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Rebuild Mosswood: Envisioning the Future, a Community Engagement Event

Oakland, CA. – Oakland Parks & Recreation and Oakland Public Works departments are hosting **Rebuild Mosswood: Envisioning the Future** on **Saturday December 10, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.** at Mosswood Park, 3612 Webster Street. This event is an invitation to the community to share their vision for the “New” Mosswood Community Center.

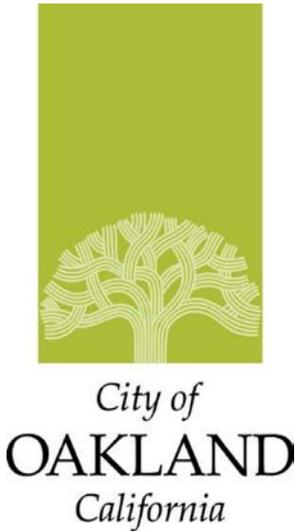
At 1:00 p.m., a short program hosted by Oakland Parks & Recreation Director Nicholas Williams will feature special guests Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf, Marshawn Lynch, City Council President Lynette Gibson McElhaney and Councilmember Dan Kalb. Following the program, City design staff will facilitate a community engagement process to begin creating a vision for a “new” Mosswood Community Center. There will be activities for children and a special visioning station for youth. All ages are invited to attend.

Following the two-alarm fire that broke out on Friday, November 26, 2016, the Oakland Parks and Recreation Foundation launched a fundraising effort to support Mosswood Park. No one was injured and the historic Mosswood House was not harmed, but the recreation center was severely damaged by the blaze. Contributions in support of rebuilding Mosswood can be made through the Oakland Parks and Recreation Foundation website at <http://oaklandparks.org/news/donate-mosswood-recreation-center>.

Mosswood Park is nestled on four acres of green space between West and North Oakland. The park hosts many year-round events, programs and classes, and during the summer months hosts a thriving summer camp program. The after-school programs feature cooking, computer labs and homework help for children 5 to 11 years of age. In addition, the site is home to Oakland Parks & Recreation’s Inclusion Center. The basketball courts at Mosswood Park are legendary, serving as the pick-up game home court for some of basketball’s most talented stars.

To learn more about programs offered by Oakland Parks & Recreation, please visit www.oaklandnet.com/parks or call (510) 238-PARK (7275). Mosswood is easily accessible by MacArthur BART, and various AC Transit bus routes.

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