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**CARMICHAEL RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT
ADVISORY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 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, Safford, Tateishi, Younger

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

PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST WITHIN DISTRICT JURISDICTION ON ITEM(S) SCHEDULED ON THE AGENDA

PRESENTATION ITEMS

1. MASTER PLAN (Harrison)

The second revision of the Master Plan was posted on the web site on August 31st. There are three main differences in this revision: 1) Scope of the program has been reduced from 30M to a little less than 29M; 2) Changes for Carmichael Park will only involve the northerly part of the park. It will include the Aquatic Center and an entrance off of Fair Oaks Blvd; 3) There are now four Financial Options proposed for funding the program. Other changes to be incorporated into the Draft Master Plan are the removal of references to dog park at Cardinal Oaks and Del Campo and new entrance and a parking lot at Cardinal Oaks Park. No parking lot is being recommended at Schweitzer Grove. A direction sign is recommended at San Juan Ave and Sumter.

Public Comments Received:

Schweitzer Grove: Resident requested that no signage be added to encourage people to enter off of Sumter. List all five areas to enter park on the web site. Plant more trees, maintain paths and remove any mention of signage in the Master Plan. If signage is placed off of San Juan Ave., it was suggested a turn around be placed at the end of Sumter.

Capra Park: Resident expressed concern that none of the requests made by the neighbors of Capra Park were implemented in the Master Plan. Is the park considered developed or undeveloped park land and if undeveloped, will this put Capra on the sale block? What process will the Advisory Board use to determine the option selected for funding?

Dog Parks: Resident expressed her disappointment in the plans for Dog Parks being removed from Del Campo and Capra Park in the Master Plan. She stated that the parks belong to the community not just the few neighbors. Unhappy the District has responded to the majority who have voiced their opinions rather than the few.

Residents who spoke included: Joan Komaromi, Colleen Butler, and Cathy O'Brien.

considered an undeveloped park. Testimony has been heard and documented but not all testimony will be implemented. He will be meeting with a group from the neighborhood next week to discuss the park. The current recommendation for the park is to keep with the current farm theme, add parking off of Kenneth, and incorporate children's activities. Plan Option D calls for 14 of the 51 undeveloped acres to be sold but these acres have yet to be identified. It could be one site or divided among all four undeveloped sites. The sale of undeveloped park land is not staff's first recommendation. Staff will be recommending to the Advisory Board to have a mail survey conducted to determine what residents will support in financing the Master Plan.

Director Young: Member of Master Plan Committee - The Committee met and discussed the plan. Although the plan for Capra Park has listed a small community garden, the committee felt it was better to focus on one area for this type of activity which is currently located at Sutter Community Garden. Revise the plan for Cardinal Oaks by deleting the Dog Park and parking lot from the plan. For safety reasons, move the group picnic area to the front of Carmichael Park preferable in the area where the potential Skate Park was seen in the last draft. Show more trees in the parking areas on the design.

Director Tateishi: Wants the record to show he believes we are missing an opportunity for Carmichael Park to become the heart of Carmichael. He is disappointed the plan is now only focusing on the North end of the Park. We have missed the opportunity to design Carmichael Park for the next 20 to 30 years of use. Regarding La Sierra Community Center, it is the 2nd largest park in the entire community and has a variety of activities constantly going. He expressed his disappointment that we are not making it a top priority and we will have to come back to it in the future.

Director Dover: This does not have to be the final word. Everything will be determined by how we finance it. Carmichael Park should be better designed and not have a field as its center. Staff has done a great job with the Master Plan process.

Director Safford: Would like to see all the ideas initially discussed put back in the plan so we don't forget them even though we don't have the funding to implement all of them.

Director Berns: Agrees with Director Safford. This 10 year plan is very important to the community.

Director Younger: On the implementation part of the plan, we can't generate money to do what we want to do. The Funding Options are a 25 year commitment but will only fund the bare minimum. We need to know how much the voters will support and a survey is a good idea. From that information, we will see what we can do. The undeveloped sites should not be our 2nd priority. We should provide more Funding Options including an assessment that falls between the \$43 and \$93 per year Options. Our responsibility is to provide parks for the community. Why keep land if it can't be utilized? We may have to sell some land to develop the rest. Look at creating a Funding Option E which would be a combination of selling some land and doing an assessment.

Director Tateishi: We need to prioritize the Options. How are we going to develop and maintain the undeveloped sites? We should make the active sites a priority. We need to invest in La Sierra to make it sustainable for the next 25 years.

Director Berns: She has received comments that Jan Drive is a weed patch. It's better to sell part of it to develop the rest.

Director Dover: He has heard that people don't want to sell any of the Jan Drive site.

Administrator Harrison: Regarding Schweitzer Grove, it is up to the County Department of Transportation to determine the appropriateness of signage not the Park District. The Dept of

be placed at San Juan and Sumter rather than other locations. signage in residential neighborhoods. As requested, we can surface street entrances around the park.

Director Tateishi: Supports signage for Schweitzer Grove.

Administrator Harrison: Based on the testimony we heard regarding Carmichael Park the roads are needed as well as the Soft Ball Fields. The Aquatic Center is also needed. There is little public support for other changes. The Options now focus on areas that will provide new facilities rather than moving things around. The focus is on creating new opportunities. In Option B, the Aquatic Center will support itself and some of Carmichael Park will be upgraded. Option A focuses on Neighborhood Parks. The hope is the community will support it. La Sierra is in pretty good shape now. Buildings and ball fields have been updated. New fields are a priority but in terms of changing La Sierra Community Center it is not practical.

Director Younger: Option A is favored but the most difficult to pass.

Administrator Harrison: The Advisory Board may decide to sell some land and put it into the Carmichael Park Plan. Through the survey, we will determine what the community is likely to support.

Director Tateishi: What is the time frame on the survey?

Administrator Harrison: The Cost will be 30K. The consultants have stated that surveying eight thousand of the twelve thousand District property owners will result in a 95% accuracy rate. It will require a 90 day period.

Director Tateishi: When will the Advisory Board vote on Draft Master Plan and is it in the budget to finance the survey?

Administrator Harrison: There is 50K in the budget for the Master Plan implementation related services. The Advisory Board would most likely take action in January. Then the plan goes through CEQA which takes about 2 months. The County Board of Supervisors will be presented with plan for approval by April and then ballots would go to residents late Summer of 2008.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. **Don Simons** . Letter regarding Carmichael Park Master Plan was received and filed.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **CONTRACT FOR THE LA SIERRA COMMUNITY CENTER 200 WING ROOF COATING (Maddison)**
Staff recommends approval of contract for roof project in the amount of \$ 83,669.

Motion #1

M: Dover; S: Younger . The Advisory Board voted unanimously to approve the contract with Legacy Roofing and Waterproofing in the amount of \$83,669. UNANIMOUS VOTE

Director Tateishi presented the Advisory Board with information from the California Association of Parks and Recreation for nominating staff or board members for the Recognition Award. Those elected should have a distinguished record of service and demonstrate a contribution which has advanced the park and recreation concept among other things. Keith Maddison, Park Services Manager, was nominated last year and received the award.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Draft Carmichael Recreation and Park District Master Plan as a Presentation Item
2. Capital Improvement Program Fiscal Year Report
3. Palm Avenue Project
4. Contract for Consultant Services Regarding Property Owner Survey
5. Park Impact Fee- Nexus Study
6. Agreement with County of Sacramento-Park Development Impact Fee Service

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

1. **Regular Meeting:** Thursday, September 20, 2007, 6:00 pm in Community Clubhouse at Carmichael Park

ADJOURNMENT – 7:07 p.m.

Sincerely,

Celeste Van Alstyne
Administrative Secretary

APPROVED BY:

ATTESTED BY:

BONNIE BERNS
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

CELESTE VAN ALSTYNE
CLERK OF THE BOARD