



GRANADA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

Minutes PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING September 14, 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, Michelle Dragony, Paul Koelsch (arrived 7:15pm), Ric Barker, 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 on items not on the agenda, the Public Comment period was closed.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approve 7/6/20 Meeting Minutes.

ACTION: Motion to approve the 7/6/20 meeting minutes (Tierney/Pollard). Approved 6-0

2. Develop PAC Recommendations for Revision to Burnham Park Preliminary Plan, Inclusive of Public Comments & Input.

Chair Marsh outlined the latest community outreach steps which included four postings on Nextdoor, links to the K&K video presentation and slides posted on the GCSD website, the mailing of about 2,000 postcards to residents asking for comments to a special email address (burnham@granada.ca.gov), and the creation of the large graphic sign erected at the foot of Avenue Portola (generously contributed by Tim Pond). She also noted that the mailer postcard had been translated into Spanish by resident Jean Knight who distributed over 350 pieces to various local groups such as Coastside Hope, ALAS and via the El Granada Elementary School PTO. Both the English and Spanish postcards are available in realtor 'take one' boxes attached to the large sign. Both language postcards are also posted in the E.G. Post Office lobby.

Chair Marsh then reviewed her analysis of the 89 public comments received as of 9/10/20. Of those 63 or 70% were favorable, 10 or 11% were unfavorable with the remainder of 13 comments were not specific as to overall favorability. The overview report tabulated the number of mentions for "likes" and "dislikes" about the preliminary park plan. The full report is available at <http://www.granada.ca.gov/parks> under "Useful Links".

PAC Members then discussed their major impressions from the community feedback. In addition to the general discussion, PAC member Fran Pollard and resident Leni Schultz presented an alternative design for the park, which featured different locations for the most active elements, significantly more open unstructured multipurpose space, and separate trails for walking and biking/skating.

Chair Marsh then opened to meeting for public input.

Mr. Dan Haggerty shared how he and a number of other people including Ms. Pollard and Ms. Schultz had worked for years to get Measure G passed in order to have a park division as part of the town of El Granada. He suggested that both of the ladies be honored for their diligent work over the years. Mr. Haggerty's park suggestions were that fencing wasn't necessary when landscaping could be used as an alternative, to use compost in the landscaping to reduce water usage and that he fully supports the plan from Ms. Pollard and Ms. Schultz.

Ms. Schultz noted that the park is for the people of EG. She also stated a desire for a larger green space further to the North and it be called Granada Green, and to split the parking lot into two separate areas, and noted the need for a full parking study.

Mr. Steve Hawk commented that if the skate ramp is to be retained, it would be reasonable to keep it in the current location as disassembly and reassembly would be difficult. He also strongly suggested that a ribbon track alone was not worth the effort as it has limited appeal, and advocated for using that space instead for more robust skate features for both novice and experienced skaters. He noted that features geared toward novice/young skaters are frequently overlooked in skate parks. He stated that he was speaking for several additional people who had hoped to attend the meeting.

Dave Olson of MMC noted the confusion caused by changing the published Zoom link the day of the meeting, particularly since this is a popular topic, and asked that such changes are avoided in the future. Chair Marsh apologized for the error, which was driven by limited familiarity with Zoom setup and won't be repeated.

Following the public comments and further committee discussion, PAC developed a list of potential revisions to recommend for GCSD Board consideration:

Add/Expand:

- Fenced Dog Park
- Parking Spaces
- Outdoor showers (6 yes, 1 no)
- Consider more options and community input for park name
- Gates or "slow down" devices on the trails near the playground
- Safety Fence around playground and ADA Compatible Playground features
- Skate Park (e.g., inside ribbon track as pictured) to accommodate across ages/skills from young/beginner (e.g. pathway with obstacles) to older skaters (e.g. bowl)
- Consider more open lawn/unstructured recreation space (mixed views given concerns about water and maintenance)
- Explore recycled water/grey water technologies for lawn and other irrigation
- Time Limits on Parking in the lot or consider permits for residents/paid for visitors

Revise/Reduce:

- Revise Multi-Mode Trail to avoid traffic congestion where main trails cross; direct trails around the active area, not through it. Perimeter trail should be the main thoroughfare.
- Separate walkers from bikers/skaters (e.g., parallel trails, separated by plants)
- Undulating trails add interest for bikes and skaters
- Disperse activity – don't have all active features concentrated near the apartments around Avenue Portola; spread some to the north end

- Move features for kids away from the parking lot, and have a good barrier between kids and access to the road
- Consider flipping Village Green (suggested name – “Granada Green”) and parking lot/active area, so that park features rather than a parking lot are across from old fire station/possible community center

Action:

Motion to send PAC’s recommendations to the GCSD Board at its 9/24/20 meeting (Barker/Koelsch). Approval 6, Abstain 1(Pollard)

3. Update on QP Pump Track Progress.

Member Barker reported that through conversation with Nick Calderon and that there was no new news to report. The landscape designer that the County has selected is preparing three different designs to present to the County hopefully by the end of this week.

4. Update on Mirada Bridge Project.

Member Dragony reported that Cal Trans appears to be working on putting a temporary bridge/walk way near the culvert on Highway 1.

5. Recreation Update/Proposals.

Recreation Coordinator Marshall shared that the three weeks of outdoor fiber classes held in July at Surfer West Park were a great success. The classes were each four days in length and ran from 10:00 to 12:00 noon daily. Instructor Vicki Randolph did a great job in teaching the children rug hooking and embroidery techniques, sending everyone home with finished pillows and/or ready to frame art work.

In the month of October, GCSD Recreation will focus on two after school classes to teach the fine art of cross stitching to third graders and fourth and fifth graders. Ms. Marshall also noted that she is refilling the postcard bins and to date 67 English language and 22 Spanish language postcards had been taken. Another duty she has undertaken is cleaning and refilling the White Invasive Snail traps that RCD installed.

6. Set Date for Next Meeting.

Chair Marsh suggested that PAC delay setting the next meeting date until after the special GCSD Board park meeting on 9/24/20, in the event the Board has any specific requests for PAC follow up. . Chair Marsh also indicated that Jim Blanchard is retiring from the GCSD Board and that she has run uncontested for that Board seat and will join the GCSD Board in December.

Action:

Motion to adjourn the meeting (Tierney/Pollard). Approval: (7-0)

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

SUBMITTED BY,

APPROVED BY,

Claudia Marshall

Nancy Marsh, Chair

Date Approved by the Committee: _____