

Community Services Advisory Commission
Regular Meeting
Redding City Hall
777 Cypress Avenue
Redding, California
October 8, 2008, 3:03 p.m.

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Community Services Advisory Chair Gerrine Peckenpaugh opened the meeting with the following Commissioners present; Susan Hinz, Leona McCoach and Judy Salter. Absent was Commissioner Jason Waybright.

Also present were Community Services Director Kimberly Niemer, Support Services Director Gerry Kersten, Community Projects Manager Terry Hanson, Community Projects Manager Chris Glover, Management Analyst Matthew McCallum, Recreation Supervisor Jenny Moore and Executive Assistant Mari Szyal.

At the hour of 3:05 p.m., Chair Peckenpaugh announced that the Community Services Advisory Commission would adjourn to closed session to discuss the following:

Closed session pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.8:
CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR
Property located at 5369/5655 Indianwood Drive
Agency Negotiator: Community Services Director Kim Niemer
Negotiating Parties: City of Redding and Dan and Sandra Kowall
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms
(C-070-010)

At the hour of 3:39 p.m. Chair Peckenpaugh reconvened the Special Meeting to open session and reported the Commission would recommend to the City Council further exploration and future acquisition of property.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

The minutes from the special meeting on September 18, 2008, the monthly Recreation Division Activity Report, the Convention Center Activity Report, the Convention Center Calendar, the Convention Center Capital Projects List were presented.

Motion: To approve Consent Calendar. (Made by Commissioner Salter, Seconded by Commissioner Hinz)

AYES: Commissioners Hinz, McCoach, Peckenpaugh and Salter

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Waybright

REDDING AQUATIC CENTER PRESENTATION

Recreation Supervisor Jenny Moore provided an overview of Redding Aquatic Center Operations during 2008.

The Recreation Division was awarded a grant from the California Kid's (vehicle license) Plates Fund. The funding for this grant provided funds to the Shasta County Drowning Prevention Coalition. Coalition members include: Redding Recreation, Redding Fire Department, Shasta County Sheriff, Shasta Family Y.M.C.A., American Red Cross and Shasta County Public Health. The Drowning Prevention Campaign for 2008 focused on reaching the parents of younger children through radio and television media.

Supervisor Moore noted that during the 2008 season the following occurred:

- ▶ 2,000 people were taught how to swim
- ▶ 20 end-of-year school parties were hosted
- ▶ 64 youth were taught to use the springboard
- ▶ 200 youth learned kayak safety
- ▶ 60 lifeguards, 100 junior lifeguards and 20 water swim instructors were trained
- ▶ 19 children and 1 adult were rescued
- ▶ 174 people were treated for minor injuries
- ▶ 3 movies were screened
- ▶ 600 out-of-town swimmers were hosted at meets
- ▶ Happy Birthday was sung 105 times
- ▶ staff helped 720 adults sweat during water fitness classes

No action was required on this informational item.

CONSIDERATION OF PARK OPTIONS IN SOUTHWEST QUADRANT

Director Niemer indicated this item is on the agenda as a followup discussion regarding potential options if South City Park is utilized for a new Police building. Staff took a look at improvements to property already owned and the possibilities in the same quadrant (SouthEast) are Parkview Park and Cascade Park. Commissioner McCoach noted her preference for Parkview Park, as it keeps the amenities within the same physical area. Director Niemer noted that these options presented are just the beginning of the discussion and there are other possibilities.

Commissioner Hinz noted that her statement made at the last Commission meeting regarding requiring the City Council to pay In Lieu fees for land in compensation for South City Park was incorrect in that commercial developers are not required to provide that type of compensation.

Commissioner McCoach inquired whether staff would be pursuing the purchase of the 8 acres of riverfront County property at the end of Breslauer Lane. Director Niemer noted that there are other options which work better as park space. Community Projects Manager Hanson noted the access is limited and a portion of it is floodplain for streams.

No action was required on this informational item.

CONSIDERATION OF UPDATE TO PARK FUND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Director Niemer observed that the Commission has an opportunity at this time to review the Capital Improvement Plan and make any adjustments they feel appropriate. Management Analyst McCallum is here to walk us through the details and we can talk about some of the possible projects and staff can return with additional information on specific projects.

Management Analyst McCallum provided an overview of the history of the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and noted how the CIP has changed over the past four years. He pointed out that the Commissioners received an attachment to the staff report which outlines 15 projects which are possible options for the CIP. Some of these are new projects while the rest were on the previous CIP but without available funding to be placed in the schedule. Staff made every effort to keep the projects balanced amongst the various quadrants. Director Niemer noted that the options presented provide a range of choices in that some are an upgrade of existing facilities and others are in need of complete buildouts (i.e., Gregory Lake).

Commissioner Salter asked if there is a population density for specific projects, showing what is already developed and how much is available for development around the project site. Director Niemer noted that was completed when establishing the service areas.

Commissioner Peckenpaugh suggested there be a workshop for the Commissioners to look at the quadrants and these park options. Commissioner Hinz requested staff provide the Commissioners with an overall map showing current park sites and future/possible park sites. Commissioner Salter noted her preference for a workshop to help with the overall picture. Director Niemer offered to provide the Commissioners with the density for specific projects.

Commissioner Hinz remarked that she would find it valuable to receive recommendations from staff on which projects should be placed on the CIP. Director Niemer observed that there is no hard and fast science or formula for park development. Commissioner McCoach noted that from her experience on the Commission, her preferences for development are Clover Creek, Hawn Park, Lake Boulevard and Gregory Lake improvements.

Motion: To hold a workshop at the next Commission meeting. (Made by Commissioner Peckenpaugh, Seconded by Commissioner McCoach)

AYES: Commissioners Hinz, McCoach, Peckenpaugh and Salter
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Waybright

PROJECTS UPDATES

Community Projects Manager Hanson provided an update on the following project:

Highland Park

The Developer has scheduled a neighborhood meeting for November 6 where he will present their preferred location for the park along the freeway. The Developer has requested that the Commission hold their November meeting prior to the neighborhood meeting so they can provide the residents with information on the Commission's preference for a park location.

The Commission elected to hold their November meeting on the regularly scheduled date.

Community Projects Manager Glover provided updates on the following projects:

Rivercrest Park

Phase I of this park is complete and there will be a Grand Opening on Saturday, October 18 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Community Services Director Niemer provided updates on the following projects:

Walk This Way at Turtle Bay

The Walk This Way at Turtle Bay this past week-end event was well attended, despite the rain.

Lights of Liberty

This event, which was postponed from July 4 (due to the forest fires), will be held on Saturday October 18 and will honor veterans, active military personnel and firefighters.

Sculpture Donation

Senator and Mrs. Johanneson have donated a life-size statue of Mark Twain standing next to a bench on which Becky Thatcher and Tom Sawyer are seated. This will be placed in the Redding Library on the first floor.

Downtown Plaza Art Project

This project is a master plan for a three-block area and an installation for Phase I. The Selection Committee will meet with the three finalists in last November.

Library Sculpture

A national Call to Artists for an iconic sculpture to be placed in front of the Redding Library brought 75 responses from experienced sculptors from as far away as Istanbul. This

Selection Committee will meet with the three finalists in mid-November and make their final selection after that date.

No action was required on these informational items.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner McCoach inquired into the status of the Convention Center floor repair. Director Kersten noted that they will finally be going to arbitration for this.

DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, at the hour of 5:14 p.m. Chair Peckenpaugh declared the meeting adjourned.

Chair Peckenpaugh