

## PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 26, 2016

### **Call to Order**

The Special Parks Advisory Committee was called to order at 7:15pm.

### **Roll Call**

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

Staff: GCSD – Comito. San Mateo County Parks – Hertzberg and Finley

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes were approved as presented.

### **Public Comments**

- Leni Schultz supports the protection of the Burnham strip and the purchase of parcels in it that become available. She said the 1978 El Granada Community Plan states Burnham Strip should be a park.
- Fran Pollard was on the Burnham Strip Committee and involved in developing the Montara-Moss Beach-El Granada Community Plan. All Plan and committee recommendations to have the Burnham Strip become a park, not a highway or developed for housing.
- Peter Monica of El Granada, again expressed his support of bike “pump track”. He said he has rallied neighbor support for building it, and has lined up equipment and funds for construction. He made a video presentation of one in Santa Cruz that cost \$25,000 to build.
- Danny Demas of El Granada, wants an active park on the north end of El Granada. He said there is no recreation space in that part of the community. He thought that median #8 would be a perfect place.
- Jon Lowings of El Granada, was supportive of a bike pump track. He said it would be safer to have a controlled situation at a pump track than ad hoc jumps everywhere.

Marlene Finely of SMC Parks said a master plan is to be developed for Wicklow/Quarry Park and bike pump track might be considered.

- Matt Allen of El Granada, supports a pump track and a “butts up wall”.

### **Discuss and prepare prioritized list of community needs.**

Committee Chair Tierney prepared and distributed a draft prioritized list for the

Committee. Each Committee member put together a list of their own and reviewed it at the meeting. Each member's community priorities follow:

Dye - Community center; Burnham Strip protection and improvement; purchase of property that become available on the strip; median tree maintenance; active recreation in all three communities; pump track; completion of a coastal trail through Princeton; signs and improvements at Pillar Point; more picnic tables, BBQs and parking; additional public access parking; and eliminate parking south of Harbormaster office and create a park.

Forchini - A bike pump track; disk golf course; more picnic tables; a skate board park; create more playing fields. He said we need to consider all age groups in the community.

Moore - More benches (commemorative); improved landscaping of medians (#11), pump track; passive parks; more paths; more recreation programming; a dog park; and more kids recreation areas.

Koelisch - Supports a bike park; more mountain bike trails in the EG hills; a skate park; unpaved paths in medians; an archery range; a basketball half court at median #8; and a community center.

Tierney - Develop an EG median tree management and replanting plans; undertake a study for a history themed walking trail on the Alameda and medians #11 and 12; start a study for an active park at median #8; hold a community pop-up event and workshop at median #8; replace picnic tables and benches at medians #6, 7; complete an inventory of GCSD owned lands and their recreation potential. In the long term develop a collaborative plan for the Burnham Strip; and build a community center.

Ross - Improvement of all EG median strips; create a grid network of local walking and biking paths/trails for all four districts; build a community center; develop small neighborhood parks with a bike pump track; provide more public restrooms; create more small ocean/harbor viewing areas with seating; and increase amount of unimproved open space.

Overfelt - Supports all the ideas of other committee members, tree maintenance, a pump track, more playing fields, and replenishment of sand at surfer beach.

After much discussion, the consensus of the committee was to list the following priorities, which the District should undertake in the next year:

1. Develop/implement a tree management plan for the El Granada medians # 8 and #11
2. Plan and develop a bike pump track, potentially at Quarry Park with SMC Parks
3. Create a skate park
4. Protect the Burnham Strip and acquire properties in it that become available
5. Paint utility boxes in medians and in the community
6. Develop plans for a small neighborhood active park in median #8, Balboa Circle

7. Install more benches and picnic tables at key locations in communities, and medians
8. Landscape architect develops trail plan for the district, with implementation on #11
9. Hold a community event and information session about plans for median #8
10. Complete an inventory of District-owned lands and their recreation potential

**Discuss and prepare inventory of District property, and identify property for acquisition as potential park and recreational venues.**

The Committee asked staff to provide a map of district owned lands before the next committee meeting. This item was tabled to the next meeting.

**Discuss El Granada Median Improvement Project:**

**a. Report from Davey Expert Tree Service on medians 8 and 11.**

The Committee agreed with the Davey Tree Service report on median #11 that the trees had reached their life cycle and should be removed or will otherwise present a hazard. The report for median #8 said that the trees needed pruning as opposed to removal.

The Committee feels it is important to address tree hazards.

**b. General discussion regarding improvement project, including clarifying the County Parks Dept. roll in planning, design, and implementation, next steps for the Committee, preparation of recommendations and expected time-line for presentation to the Board.**

Herzberg said that ownership and responsibility of maintenance of the El Granada medians was by the adjacent landowners. Comito stated that is in question, and is working with Board Council to draft an agreement with the County Public Works Department.

**Discuss scheduling the next committee meeting.**

It was agreed by the committee to hold a special meeting on Monday February 8, 2016 to finalize the priority list of park needs and to start an inventory of District owned properties.

**Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 9:25pm.

DATE APPROVED: March 14, 2016

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Delia Comito, District Secretary

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Pat Tierney, Committee Chair