

**CARMICHAEL RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES: ADVISORY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING
JUNE 6, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order: The special meeting of the Carmichael Recreation & Park District Advisory Board of Directors was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Berns.

Roll Call:

Directors Present: Berns, Dover, Tateishi, Younger

Directors Absent: Safford

Staff Present: Harrison, Penney, Maddison, Murray, Kerth, and Van Alstyne

PRESENTATION ITEMS:

1. Supervisor Peters Master Plan Tour (Harrison)

Administrator Harrison provided overview of the June 1, 2007 tour of District parks and sites with Supervisor Peters. Supervisor Peters was given an update on the Master Plan and shown the properties where substantial changes may be recommended. Focus was also on Carmichael Park. She is in concurrence with the conceptual plans and is supportive of a new aquatic center. She expressed disappointment in the use of the Capra property, conveying that park properties should be available and used for community/public use.

The Advisory Board members were pleased with Supervisor Peters interest and support of the District.

2. Meeting with Superintendent Enoch, San Juan USD (Harrison)

Administrator Harrison met with Superintendent Enoch on May 21, 2007. The discussion included the impact the fireworks show will have on SJUSD properties now that it has been relocated to the La Sierra Community Center. The School District will work with us on use of Garfield Elementary School and the Administrative parking lot off of Gibbons. CRPD has submitted the event application for the fireworks show and will provide security for the event to include the SJUSD properties.

Long term use of the parking facility off of Gibbons by CRPD was also discussed. SJUSD expressed interest in using parts of LSCC in exchange for long term use of the parking facility.

3. Update On Significant Recreation Events (Kerth/Murray)

Tracy Kerth discussed the success of the Shades of Carmichael; that last year's event was featured in a National Magazine. Closing Ceremonies for Girls softball were held. The annual Concerts In The Park began with Band Fest featuring ten bands. Concerts will continue throughout the summer. The Geranium event was well attended. Upcoming events and activities include the 4th of July Fireworks show and parade. The District will have a float in the parade this year.

Rich Murray reported the Summer Camps are filled, serving 60 and 75 children in the Voyager and Explorer programs. There is currently a waiting list for both programs. The Teen program is new and is a

joint program with MORPD. They are hoping to start off with 20 participants. The cost and marketing will be shared with MORPD. Basketball Camps start next week and the program will serve 2 groups this year.

Presentation Item 4, Deferred until after timed items.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Senate Bill 732 Allocation Formula for Prop 84 (Harrison)

Staff requests Advisory Board send letters to Senator Dave Cox and Assemblyman Roger Niello in support of Senate Bill 732. This would change the way Prop 84 dollars are distributed to include per capita and competitive programs; it would place State Parks in charge of administering the programs.

Motion #1

M: TATEISHI; S: DOVER - The Advisory Board approved the motion to support SB732. UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THOSE PRESENT; ABSENT: SAFFORD

2. TIMED MATTER FOR 6:30 PM – PUBLIC HEARING - PALM AVENUE PARK SITE (Harrison)

Jack Harrison, staff: Provided a presentation of events regarding the development of the Master Plan for the Palm Ave park site. Public meetings were announced by sending 1200 post cards and through placement of notices in various publications. These meetings provided a means to get initial thought from the public on what was desired in the park. Development of the plan also included Sixells, the County Planning & Environmental Dept representatives and CRPD staff. Plan design as presented is supported by County Staff. Upon approval of the Advisory Board, the plan and CEQA reports will go to the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors in July for final approval. Construction could commence this fall and the park would be open by summer 2008.

Jay Beals, Beals Alliance, Inc: The Master Plan design includes what the neighbors have expressed in the meetings. The plan is designed to accommodate the site and maximize saving a majority of the nut trees and all the oak trees, except those identified in the arborists report for removal. A bio-swale has been included to address water run off. The center spine is large enough to accommodate maintenance vehicles and mowers. Plant elements will include chipper mulch, oak woodland with bulbs under oaks, or native ground cover. Play area is at the center high point. Walking trails were incorporated with decomposed granite paths. Security lighting and benches will be provided along paths. Turf for play area and picnic tables are included in the design. A half size basketball court has been located near the front side of the park near the street at Palm Ave. Fencing along the Sixells development will be 3 1/2 tubular steel. No fencing has been included along the Palm Ave. frontage.

Joe Schultzel, resident: The neighbors located near the park have issue with the basketball court. It will draw people all night even without lighting and security. It was not voted for at the second public meeting.

Patti Wildermuth, resident: Stated she would like to see other elements for older kids such as an obstacle course. She expressed she does not want a basketball court.

Roger Berkenpas, resident: Represents the Neighbors of Palm Avenue Park. Proposes basketball court be converted to a grass area.

Hank Conley, resident: Does not want a basketball court. The need is served by the two schools that are within walking distance of the neighborhood.

Dan Biebl, resident: During the last public meeting, several of the neighbors to the park met separately and determined they do not want a basketball court in the park. All were in agreement. They spoke about possibly raising funds later to add whatever is needed.

Peter Tateishi, Advisory Board: Questioned if we have other parks with basketball half courts.

Jack Harrison, staff: Responded that Glancy Oaks which is comparable in size has two half courts. There have been no reports of problems or issues with the courts. It is typical to find basketball courts in neighborhood parks unless the topography will not accommodate. It is considered a best practice and a necessary amenity in neighborhood parks, providing a good family activity. Staff recommends the plan as shown and expects it will be utilized by the community.

Dave Younger, Advisory Board: Indicated that during the first public meeting, several residents opposed the court while others expressed a desire to have a court but in different location within the park.

Scott Armstrong, resident: Expressed the community wanting something other than a basketball courts for young teens. The Jr. High and High School both have courts available to use within a half mile. He desires a different age appropriate structure for 8 to 12 year olds.

Dan Biebl, resident: Concerned with possible negative activities by teens after dark.

Hank Conley, resident: Again expressed there are numerous schools within walking distance to the neighborhood.

Roger Berkenpas, resident: The Neighbors of Palm Avenue Park do not want the basketball court. They have been involved in the entire planning process from the start. Those who have not attended the meetings don't care either way.

Peter Tateishi, Advisory Board: Expressed concern that we offer recreation opportunities for all ages. If the design is not approved as is, then we don't have anything to offer. Appreciates that having such an amenity, basketball court, is a park standard. He grew up close to Glancy Oaks, enjoying 3-3 games with his friends. Questioned the alternative, if not approved as it is. He is looking towards the future.

Lisa Schultzel, resident: Would like to see something other than a basketball court. Wants to see other alternatives.

Mel Sattler, resident: Expressed a volleyball court would be a good alternative for kids and adults as well.

Rich Murray, staff: Questioned whether volleyball courts are typical in neighborhood parks.

Jay Beals, Beals Alliance, Inc: The park is not large enough to have a volleyball court included, usually an amenity for larger parks/ community parks.

Public Hearing closed at 7:25 PM.

Bonnie Berns, Advisory Board: The area of Palm Avenue is different than Glancy Oaks.

Jerry Dover, Advisory Board: Has reservations about the court but does not want to delay the project.

Peter Tateishi, Advisory Board: Asked again about staff recommendations and inquired about population growth and the number of units going in on the back side of the park.

Jack Harrison, staff: Responded that population growth will be about 1200 over the next ten years; 55 units are being built.

Dave Younger, Advisory Board: Asked about security procedures.

Jack Harrison, staff: All neighborhood parks are closed at dusk. Anyone in the park after dusk is in violation. Neighbors are usually first to call law enforcement. Ranger Patrol is in place to augment the Sheriff Department. In emergencies, the Sheriffs contact the Ranger directly since they are able to respond the fastest. Rangers are sworn peace officers.

Peter Tateishi, Advisory Board: Concerned that we do it right the first time. It is easier to remove an amenity rather than to put one in at a later date.

Motion #2

M: YOUNGER; S: TATEISHI - The Advisory Board approved the Palm Avenue park site design, as presented and recommends submission of the design to DERA for CEQA and to the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors for final approval. AYES: BERNS, TATEISHI, AND YOUNGER; NOES: NONE; ABSTAINED: DOVER; ABSENT: SAFFORD

The Advisory Board recessed at 7:35 PM to reconvene at 7:40 PM.

ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED:

2. Palm Avenue Park Site (Harrison) Continued

Staff recommends approval to grant to Sixells a utilities easement for a water line at the Palm Avenue park site. Sixells would cover the County costs associated with the process. There will be no fees to the District. Director Younger questioned whether oak trees will be affected. No oak tree roots will be affected. The County will determine the exact placement of the easement with only the minimal needed space granted. Director Tateishi requested and the Advisory Board concurred that the agreement should include a written statement giving access to the easement by Carmichael RPD.

Motion#3

M: DOVER; S: TATEISHI -The Advisory Board approved the staff recommendation to grant to Sixells a utilities easement for a water line in the Palm Avenue park site; to recommend to the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors for final approval. UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THOSE PRESENT. ABSENT: SAFFORD

PRESENTATION ITEMS CONTINUED:

4. District Wide Park And Recreation Plan And Carmichael Park Redevelopment Alternatives (Harrison)

Administrator Harrison introduced Lynn Weigand from MIG, who presented on the District Master Plan and the Carmichael Park Redevelopment Plan. Lynn provided two rough draft designs for Carmichael Park. Based on the Advisory Board, staff, and public input, a new draft design will be provided within the next week. Plan may include an area for a Skate Board Park, replacing/removing the Veterans Hall building, and a location for the Aquatic Complex. The Aquatic Complex would be designed to maximize revenue and could include a teaching/training element, a leisure element, either single or dual tank design, bathhouse, party/meeting space and a water spray element.

Public Comment – Glen Sarcona, SCA, Society for Creative Anachronism: Group uses park on a regular basis and would like to see better lighting, additional permanent restrooms, and drinking fountains.

Public Comment - Scott Armstrong: Questioned whether integrating green technology has been a consideration, i.e. solar panels for the aquatics complex, greywater for irrigation, etc.

Lynn responded saying that considerations for sustainable, drought tolerant plants, etc. are all considerations; that next steps for the District will involve hiring an architect to design the aquatics complex and re-development plan. Lynn continued to give an overview of each of the remaining parks in the District outlining the possible amenities, improvements and uses. (Bird Track, Capra, Cardinal Oaks, Del Campo, Jan Dr., La Sierra Community Center, O'Donnell Heritage, Schweitzer Grove Nature Area, and Sutter)

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/UPCOMING EVENTS:

1. District Wide Master Plan Open House Event
June 19, 2007, 5 to 9 p.m. - Carmichael Park Clubhouse
2. Proposed CIP for FY 2007-08; Proposed Final Budget for FY 2007-08

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING:

1. **Regular Meeting:** The next meeting will be Thursday, June 21, 2007, 6:00 pm in Community Clubhouse #2 at Carmichael Park.

ADJOURNMENT: The Advisory Board adjourned the meeting at 9:10 PM.

Sincerely,
Ingrid S. Penney, ASM

APPROVED BY:

ATTESTED BY:

BONNIE BERNIS
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

INGRID S. PENNEY
CLERK OF THE BOARD