

Community Services Advisory Commission  
Regular Meeting  
Redding Civic Center  
777 Cypress Avenue  
Redding, California  
February 8, 2006, 4:09 p.m.

## MINUTES

### 1. Attendance

Community Services Advisory Commissioner Chair Waybright opened the meeting with the following commissioners present: McCoach, Parker. Commissioner Bandell arrived at 5:10 p.m. Absent was Commissioner Peckenpaugh.

Also present were Community Services Director Niemer, Support Services Director Kersten, Recreation Superintendent Carpenter, Community Services Projects Manager Hanson, Community Services Projects Manager McGrath, Community Services Management Analyst McCallum and Recreation Administrative Assistant Huff.

### 2. Public Comment

None presented.

### 3. Consent Calendar

The [minutes from the regular meeting on January 11, 2006](#), the monthly [Recreation Division Activity Report](#), the [Convention Center Capital Projects List](#) and [Calendar](#) were presented.

**MOTION:** To approve Consent Calendar as presented. (Made by Commissioner McCoach, Seconded by Commissioner Parker)

AYES: Commissioners McCoach, Parker and Waybright

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Commissioners Peckenpaugh and Bandell

### 4. Consideration of Healthy Community Proposals

Director Niemer provided an update on the Healthy Communities Proposal. Following a January Healthy Communities conference, a list of improvements to our current practices and standards was developed; the purpose being to improve pedestrian connections, enhance access and visibility to

open space and provide financial support for maintenance activities. Director Niemer reviewed the “Quality of Neighborhoods Changes – Development Requirements”:

1. ***Require all trails shown on the Trail Master Plan to be built in new developments.*** This item would require a City Ordinance amendment. The trail would then become part of the circulation requirements, which would meet our goal to build trails sooner rather than later. Other cities have implemented this type of Ordinance.
2. ***Require trails/paths to parks and existing trails when distance is less than one-third mile.*** This requirement would improve connectivity. The language currently in place is not strong enough to make this a condition.
3. ***Require maintenance districts for all or a portion of new park maintenance.*** A Consultant is presently assisting with this task and a meeting is scheduled for March 3, 2006 to discuss the details.
4. ***Establish urban growth boundary for the City and work with other jurisdictions to do the same.*** The City of Chico presently has a growth boundary which assists with meeting the goal of discouraging urban sprawl.
5. ***Establish a comprehensive tree and planting plan for parkways*** (aesthetic issue). This could help create visual identification for neighborhoods.
6. ***If a new neighborhood is adjacent to permanent open space, streets must be located adjacent to the open space to enhance public visibility of this resource.***
7. ***Require storm-water detention and retention basins to have gentle meandering side slopes and landscape to establish open space or park amenity.***
8. ***Require emergency/pedestrian access to open space between lots to be designed attractive and to not conflict with the privacy of adjacent homeowners. This will require that the area be sufficiently wide - 25 to 50 feet.***

Commissioner Parker commented that she agreed with the first, second, seventh and eighth proposals, stressing the importance of both access and trails which connect. While she expressed serious concerns about the third point, the Commissioner observed that the fourth made sense and the fifth has already been established.

Commissioner McCoach noted her concern with proposal eight, with the comment that 25’ was too wide a space to require.

Director Niemer will provide pictures at the next meeting to demonstrate the plans proposed.

No action was required on this informational item.

## **5. Presentation of Park Development Financials**

Community Services Management Analyst McCallum presented a review of Park Fund Balances, Projects and Cash Flow, and Development Impact Fee Projections. The report included details on Park Fee Generation, Projects and Cash Flow, Park Fee Generation, Fee Generation Assumptions and Dwelling Unit Construction. As of December 31, 2005 the fund has a positive cash balance of \$1,148, 695. Deducting encumbrances of \$274,361.17, there is a net available cash balance of \$873,333.91.

No action was required on this informational item.

## **6. Presentation of Youth Task Force**

Director Niemer reviewed the Youth Task Force, which will be facilitated by the Community Services Department. Plans are underway to include 24 young people to provide a youth perspective on the Master Plan. Staff will provide updates in the months to come.

No action was required on this informational item.

## **7. Projects Updates**

Community Projects Manager McGrath offered updates on the following projects;

### Vista Ridge Park

In spite of the many delays due to weather, Vista Ridge Park now has a concrete basketball court and the swing area is completed. The irrigation is next and we are looking for donations for the project.

### East Oak Park

East Oak Park (Churn Creek and Arizona) is under way and more wooded than many of the other neighborhood parks we presently have. The basketball court and lawn are complete.

### The Sculpture Park at City Hall

The Sculpture Park plants are beginning to bloom and the Mosaiculture ducks will arrive at the Arboretum in the next couple of months. Staff is presently working on ordering signage and benches and preparing for the Grand Opening on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

### H.O.P.E.S. Garden (Honor Our Promise of Everlasting Service)

HOPES Garden is scheduled to be dedicated April 27<sup>th</sup>. This is a community service project coordinated by Help Inc. and Victim Witness to honor people who have been victims of crime.

No action was required on these informational items.

## 8. Subdivision Updates

Director Niemer provided updates on the following ongoing projects:

### Rivercrest Estates

This park site included a land dedication and a reservation for additional land. An agreement for the option to purchase is required before the final map is recorded, and the agreement has been executed.

### Glen Brook

The park site has moved to an onsite location and the developer was told we need seven usable acres. This project will yield a dedication of five acres of land. Director Niemer reviewed the differences between the City staff proposal and the developer's proposal. The Commissioners preferred the staff proposal and directed Director Niemer to proceed with the recommendation for seven usable acres.

### Westridge

No updates to report.

### Shastina Ranch

No updates to report.

### Reserve at Gold Hills

This 59-acre development consists of 219 single-family residential lots. The proposed map includes trails along Dry Gulch Creek, internal trail connections and a private recreation center. A four-acre park dedication is being recommended for the project adjacent to a future phase of Gold Hills where additional land can be added.

No action was required on these informational items.

## 9. Consideration of Support for Bend National Recreation Area Designation

Terry Hanson provided an overview of the area being proposed as the Bend National Recreation Area. For many years, the Redding Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the City of Redding have worked co-operatively on projects and programs of mutual interest. At the February 21, 2006 City Council meeting, the Bureau of Land Management will request adoption of a Resolution supporting establishment of the Sacramento River Bend National Recreation Area at the Bend in southern Shasta County and northern Tehama County. The Commission's recommendation to the City Council concerning the resolution of support is requested at this time.

**MOTION:** To recommend City Council approve the Resolution. (Made by Commissioner Parker, Seconded by Commissioner Waybright)

**AYES:** Commissioners, McCoach, Parker, and Waybright

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** Commissioner Bandell

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Peckenpaugh.

**10. Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Bandell asked what progress if any was being made on the Auditorium Drive Master Plan. He noted that he had been assigned by the Commission to represent them on the effort. Director Kersten reported that the RFP for the Master Plan is being developed. The scope of work will be completed shortly and provided to the Commission.

Benton Dog Park was briefly discussed. Commissioner Bandell expressed concern over resources going to development of a dog park at Clover Creek Preserve prior to improvements to Benton. Director replied that any funds for the Clover Creek location will come from remaining project funds, not park funds.

No action was required on these informational items.

**11. Directors' Comments**

Director Niemer reminded everyone of the meeting on Monday night. The City Council will be allocating financial resources to a number of projects. Some of the projects under consideration are the Soccer Park, neighborhood park acquisition, the Youth Task Force and a BMX Park.

No action was required on these informational items.

**12. Adjournment**

There being no further business, at the hour of 5:30 p.m. Chair Waybright declared the meeting adjourned.

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JASON WAYBRIGHT, Chair