

**PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES  
Monday, February 8, 2016**

**Call to Order**

The Special meeting of the Park Advisory Committee was called to order at 7:07 pm.

**Roll Call**

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

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

**Public Comments**

Fran Pollard of El Granada, suggested having the committee meetings televised.

**Discuss and prepare prioritized list of community needs for recommendation to the Board of Directors.**

Chair, Pat Tierney, allowed public comments at the onset of the discussion item as follows:

Chris Johnson of El Granada, asked if the priority list included short and long term projects. Chair Tierney said the list will focus on projects to be completed within the next twelve months.

Matt Allen of El Granada, requests a bike pump track project on the prioritized list, suggesting Median #21 (Ave. Cabrillo) instead of the Burnham Strip as the location.

The Committee held a discussion regarding possible liability issues relating to bike pump tracks.

Member Ben Forchini distributed a proposal providing a timeline for a utility box painting project, and suggests it to be on the prioritized list. The artwork could represent local culture and history.

The Committee held a general discussion to fine tune the list of priority projects, which were discussed and compiled from the previous meeting. County staff answered questions and provided recommendations.

Chair Tierney, allowed additional public comment as follows:

Ms. Pollard suggested purchasing the Burnham Strip parcel currently for sale (Impink) as a priority.

Chris Johnson of El Granada, said there is an existing kid-built bike track just north of Clipper Ridge on the Foothills Parcel owned by CUSD, which would be a logical site for

a pump track. He reiterated his interest in seeing tangible active projects on the list, such as pitching mounds and slack-lines.

Dave Olsen of El Granada, agreed with Mr. Johnson's project suggestions and wants to see projects that can be done soon.

Member Forchini proposed an 18-hole disc golf course on Mirada Surf East.

Marlene Finley suggested the District to take over Clipper Ridge Park, which is not a County park, though the property is County owned. \$10,000 has been allocated to improve the basketball court, and Ms. Finley said that she will look into transferring title to the District. She indicated that the County must do a master plan for Quarry Park, which could take up to two years, before a bike pump track could be built.

Comito confirmed that she is working with GCSD Counsel and the Public Works Department to secure an agreement for the District to improve and utilize the medians for parks.

The Committee approved the following prioritized projects for the 2016-17 fiscal year for recommendation to the Board of Directors:

1. Landscape architect develops trail plan for the district, with implementation on median #11, Portola.
2. Develop plans for a small neighborhood active park in median #8, Balboa Circle.
3. Protect the Burnham Strip and acquire properties in it that become available.
4. Develop/implement a tree management plan for medians # 8 and #11.
5. Plan and develop a bike pump track, potentially at Quarry Park with SMC Parks.
6. Paint utility boxes in medians and in the community.
7. Create a skate park.
8. Hold a community event and information session about plans for median #8.
9. Clipper Ridge Park basketball court improvement.
10. Install more benches and picnic tables at key locations in communities, and medians.
11. Disc Golf.
12. Complete an inventory of District-owned lands for recreational potential.

**Discuss and prepare inventory of District property, identify property for acquisition as potential park and recreational venues, and prepare recommendation to the Board of Directors.**

Comito introduced committee members to a large map on a wall showing the district boundaries, lands owned by the GCSD, the Cabrillo School District and county parks. She presented a list of the district owned parcels and described characteristics of each parcel. It was clear from the map that a large section of El Granada is lacking of playgrounds between El Granada School and Clipper Ridge Park. There are few district-owned sites with high recreation potential, other than the Burnham Strip property.

Member Ward described two large areas owned by the school district, known as the Foothills parcel and the El Granada parcel near Clipper Ridge. She indicated these were declared surplus land by CUSD and might be available for the district to acquire for a modest cost.

There were additional comments from the public in support of the GCSB buying parcels along the Burnham Strip that are now for sale and the school district surplus lands.

Feeling more time was needed to review the properties, Chair Tierney tabled this Item to the next meeting scheduled on March 14, 2016 at 7pm.

**Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 9:28pm.

DATE APPROVED: April 5, 2016

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Delia Comito, District Secretary

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Pat Tierney, Committee Chair