

**CARMICHAEL RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES: ADVISORY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
October 21, 2010 REGULAR MEETING**

Directors: Borman, Brown, Rockenstein, Safford, and Younger

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Carmichael Recreation and Park District Advisory Board of Directors was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Chairman Younger.

ROLL CALL:

Directors Present: Borman, Brown, and Younger
 Directors Absent: Safford . excused absence. Rockenstein arrived at 7:10
 Staff Present: Harrison, Kerth, Maddison and Yarber

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Boy Scout Troop 55 led the Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST WITHIN DISTRICT JURISDICTION ON ITEM(S) NOT SCHEDULED ON THE AGENDA - None

CONSENT ITEMS:

1. **MINUTES**
September 16, 2010 . Regular Meeting
2. **FINANCIAL STATEMENT**
August 2010
3. **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**
September 2010
4. **ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE**
October 2010

Motion 1

M: Brown S: Borman – The Advisory Board voted to approve Consent Items 1 through 4, as presented.
Unanimous vote

CORRESPONDENCE: Received and Filed

October 11, 2010 – Carmichael Presbyterian Church – Thanks to Community Garden for donating about 90 boxes of produce to the Carmichael Food Closet

NEWSPAPER ARTICLES: Received and Filed

Carmichael Times – September 22, 2010 . Did Someone Say %Rarty-?; September 29, 2010 . Honoring the Past, Enjoying the Present

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **AGREEMENT FOR LEASING SERVICES**

Presentation:

Tracy Kerth presented an agreement to extend the contract with Grubb & Ellis for one more year. She introduced Ken Noack of Grubb & Ellis who gave an update of their efforts to lease space at the La Sierra Community Center.

Ken Noack . The recent lease of Gateway Charter School may expand to 10,000 square feet.

Montessori School toured the facility and is interested in the La Sierra Site. Montessori School may need up to 30,000 square feet and will require outdoor facilities.

Discussion: None

Motion 2

M: Borman S: Brown – The Advisory Board voted to extend the contract with Grub & Ellis for one more year
Unanimous vote

2. CEC UPDATE AND NEXT STEPS

Presentation:

Administrator Harrison presented the SCI proposal for the completion of an Engineer Report for the creation of a Benefit Assessment District. The Engineer Report should be complete by December 1, 2010. To stay on track of the targeted August 2011 election it may be necessary to the Advisory Board to meet on December 9, 2010 for a special meeting. The Advisory Boards for Mission Oaks Recreation and Park District, and Arcade Creek Recreation and Park District will review the Engineer Report during their December meetings.

Discussion:

Dave Younger acknowledged that our hope is that the other Park Districts will allow their residents to vote on the assessment.

Motion 3

M: Borman S: Brown – The Advisory Board voted to authorize the contract with the stipulation that Staff will return to the Board for approval before the survey phase begins.

Unanimous vote.

PRESENTATION ITEMS:

1. SCHWEITZER GROVE MANAGEMENT

Keith Maddison reported that in August he met with neighbors of Schweitzer grove and he has agreed to remove excessive vegetation and non-native plants. The removal will take place soon as the weather is more conducive to this type of work. Mr. Maddison also reported that the Rangers have written several tickets for alcohol consumption, and dogs off leash. He also apologized that the neighbors were not informed of the September Board meeting where members of the Mutha Putters disc golf attended.

The floor was then open for public comment:

Steve Anderson: The Andersons have lived in their home for 34 yrs. The site used to be a nature area and has morphed into a disc course and draws visitors from out of the area. He showed the Advisory Board a collection of stakes that identified different elements of the park which were thrown into his backyard. Mr. Anderson made the following additional points:

- Excessive Alcohol and drugs use at the park . he said neighbors could get high on the 2nd hand marijuana smoke
- The Anderson family can hear %bombs+while trying to enjoy their backyard
- The disc used for disc golf is hard enough to knock someone out
- Smoking by visitors of the park has caused 2 fires
- The nature area is being trampled by disc golfers
- Dogs off leash have been known to exit the park to attack neighbors pets
- Requesting to turn Schweitzer Park back to community so kids can enjoy

Vic Jacinto: He and his family live next to the park and had several points to make.

- Appreciate efforts to move the hole and launch point further from his home
- Visitors to the park have to be careful of flying discs when walking through park
- The site can be a disc course and a nature area
- Turn the site back to the neighbors
- He appreciates the stump removal
- He complained of the trash and pot smoking . noise carries throughout the park
- His fence has been marked with graffiti many times
- Disc golf conflicts with the nature area . the nature area is being trampled
- Disc golfers start as early as 6:30 am on Saturdays waking up the Jacinto family
- Disk golfers are staying past dusk and playing golf in the dark

Tim Griffin: He is a member of the disc golf club

- Mr. Griffin plays about once a month with 35 people
- Coordinates a Father's day tournament for about 25 people
- There is another club that plays on Wednesday, but ended about 5 weeks ago due to darkness
- This is a historic course, and people have been playing here since 1965

Kim Knecht: Ms. Knecht maintains a journal of her visits to the park and shared with the District a 7 day log of park visitors

- She will be hosting a Halloween tournament for 20, they will be in costumes

- Ms. Knecht wanted to know about securing a beer permit
- How to donate money for benches to locate in center of course
- She places signs throughout the park advising visitors of the rules
- She is interested in participating in a clean-up day

District staff advised Ms. Knecht that the District has a no alcohol policy at all parks, and we will be starting an adopt-a park program in spring. Donations for a bench can be made to the District.

Ron Brown: Mr. Brown is a professional disc golfer

- Charlie Callahan designed the course
- Mr. Brown misses the days when the golfers and residents worked together
- This discussion occurred 10 years ago
- Disc Golf grows by 15% yearly
- The Mutha Putters are a deterrent to elements at the park
- Mr. Brown wants to work with the neighbors

Cynthia Anderson:

- The pheasants are gone from the park
- 10 years ago it was only a 9 hole course
- The course is bringing a bad element . keep the park as a nature area

Joan Kamaromi:

- Supports disc golfers
- Park was saved from development by the neighbors
- Golf course was built in 1980
- Perhaps a day could be reserved for neighbors to walk so they don't have to watch for discs
- Neighbors can't enjoy walk with kids when discs are flying
- Joan was hit by a flying disc in the middle of the day when she wasn't paying attention

Gina Capra:

- Asked if disc course could be cut in half
- Thought it was a nature area when she moved in
- Open space is preferred to a disc golf course

Jack Harrison offered to make recommendations on how to handle the neighbors' issues.

Chairman Younger asked Staff to return next month with a process and schedule for determining how to handle issues at Schweitzer Park.

2. STAFF WORK PLAN UPDATE

Administrator Harrison highlighted some of the first quarter activities. Tracy Kerth gave a PowerPoint presentation showing the Advisory Board the Staff FY 2010-11 first quarter activities.

3. O'DONNELL PARK PROJECT SUMMARY

Keith Maddison gave an update that the project came in under budget by about \$25,000.00. The savings will be used to purchase shade sails over the picnic areas. The project took about two years of planning with the ground breaking in November 2009 and opening day celebration on July 31, 2010.

Administrator Harrison gave the PowerPoint presentation that he gave at the CSDA conference showing how the neighbors and the District worked together to build O'Donnell Heritage Park.

REPORTS

1. ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mike Rockenstein thanked District staff for the orientation

2. STAFF REPORT

Staff Presentation:

Keith Maddison said The 600 wing at La Sierra Community Center will be available by November 1

Tracy Kerth invited everyone to the Wall of Honor Ceremony at Patriots Park on November 6

Administrator Harrison shared the *Park and Recreation Business* article profiling Patriots Park

NEW BUSINESS – None

UPCOMING EVENTS:

1. **Carmichael Celtic Festival** – Saturday, October 23, 10 am to 3 pm . Carmichael Park Bandshell
2. **Halloween Carnival** . Sunday, October 31, 1 to 4 pm . Ages 8 and under . La Sierra Community Center
3. **Patriots Park Wall of Honor Ceremony** . Saturday, November 6, 10 am . Patriots Park, 6825 Palm Ave
4. **Dog Park Master Plan Public Workshop** . Tuesday, November 16, 6 pm . Carmichael Park Clubhouse

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

1. **Sutter-Jensen Master Plan (Revised)**
2. **Carmichael Park – Dog Park Master Plan**
3. **Employee As User Project**

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING:

1. **Regular Meeting**
Thursday, November 18, 2010, 6:00 pm, Community Clubhouse #2 at Carmichael Park

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Phillips
Secretary/Receptionist

APPROVED BY:

ATTESTED BY:

DAVID YOUNGER
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

BETTY PHILLIPS
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Clerk of the Advisory Board of Directors