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The conversation about Lamanda Park has been going on for a very, very long time with really not much coming from it. Over time, I can point to two changes from the City:

- 1) Dangerous sidewalk corners at the entrance of Home Depot that resulted in unsafe crossings for pedestrians and cars/trucks running over the corner curbs all day long. The trucks are barreling down a residential street (Sunnyslope) instead of creating a safe entrance on wider roads near Target. Someone will be killed with this configuration and then I am sure we will revisit it. This situation will be worse with new Porsche Dealership on the same corner. I am sure Rusnak will figure out the poor planning on this corner.
- 2) The creation of the worst median design on Foothill Blvd at the east end after San Gabriel in from of Foothill Restaurant and other business. Why was this needed? We lost parking spaces on the street which not only hurts the restaurant, but our art studio called artWORKS.

Anything good that has changed in Lamanda Park area is from new interesting businesses or property owners. Entrepreneurship, not the help of government is our story. There are no parks in Lamanda Park. From the Specific Plan:

“Open spaces contribute to an active public and private realm, serving a variety of purposes including spaces for private use, relaxation, and community and employee gathering. Open spaces can range from private patios and balconies to useable shared spaces such as plazas and pocket parks with public art.”

WHERE are these Open Space? Why is there no plan for this in the Specific Plan? This really needs attention and inclusion in the plan. Identify spaces.

I have been working on trying to create a plan for open space on the railway strip in front of my school and Home Depot that runs along Walnut between Daisy and Kinneola for years. I have been promised, turned down, not included, promised again, and then silence over and over including a basketball court at my expense. Instead of temporary or permanent open space, I have now been told one end by Home Depot is charging stations and the other end by the school a water treatment plant. No discussion. No consideration of a public school of 6th-12th graders. One day the parking lot we rented and used, roped off.

We need a plan for this space that includes the neighbors and looks at this claim or “pocket parks” and “open space.” Who from the City should we be talking to? Or more importantly they

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should be talking to us. Please do not approve the Plan without understanding what is going on with this strip of land and where is the open space pocket parks.

Thank you. My number is