

Community Services Advisory Commission
Regular Meeting
Redding Civic Center
777 Cypress Avenue
Redding, California
June 14, 2006, 4:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1. Attendance

Community Services Advisory Commissioner Vice Chair McCoach opened the meeting with the following commissioners present: Peckenpaugh and Bandell. Commissioner Waybright arrived at 5:34 p.m. Absent was Commissioner Parker.

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, Convention Center & Visitors Bureau Manager Green and Community Services Executive Assistant Szynal.

2. Public Comment

None presented.

3. Consent Calendar

The [minutes from the regular meeting on May 10, 2006](#), the monthly [Recreation Division Activity Report](#), the [Convention Center Activity Report](#) and [Capital Projects List](#) were presented.

MOTION: To approve Consent Calendar as presented. (Made by Commissioner Bandell, Seconded by Commissioner Peckenpaugh)

AYES: Commissioners Bandell, McCoach and Peckenpaugh

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Commissioners Parker and Waybright

4. Consideration of Partnership Funding for Vista Ridge Park and Viva Downtown for Children’s Misting Fountains at Library Park

Director Niemer reported Vista Ridge Park is nearing completion after a lengthy community-building process. Over \$110,000 in community contributions has been raised. Additional city funding support is needed to complete the final tasks. The outstanding work consists largely of the landscaping which will require trenching, irrigation, significant soil amendments and sod.

Director Niemer reported that Viva Downtown (Viva), which produces and promotes Marketfest, has requested funds for the installation of children’s misting fountains at Library Park. These weekly events are now a tradition for Redding summers. Over the past few years, the attendance at Marketfest has become more adult and less family-oriented. The Viva board is making some changes this year to invite families back and create a more family-friendly environment. Viva is proposing the installation of three misting fountains (floor-based). The fountains are small scale and would attract youngsters and their families on the warm evenings. Staff supports Viva’s efforts to broaden the appeal of Marketfest.

Through the collection of Park Development fees, the City has capital resources to direct toward park and recreation improvement efforts such as these. The approved capital improvement plan (CIP) included \$ 570,000 for schools and partnerships. To date, only \$ 81,600 has been allocated.

MOTION: To approve the use of \$15,000 of Park Development funds to complete the community build partnership at Vista Ridge Park and the use of \$4000 of Park Development funds to partner with Viva Downtown for the purchase of misting fountains at Library Park. (Made by Commissioner Peckenpaugh, Seconded by Commissioner Bandell)

AYES: Commissioners Bandell, McCoach and Peckenpaugh
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Commissioners Parker and Waybright

5. Review of Purchase of Park Land from Neighborhood Church of Redding

Director Niemer outlined plans to acquire land to develop a large neighborhood park at Rivercrest Estates.

The condition for development of Rivercrest Estates was to dedicate 2.35 acres of park land and reserve 1.5 acres of land for purchase by the City. Staff initiated discussions with the adjacent church to purchase additional land to meet the new park standard of at least a 5-acre site. The church staff and board have been favorable in past discussions. Recently, City staff commissioned a broker’s opinion of value. The broker’s report and the details discussed by the two parties yielded a price in excess of the value previously recommended by the Commission. The proposed Rivercrest Park is two miles from the nearest park, Enterprise Community Park. This land is required to meet the needs of this severely under-served area.

MOTION: To make recommendation to City Council that \$200,000 be offered for acquisition of the property. (Made by Commissioner Bandell, Seconded by Commissioner Peckenpaugh)

AYES: Commissioners Bandell, McCoach and Peckenpaugh

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Commissioners Parker and Waybright

6. Review of West Ridge Subdivision

Director Niemer recalled that in the Spring of 2005, the Commission appointed Commissioner Waybright to serve on a working committee reviewing the park requirements for the West Ridge Subdivision. At that time, staff and the developer believed the annexation vote for this area would not be successful. A 20-acre park was recommended by the working committee if several other conditions could be met, including the provision of city utilities to the unincorporated area. The proposed park site along Placer Road was located in the County with only a small area within the City limits. The park size recommended for this subdivision exceed the dedication requirement from this project, which is between 3-4 acres.

Similar to Shastina Ranch, a development agreement will be drafted which will include a long list of conditions that may contribute to the land acquisition and development of the park. The Capital Improvement Plan for the Park Development Fund currently allocates \$1.1 million in funding for this project.

The developers recently expressed a desire to re-visit the park size in a meeting with the City Manager and Community Services Director. They were referred to the Community Services Advisory Commission. Director Niemer noted that the framework for the prior agreement is not applicable nor practical. Staff recommends the Commission revisit the park previously recommended. She indicated that when evaluating projects for large neighborhood parks it is important to look at the design and density of the project, surrounding park amenities and available resources.

Developers Brent Bryer and Paul Edgren presented a new park site plan which includes houses on two sides and open space on another. This plan would give the park a much more open feel.

Director Niemer noted the Commission needs to provide the developers and the Planning Department with direction as to park size for this area shortly if a change in recommendation is desired. With this information, the developers can move forward with their planning once the Environmental Impact Report is approved.

Commissioners Bandell and Peckenpaugh expressed concern regarding the staff offering a position on park size different than the Commission's prior action. Director Niemer clarified that she and the City Manager simply expressed a willingness to bring the topic back to the Commission.

Commissioner McCoach commented that her focus is the ability to provide the amenities within the park and the aesthetics of the park. She prefers street access to a park, as shown on the developer's new plan, is preferable.

Commissioner Bandell observed that this is the most underserved quadrant of the city and rather than piecemeal it, it makes more sense to go with one larger park. In reference to amenities, he is very interested in having an area within the park set aside as green space, with shade, for a family to picnic, etc.

Commissioner Peckenpaugh suggested a subcommittee be appointed to look at developing a different park size than previously discussed.

MOTION: To appoint a subcommittee for consideration of a 10-15 acre park and return to the Commission with a recommendation. (Made by Commissioner Peckenpaugh, Seconded by Commissioner Bandell)

AYES: Commissioners Bandell, McCoach and Peckenpaugh

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Commissioners Parker and Waybright

7. Consideration of Grant for Caldwell Memorial Monument

Staff recommends the Commission direct \$3,000 to the Redding Rotary Club for expenses related to the construction of the Caldwell Memorial monument at Caldwell Park.

Director Niemer noted that for four years, staff, the Caldwell family and the Redding Rotary Club have been working together to construct a monument and seating area as a tribute to the legacy of Claude Caldwell, and the project is now nearing completion. Mr. Caldwell served on the City's Parks Commission in the 1950's and lobbied the City Council strenuously for the purchase of the property we now enjoy as Caldwell Park. The site furnishings and monument are all brownstone from a quarry near Maxwell, California. The stone was purchased well below retail cost from the owner, however, prior to the stone being transported ownership of the quarry changed hands. Contrary to the plan, the brownstone pieces sent for the monument were significantly larger than what the designer and artist had originally selected.

The sculptor has been working for months to transform these mammoth brownstone blocks into the monument designed by local architect and Art in Public Places Committee member Joseph Hansen. This additional work has required additional materials, equipment and time and the sculptor continues to work on the project although the scope is greater than that for which he contracted.

The Park and Recreation Fund was established last year at the Shasta Regional Community Foundation. This Fund has been used for specific projects, and to facilitate park bench donations. At this time, we have an unencumbered balance of approximately \$10,000.

MOTION: To approve the use of the Park and Recreation Fund at Shasta Regional Community Foundation to grant \$3,000 toward completion of this project. (Made by Commissioner Bandell, Seconded by Commissioner Peckenpaugh)

AYES: Commissioners Bandell, McCoach and Peckenpaugh
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Commissioners Parker and Waybright

8. Projects Update

Community Services Director Niemer provided updates on the following projects;

Soccer Park

Hosting a Kick-Off event on May 20th to introduce the park. The Shasta Regional Soccer Association will use this event to kick off their campaign.

Rivercrest

Working with Dunmore Communities on the park reservation and in conversation with Neighborhood Church for additional property. Staff will be going to the City Council to request authority to complete purchase of property.

Trail Grant

We are in the final round for a State Resource Agency grant and should receive notification early next month if that application is successful.

No action was required on these informational items.

9. Park Improvement Fees Update

Management Analyst McCallum provided an update on current and projected park improvement fees. The City of Redding collects two types of development impact fees to fund park improvements, Park In Lieu and Park Development fees. Park In-Lieu Fees are paid when subdivision maps are approved to offset additional park land required by the new development. Park Development Fees are collected as part of the building permit process. Both fees are adjusted annually.

As part of the *Parks, Trails and Open Space Master Plan* process, the Community Services Department projected fee revenues through 2020 (the life-span of the Master Plan) Based on the partial-year data and industry reports of a softening local construction market, the Community Services Department predicts lower than anticipated fee revenues for 2006.

No action was required on this informational item.

10. Commissioner Comments

None presented.

11. Directors Comments

Director Niemer noted she spoke with the Benton Dog Park Association on development of a master plan.

No action was required on these informational items.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business, at the hour of 5:47 p.m. Vice Chair McCoach declared the meeting adjourned.

LEONA McCOACH, Vice Chair