



GRANADA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

Minutes PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

July 6, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular meeting of the Parks Advisory Committee was called to order at 7:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

Committee Members: Nancy Marsh, (Chair), Pat Tierney (Vice Chair), Susannah Cantrell (absent), Michelle Dragony, Paul Koelsch (absent), Ric Barker (absent) and Fran Pollard.

Staff: Claudia Marshall, GCSD Recreation Coordinator

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Marsh noted that as no members of the public wished to make comments, the Public Comment period was closed.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approve 2/3/20 Meeting Minutes.

ACTION: Chair Marsh called for a motion to approve the 3/2/3/20 meeting minutes. (Pollard/Tierney). Approved 4-0.

2. Presentation of the Burnham Park Draft Plan by Tom Conroy of K&K Designs

Chair Marsh introduced Tom Conroy of K&K and described that the draft proposal had been presented to the GCSD Board of Directors at its June meeting and is the result of community input from 2018 and 2019 workshops, public meetings and an extensive community survey.

Mr. Conroy presented the planned design and described it as extensively representing community input collected in 2018-19, with three unique areas: Passive, Active and Riparian zones. The passive zone is the northern third of the parcel, which utilizes a rolling landscape, a number of small picnic areas, a number of fitness stations, and walking and biking trails. The center zone is the most active area and features an entry plaza, a large village green, a 33 slot permeable surface parking lot, a restroom facility, a lawn play area, half-court basketball, a children's playground and picnic area, a skate/scoot loop for young children, the existing jetty skate ramp, and two meandering winter water drainage areas. The third zone is the riparian area which cannot be developed per County and State restrictions, but does allow for a connector path (potentially to be funded by SMC's Connect the Coast) from the Burnham Park to the existing crosswalk and traffic light at Coronado Road and Hwy 1.

At the conclusion of Mr. Conroy's presentation, he noted that the next steps going forward are community outreach, GCSD Board Review of community feedback and decisions on any revisions, then submission of the plan to SMC to begin the review, permitting and approval

processes. He also noted that there will be more opportunities for additional input from the community on the more detailed design elements (e.g. vegetation palette, playground elements) of the park which have not yet been designated.

Public comments were received from two community members: Chris Wood stated his preference that the property be restored to a Coastal Terrace Ecosystem and habitat for wildlife. Leni Schultz stated her preference for a much simpler plan with few features beyond a large unstructured green such as Marina Green in San Francisco and perimeter path. Her preference would be to place the skate ramp at the far south end of the property to preserve the view shed. She objected to inclusion of barbecues as they create pollutants as well as spreading food odors to nearby homes.

Chair Marsh shared a view of the updated GCSD Parks & Recreation web page which now includes extensive detail on the preliminary park plan, and asked the members of the public to submit their comments in writing to the dedicated park feedback email address at burnham@granada.ca.gov.

3. Review and Provide feedback on current Burnham Park draft plan.

Chair Marsh asked each PAC member to provide their initial feedback on the Park plan:

- PAC Vice Chair Pat Tierney: A good start for a multipurpose community Park; it meets many needs. Community input has consistently requested more active space. He likes that the parking lot is moved away from the beach and is focused on Park users, and would like to see more traffic calming on Obispo Road. He finds a single half-court for Basketball to be too limited, and noted the playground must have ADA-accessible elements. He supports the accessible hard surface trails as well. He noted the large passive space at the north end preserves the view shed, while providing ample opportunity for healthy activities (e.g. walking, biking). The skate ramp is a must but he would prefer to see the ramp, ribbon track and a skate bowl. He asked if there would be anything to impede people crossing the highway; Mr. Conroy responded that there would likely be a post and rail fence between the Park and the Cal Trans highway easement.
- PAC member Fran Pollard: Fran's vision for the strip, going back 15 years, focuses on green space, picnicking and view preservation. She likes the village green and "town center" as planned; she would like more village green (open lawn) at the north end with less vegetation and no crisscrossing paths. She would prefer separate pathways for bikes and walkers. She would not include basketball or any ball sports due to the proximity of the highway; she believes they would be a better fit at a future community center. She asked for inclusion of swings in the playground and asked if the skate ramp could be recessed to lower its profile in the view shed. She would not want to see any trees in the Park to block the views – the view of the "half-moon" curve of the bay is very important. She noted that restrooms are needed. She would not include showers or barbecues and expressed concern that these might attract homeless to the Park. Fran also noted that there may be a well on the property which may support irrigation.
- PAC member Michelle Dragony: The plan is right in the middle of the continuum of very passive to very active plans that were developed at the community workshop in October 2019. It provides something to everyone, which is what we should do. She does not believe the plan creates any view obstruction, noting the slope of the property puts the skate ramp below grade of the north end. She would include outdoor showers and would support their use by the limited local homeless population. She loves swings and would add them to the playground, including adult sizes.
- PAC Chair Nancy Marsh largely concurred with member Dragony. She believes the plan reflect the diversity of community input, and serves broadly the demographics of the District, which includes almost 1000 kids as well as a significant senior population and many active recreation enthusiasts. She likes the location of the active center of the

park, in close proximity to the old fire station, which has potential use as a future community center. She agrees with the idea to lower the profile of the skate ramp, if possible.

- GCSD Parks Coordinator Claudia Marshall broadly concurred with Dragony and Marsh.

A member of the public asked if the plan would include lighting at night, which she would find undesirable. Mr. Conroy replied that lighting has never been mentioned, and further, the Board could decide the operating hours of the Park (e.g. sunrise to sunset) which could negate any need for lighting.

4. Develop Recommendations for next stage of public review/input.

Chair Marsh stated that there will be a concentrated public outreach process including the creation and mailing of an informational postcard regarding the proposed plan design and requesting public input to a dedicated email address: burnham@granada.ca.gov. Also, a large sign will be constructed on the parcel across from the base of Portola Avenue with the plan graphic prominently displayed along with detail specifics outlining the park amenities and inviting public comments.

ACTION: Members suggested 1) that the postcard details should be circulated to the local school population, perhaps via the PTO; 2) GCSD should do one or more live meetings, perhaps hosted by a Board member, to invite public input and allow members of the public to hear each other as well as Board view; 3) The Special Meeting of the Board to consider revisions to the plan should be later, e.g. in September, to allow for more promotion of the invitation for public comments during and after the summer vacation period.

5. Update on potential Quarry Park Pump Track.

Member Barker reported via email that Coastside Mountain Bikers has been working with SMC Parks Director Calderon's staff; an architect and designer have been chosen. The next step is an interactive on-line meeting for community input to the design, being planned by Coastside Mountain Bikers and SMC Parks staff.

6. Review/feedback on proposed summer/fall recreation.

Recreation Coordinator Marshall indicated that due to COVID-19 all indoor classes have been postponed indefinitely. Three outdoor children's workshops have been planned to start 7/14/20 at the Mirada Surf West Park. They will meet Tuesday- Fridays and practice all State and County Health restrictions. Member Tierney suggested that the older community might enjoy some kind of outdoor program. Marshall responded that she'd investigate a potential outdoor Rosen Movement program.

7. Confirm or reschedule next PAC meeting date: August 3, 2020.

Action: Chair Marsh suggested that there was no need to have a meeting in August and that the next meeting should be after all the community input has been received and analyzed and prior to the GCSD Board's Special meeting. Since that date is indefinite at this point, no next PAC meeting date was selected.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

SUBMITTED BY,

APPROVED BY,

Claudia Marshall

Nancy Marsh, Chair

Date Approved by the Committee: