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Online exercise for recreational space in Putra Heights will be held next year

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SUBANG Jaya City Council (MBSJ) will call for public participation to get ideas for a town park in Putra Point, Section 7 in Putra Heights.

"We welcome design suggestions and input from the community on what they want for this park," said Subang Jaya mayor Noraini Roslan.

"These include facilities, types of plants and activities to be held.

"A town park is typically a focal area or crown jewel of a township.

"So this will be a park by the people, ideally with elements of passive and active recreation, placemaking and secular economy," she said.

MBSJ's Corporate and Landscape departments will coordinate the call for ideas for the 2.8ha park located next to Putra Point Commercial Centre.

The exercise is expected to take place online next year.

Noraini said this after a site visit for the opening of Taman Rekreasi Putra Heights and handover of Dewan Camelia in Putra Permai, Section 10, by developer Sime Darby Property Bhd to MBSJ.

Effective Dec 1, MBSJ will be responsible for maintenance of the park and multipurpose hall.

Taman Rekreasi Putra Heights is a 3.2ha park located near the Putra

Heights LRT Station.

The linear park, measuring about 1km in length, connects to Kingsley Hill and runs parallel to the Elite Expressway.

It offers facilities such as a 600sqm play park, a basketball court, futsal court, 5km-long jogging and bicycle track, 4.5km-long tactile pathway, eight shelters, toilets as well as 47 parking bays for vehicles and motorcycles.

Construction of the RM5mil park began in June 2017, followed by some maintenance works in March 2018 before its handover this month.

Taman Rekreasi Putra Heights and Taman Kejiranan are the two main parks in Putra Heights.

There are also pocket parks within the many neighbourhoods of the 688ha township.

Meanwhile, Dewan Camelia is a 4,519.8sqm community hall located on 0.4ha land that was built at a cost of RM3.85mil.

Construction began in March 2017 and was completed in October this year.

It houses three badminton courts, a volleyball court, a stage, changing rooms, toilets, *surau* and audio facilities along with 30 parking bays.

"It will be nice if Taman Rekreasi Putra Heights is linked to the town



Taman Rekreasi Putra Heights offers facilities such as a 600sqm play park, a basketball court, futsal court, 5km-long jogging and bicycle track, and 4.5km-long tactile pathway. — Photos: FAIHAN GHANI/The Star

park, so that there is green connectivity between the two parks," said Noraini.

"Parks provide added value to a township.

"Recreational spaces are important for residents and help build communities.

"As for Dewan Camelia, I have requested that the developer build a direct access nearer to the shops (at Jalan Putra Permai 10/1e) so those who want to use the hall don't have to enter the gated housing area (via Jalan Putra Permai 10/1n) to access the facility," the mayor added.

Also present were Sime Darby group managing director Datuk Azmir Merican Azmi Merican, general manager (business unit 5) Simon Sivathanthan Thambyrajah and Kota Kemuning assemblyman V. Ganabathirau, who is also Selangor socio-economic development, social welfare, workers empowerment committee chairman.

During the site visit, the group made stops to check on a Rumah Selangorku project site in Putra Megah, Section 10, and a row of hawker stalls built along Jalan



Dewan Camelia in Putra Permai, Section 10, has three badminton courts as well as a volleyball court.

Petaling in Section 8.

According to Simon, the Rumah Selangorku project offers 1,700 affordable housing units that cost about RM170,000 per unit.

"The hawker stalls project is part of efforts to relocate roadside hawkers and offer them a perma-

nent place to trade," said Noraini.

"It is also a way of legalising the informal sector and encouraging entrepreneurs among the lower-income group.

"The items sold here are meant for takeaway only, as there won't be any dine-in space," she said.