

# PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 30, 2015

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The special meeting of the Granada Community Services District Park Advisory Committee was called to order at 7:08 p.m.

## **ROLL CALL**

Committee Members: Dye, Koelish, Moore, Overfelt, Ross, Tierney, Ward, and Forchini.

Staff: GCSD-Comito, San Mateo County Parks Dept. - Herzberg and Finley.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Peter Monica, a resident of El Granada, suggested that a community bicycle or "pump track" facility would be strongly supported and well use by residents of the District, and he provided some suggestions for placement. Marlene Finely stated that a pump track is a natural fit in the new master plan for Wicklow park, and that the Parks Department is likely to include a pump track in the plan.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **1. SPEAKER: David Vasquez, San Mateo County Parks, regarding ADA Compliance, Barrier Free Recreation Design.**

David Vasquez, the ADA Compliance Officer for San Mateo County Parks, gave a power-point presentation to the Committee reviewing Federal guidelines for outdoor recreational facility ADA compliance. He explained the various component options, which may be included in recreational facility planning and design to provide ADA accessibility. He answered questions regarding trail material, grading, parking, rest areas, hand rails, and all of the components that may be considered but not necessarily required. He saw no insurmountable ADA compliance issues with medians #8 and #11 if improved.

Director Leonard Woren, who spoke as a resident, reminded the Committee that some community members prefer and hope to maintain the existing semi-rural atmosphere of the area over urbanization. He distributed a printed statement to emphasize that ADA compliance is only required when feasible. He further expressed a dislike for the recent curb cuts and other County accessibility improvements made, and his preference for alternatives. He stated his support for gravel or concrete, as opposed to asphalt trail surfaces.

**2. SPEAKER: Matthew Gaber, Director of Landscape Architecture at MIG Consultants, regarding Park and Playground Design.**

Matthew Gaber, landscape architect with MIG consultants, made a presentation to the Committee, which included reviewing current park design trends, universal design, stewardship, historical preservation, natural play structures, landmark preservation, and other creative ideas for recreational facilities. He answered several questions from the Committee.

**3. Review and Discuss Arborist Proposals/Report.**

Sam Herzberg requested three proposals on behalf of the Committee to obtain a determine the condition of the trees in medians #8 and #11. The results follow:

- The Professional Tree Care Company provided an estimate of \$2,250 for a report.
- Expert Tree Service provided a full report, recommending all trees in median #8 be removed due to overcrowding, hazardous conditions, and unbalance canopies, and all trees to be removed in median #11 due poor condition, structural defects and decline of health due to age. Estimates were given for removal at \$74,000 and \$26,250 respectively.
- Davey Tree Expert Company provided an estimate of \$600 for a report.

After some discussion, Member Dye made a motion to approve the proposal with Davey Tree Expert Company for \$600.00. (Dye/Ross) Approved 7-0.

**4. Discuss El Granada Median Improvement Project (options, next steps, and goals).**

Resident Andrew Dorn ask the Committee to consider play facilities and a green sport court in median #8, and feels the improvements will greatly benefit children in the 8-13 year age group.

The Committee held a discussion regarding various issues and how to move forward. It was determined that ownership of the medians should be determined as soon as possible for the District is to secure an agreement to implement and maintain parks. Comito said the issue is unclear, but District Counsel was looking into it.

The Committee was in agreement to have median #8 be an active park for limited sports, and #11 a passive linear park for picnics and a historical trail, for the long-term goal of restoring the Burnham vision.

**5. Update on Utility Box Project.**

Forchini provided an update, advising the Committee that he had gotten no where with ATT and PGE about the possibility of painting utility boxes. Member Ward made a motion for the District to send a request to ATT and PGE asking for approval to paint the boxes. (Ward/Overfelt) Approved 7-0.

**6. Approve October 6, 2015 Committee Meeting Minutes.**

Chair Tierney advised the Committee that he has approved the minutes as presented and there were no changes requested from the Committee.

**7. Discuss Committee Meeting Schedule.**

Comito will contact the Committee to set the next meeting as soon as possible.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: 01/26/16

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Delia Comito, District Secretary

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Pat Tierney, Committee Chair