

CARMICHAEL RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES: ADVISORY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FEBRUARY 16, 2006

CONSENT ITEM # 1

CALL TO ORDER

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

Roll Call:

Directors Present: Berns, Dover, Safford, and Tateishi

Staff Present: Kerth, Maddison, Murray, and Penney

Motion #1

M: Tateishi; S: Dover - The Advisory Board voted unanimously to add an item under closed session due to the urgency of the issue. Pursuant to California Government Code § 54957.6 Conference with Labor Negotiator for Unrepresented employee: Interim District Administrator. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST WITHIN DISTRICT JURISDICTION. – Nothing to report.

CONSENT ITEMS

1. Minutes:

January 26, 2005 – Regular Meeting

February 9, 2006 – Special Meeting

2. Financial Statement:

December 31, 2005

3. Accounts Payable:

January 2006

4. Accounts Receivable:

February 2006

January 2006

5. Activity Report:

January 2006

6. Tenant Lease Schedule:

February 2006

7. Co-Sponsor & Host the Annual Mission Oaks Thanksgiving Dinner for Senior Citizens

8. La Sierra Community Center – Gibbons Room (Suite 700) Rental Fee Rate

MOTION #2

M: Berns; S: Tateishi – The Advisory Board voted unanimously to approve the consent matters, as presented. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ACTION AND PRESENTATION ITEMS

Items 1 and 2 as timed items deferred to the posted time.

3. La Sierra Community Center (Maddison):

Motion #3

M: Berns; S: Dover – The Advisory Board voted unanimously to approve the staff recommendation to contract with Angus Hammer to re-design the project into phases. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

4. Staff Reports (Kerth, Maddison, Murray, and Penney) – Received and filed.

1. Timed Matter for 6:15 PM – Public Hearing – Schweitzer Grove Nature Area (Maddison):

Keith Maddison, staff: Presentation of the issues facing the District regarding the eucalyptus trees in the Schweitzer Grove Nature Area, issues concerning the condition of the trees, safety and fire hazards. Staff recommendation follows reports from Tree Care Inc., and Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District (SMFD) to identify and prioritize the removal of dead trees and limbs and create a clearing for a fire break.

Battalion Chief Jeff Gordon, SMFD: addressed the concerns regarding fire safety, providing defensible space adjacent to residences around the perimeter of the park. He requested an identification method, an address for entries to the Schweitzer Grove Nature Area with appropriate gates, Knox padlocks, and signage.

Roger Caron, resident: Has lived in the area for 30+ years, recognized the issues; however, felt that the trees were doing better. He also suggested that everyone pitch in to help mitigate the issues.

Victor Horman, resident: Sees it as an opportunity for free fire wood, which could reduce the expense of removal.

Woman, resident: Has lived in the area for 40 years, expressed her desire to see the oak trees under the canopy have a chance to grow.

Dan Corcoran, resident: Supports the staff recommendation, recognizes that the District can't please everyone, willing to lend help.

Ron Brown, Disc Golf representative: Recognizes the issues, pledged the club's support and assistance. Their group sponsored a work party the week prior to clean up the grove.

Carol Warmerdam, resident: Questioned what the improvement would be for vehicle access.

Keith Maddison, staff: Responded that the improvement would involve limited access for emergency and maintenance vehicles. Entrances would be controlled through lockable gates.

Roger Caron, resident: Suggested logs and cable perimeter fencing.

Keith Maddison, staff: Responded that the District is planning to restore the log/cable fencing.

Charles Beard, resident: Expressed concern regarding current parking issues, that 7-8 cars park on Hussey Dr., a narrow street.

Keith Maddison, staff: Current report/issues have not addressed this concern.

Gregory Lake, Supervising Inspector with SMFD: Addressed this question, indicating that a public street can not be marked, "No parking;" as there is no way to restrict public parking.

Bob Calder, resident: Questioned the size and scope of the fire break.

Keith Maddison, staff: Responded that the main focus is the eastern to the north and south side of the park. SMFD has recommended a 100' fire break.

Battalion Chief Jeff Gordon, SMFD: Explained their position that should a fire begin in the grove or the homes, prevailing winds would carry the fire throughout the area.

Colleen Butler, resident: Requested that the District take an individual approach rather than clearing a swath throughout the perimeter of the park. She does not want to see a 100' swath.

Public Hearing closed at 6:50 PM.

Jerry Dover, Advisory Board: Wants to leave the personality of park, keeping the same as possible; however, supportive of the removal of the dead trees and limbs.

Bonnie Berns, Advisory Board: Concurred with Director Dover's remarks.

Motion #4

M: Tateishi; S: Berns – The Advisory Board voted unanimously to approve the staff recommendation to perform the most hazardous portions of measures 1 and 2 in the staff report and complete measures 3 and 4 before the beginning of the 2006 fire season. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

The Advisory Board recessed at 6:55 PM to reconvene at 7:00 PM for the next public hearing.

2. Timed Item for 6:45 PM – Public Hearing - Palm Avenue Site (Penney) –

Ingrid Penney, staff: Presentation regarding options for sale of surplus property and development of the park. The County staff has recommended selling a flag shaped portion of the property with access on Palm Ave., so that the property is not land-locked and in order to encourage more proposals in the bidding process. Staff recommendation to pursue a bid process for a land exchange/turn key model for the sale of real property at the Palm Ave. site, which includes development of the park. Recommendation included contracting with Ball & Gee to provide an update for the plans and specifications, cost estimates, consultation, and constraints report to address the issues raised by Sacramento County Real Estate.

Man, resident: Has lived in the area for 36 years; Expressed opposition to the proposal for access on Palm Ave. Indicated that Palm Ave. can not handle more traffic.

Mike Strauch, resident: Opposed the proposal for the concept of access on Palm Ave. Better not to sell the additional property and instead plan and construct a park together.

Patty Irvin, resident: Questioned what happened to the past proposal that the sale of the property would cover the cost to develop the park.

Ingrid Penney, staff: Indicated that the District can not sell the property outright; that the County has requested that the District pursue an RFP, which includes access from Palm Ave., and a park

development.

Rodrigo Torres, resident: Opposes the proposal for the concept of access on Palm Ave., better to leave the status quo than to allow more development; Palm Ave. traffic is already a problem.

Jim Mellas, Martinson Company: Addressed the question on the proposal and County recommendation. His company is still planning to develop the property along Madison Ave., and he understands that the County's recommendation concerning the park property is an effort to provide for a competitive bidding process. He plans to submit a bid once an RFP is let out that corresponds to his earlier proposal for single family housing and park development.

Janet Applegate, resident – Questioned when the bidding dispense.

Ingrid Penney, staff – Indicated that there are several steps required before an RFP can go out. The District is working with the County to complete this process.

Mark Lobaugh, Granite Land Company – Addressed the Martinson Company proposal indicating their support of the project. For 75 years, the Granite Land Company has been involved with successful land development partnerships.

Mel Sattler, resident: Questioned how valuable/practical the park property would be to someone else. Supportive of the Martinson Company proposal.

Man, resident: Disagreed with one of his neighbors who suggested keeping the park as status quo. He doesn't like the way it is currently with junk, vagrants, paint balers, etc. He feels that the Martinson Company proposal is a win/win proposition.

Terri Himes, resident: Supportive of the Martinson Company proposal.

Peter Tateishi, Advisory Board: Expressed appreciation for the public input, explained the County's recommendation for a flag shaped sale, and supportive of working toward a workable bid.

Motion #5

M: Tateishi; S: Dover – The Advisory Board voted unanimously to direct staff to continue to work with the County staff to pursue the RFP and to authorize the agreement with Ball & Gee for their landscape architectural services. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

5. Advisory Board Reports – Director Tateishi invited the Advisory and Staff to a Town Hall Meeting, hosted by Congressman Dan Lungren, on Tuesday, February 21, 2006, at the La Sierra Community Center. He planned to attend the CPRS Conference in Ontario, as he completes his board service in the CAPRCBM. Director Berns invited the Advisory Board and staff to attend the upcoming Chamber Luncheon, February 28, 2006, where the featured speaker/guest will be Assemblyman Roger Niello.

NEW BUSINESS – Nothing to report.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING – The next regular Advisory Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 16, 2006, 6:00 PM in the Community Clubhouse at Carmichael Park. The Advisory Board has scheduled a special meeting for a budget workshop on Monday, February 27, 2006 at 6:00 PM, in the Community Clubhouse at Carmichael Park. A special meeting will also be held

Thursday, March 2, 2006 at 6 PM, in the Community Clubhouse at Carmichael Park.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

1. Liability Claims

Pursuant to California Government Code § 54956.95:

Penny Kelley v Carmichael Recreation & Park District

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Closed Session Report: It was the consensus of the Advisory Board to defer implementation of the action taken at the February 9, 2006 special meeting regarding proposed discipline of a district employee.

Motion #6

M: Tateishi; S: Berns -- The Advisory Board voted unanimously to direct staff to negotiate a contract up to \$5,000 with a consultant to provide an emergency action plan for the Administration Office and the La Sierra Sports Office; that staff hire security to be posted at Advisory Board meetings.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

2. Conference with Labor Negotiator

Pursuant to California Government Code § 54957.6

Unrepresented employee: Interim District Administrator

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Closed Session Report:

Motion #7

M: Tateishi; S: Berns - The Advisory Board voted unanimously to recommend an agreement to the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors for Jack Harrison, Consultant, to serve as Administrative Officer/ Chief Executive Officer of the District, scope of services, remuneration, and term as presented. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Adjournment: The Advisory Board adjourned the meeting at 9:25 PM.

Sincerely,

Ingrid S. Penney, FAA

APPROVED BY:

ATTESTED BY:

BARBARA SAFFORD
CHAIRMAN TO THE BOARD

INGRID S. PENNEY
CLERK OF THE BOARD