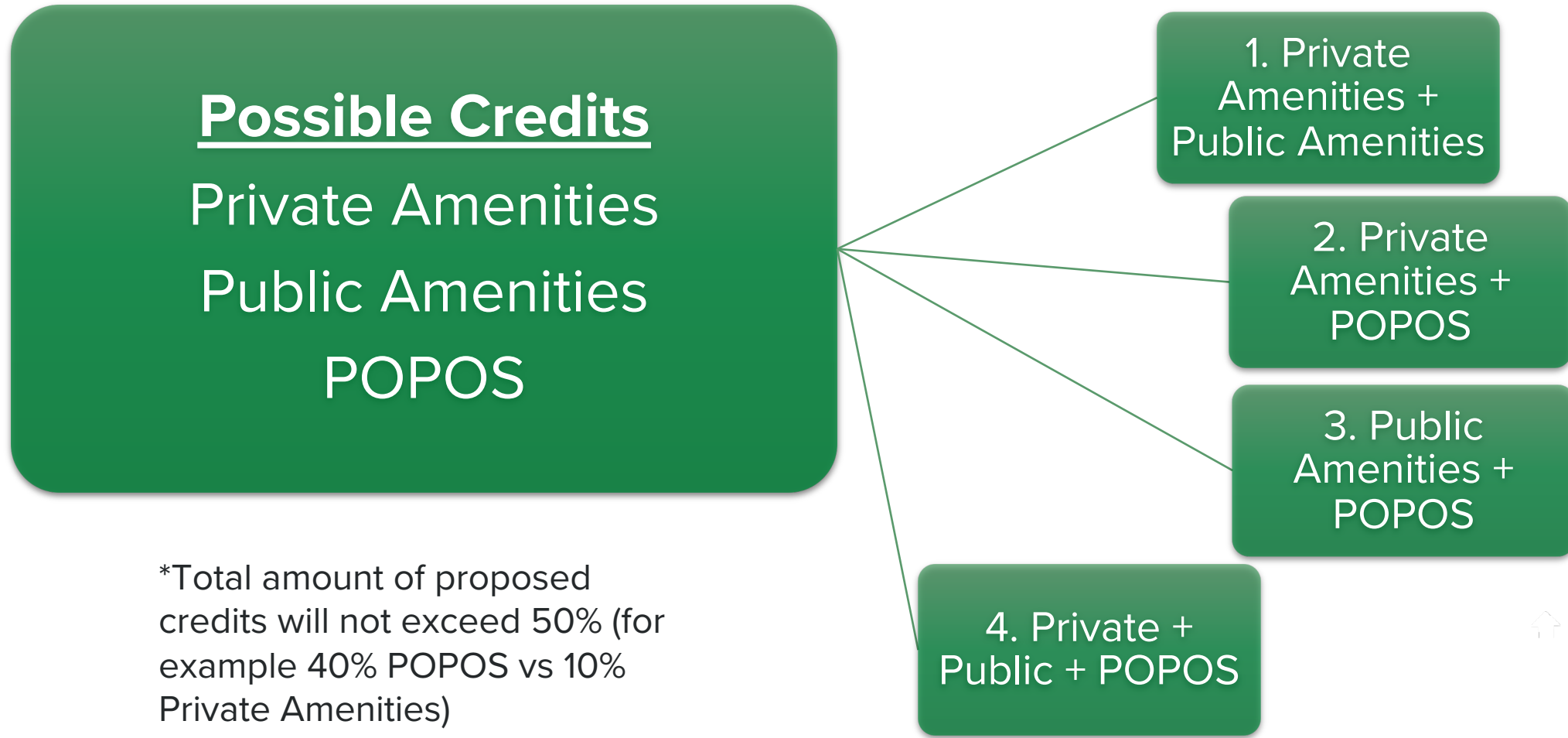
Available to all projects for qualifying POPOS

- *Benefits the City* - new public recreational space, no maintenance costs to PRNS/City, helps to meet 10-Minute Walk objective
- *Benefits to the Developer* – provides funding for the support of POPOS, enhances the street level experience for residents and visitors, helps to maximize potential credit, creates destination
- Predetermined credit per square foot for improvement costs
- Total credit provided is capped at 50% of total obligation



SOFA Pocket Park – San Jose, CA
Photo Source: Staff

Mixing and Matching



Questions and Open Discussion

Questions to Stimulate Discussion

- Should we create a stand-alone category for "accessible amenities"?
- Should we eliminate credit for non-public amenities and spaces?
- What are your general feelings on the POPOS concept? Does this reflect the Task Force's comments?
- What other areas should not qualify for credits?

Open Discussion

- Feedback on Self-guided Walking Tour
- Feedback on draft Public Survey

Next Steps

- Director Level Review
- Community Survey
- Public Engagement Meeting



Bicycle Traffic Playground – Copenhagen

Photo Source: <https://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/getting-around/info-2018/wwl-bicycle-traffic-gardens.html>

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