

Community Services Advisory Commission
Regular Meeting
Redding City Hall
777 Cypress Avenue
Redding, California
September 12, 2007, 4:03 p.m.

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Community Services Advisory Commissioner McCoach opened the meeting with the following commissioners present: Bandell, Parker, Peckenpaugh and Waybright.

Also present were Community Services Director Niemer, Support Services Director Kersten, Recreation Superintendent Carpenter, Community Projects Manager Glover and Executive Assistant Szydal.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None presented.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The [minutes from the regular meeting on July 11, 2007](#), the monthly [Recreation Division Activity Report](#), the [Convention Center Activity Report](#), the [Convention Center Calendar](#) and the [Convention Center Capital Projects List](#) were presented.

Motion: To approve Consent Calendar. (Made by Commissioner Parker, Seconded by Commissioner Peckenpaugh)

AYES: Commissioners Bandell, McCoach, Parker, Peckenpaugh and Waybright

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

SACRAMENTO RIVER TRAIL SECURITY ISSUES

This agenda item will be rescheduled.

PRESENTATION BY COLUMBIA SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT FRANK ADELMAN ON PROPOSED ROPES CHALLENGE COURSE EXPANSION

Director Niemer noted that the property under discussion is directly across the street from the McConnell Foundation headquarters (Foundation) and just south of Mountain View Middle School.

In 1996, the City Council approved a request from Columbia School District to reconfigure the City's adjacent 6-acre park site to provide a more functional campus for Mountain View Middle School. In 2003, staff met with Frank Adelman, who had taken over as Superintendent of the Columbia School District, to discuss options for the undeveloped park site. Superintendent Adelman recently approached the City with a proposal to utilize the undeveloped park site for an expansion of the ropes challenge course currently housed on the Mountain View Middle School campus. This proposal includes the addition of low ropes challenge course and a community classroom.

Superintendent Adelman then presented a short video showing the current ropes challenge course. Currently, the ropes course is used only about 8 times per year and they are looking to expand this use. The school district pays for the insurance. They would like to invite local groups, such as Rotary or Redding Recreation, to send one or two people for a train the trainer course. The ropes challenge course promotes inter-dependence and self-esteem, which fall with the 40 Developmental Assets.

Simpson College was looking to develop a ropes challenge course on their campus, but now is interested in developing a low ropes course on this park site. The community center could be used for small group activities, provide for storage of the harness system and include restrooms. The youngest age group using the current ropes course is 11 years old.

Commissioner McCoach inquired into the ability of Simpson College to install low ropes if there is a joint use agreement in place. Director Niemer noted this would be within the scope of permitted functions

Commissioner Parker expressed concern regarding establishing infrastructure on park land which has the potential to be swapped in the future. Director Niemer related that she envisioned a portable structure rather than a brand, new building for the site and that the earliest we might be in conversation for swapping this property would possibly be ten years out, at the earliest.

Motion: To direct staff to develop a joint use agreement with Columbia School District for use of the undeveloped Shasta View Drive park site, for expansion of an existing ropes challenge course, with a term limit and no funding at this time. (Made by Commissioner Waybright, Seconded by Commissioner Bandell)

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

CONSIDERATION OF REVISIONS TO PARK IMPACT FEE AND PARK LAND DEDICATION TO ORDINANCES 16.20.100 and 17.42.100 RELATIVE TO TIMING OF FEE CREDIT REQUEST

Director Niemer recalled that several month ago the Commission directed staff to review the Redding Municipal Code relative to the timing of requests for Park Development fee credits and Park In-Lieu fee credits and to propose language which would require subdividers to make requests for credits under both codes no later than at the time of tentative map application. Adding this clarity to the code was recommended to provide guidance to both staff and the development community. The proposed language changes were sent to the Commission.

Director Niemer noted that the language change is limited to being more specific about when fee credit can be requested.

Commissioner Parker requested two changes be made to the proposed changed.

In the new Section E in Municipal Code §16.20.100. From “Fee credits are to be requested at the time of application for tentative map.” to ““Fee credits must be requested at the time of application for tentative map.”

In Municipal Code §17.42.070. From “Fee credits are to be requested by the applicant at the time of application for tentative map.” to “Fee credits must be requested by the applicant at the time of application for tentative map.”

Motion: To recommend the proposed language change be forwarded to the City Council.
(Made by Commissioner Bandell, Seconded by Commissioner Peckenpaugh)

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

PRESENTATION OF LAKE BOULEVARD SURVEY

Last September, the City of Redding purchased a 10.5-acre site on Lake Boulevard between Tamarac Drive and Panorama Drive to construct a neighborhood center and park. This area has been identified as one which the City desires to revitalize in the coming years. For more than a year, staff has been meeting with community partners to develop a concept plan for the site which would maximize use of the site to the benefit of the residents. These partners include

Shasta County, the Gateway School District, Shasta County Office of Education and Northern Valley Catholic Social Services.

These partners and the McConnell Foundation funded a neighborhood survey of the area residents. The survey, mailed to all households in the sample, asked residents for their perspective on the types of amenities and programs they would like offered at the center, how they felt about living conditions in the neighborhood, and questions to establish a demographic profile of the area residents.

Tom Miller of National Research Center presented the findings of the survey to the City Council in August. An executive summary is attached and full reports are available through the Community Services Department.

With guidance from this survey, the next step for this project is development of a program and site plan. Staff plan to visit similar facilities in Northern California and consult with facility managers. After a program and project are defined, a fund-raising campaign will be needed to raise funds for the construction and possibly operations. It is anticipated that this effort will include foundations and government agencies. With Gateway School District as a primary partner, the District has access to joint-use funds at the State level, possibly as much as \$1 million.

No action was required on this informational item.

Commissioner Waybright left the meeting at 4:42

PROJECTS UPDATES

Community Projects Manager Glover provided updates on the following projects:

Vista Ridge Park

There was a good turnout for the official park opening. About 60 neighbors came out for ice cream and games.

Creek Cleanup

The 2nd Annual Community Creek Cleanup takes place Saturday, September 15 from 8:00 to noon. Approximately 300 volunteers have pre-registered, and we anticipate 350 to 400 will be out in the 8 westside tributaries collecting trash & cutting back invasive vegetation. All volunteers will be treated to lunch at the Redding Aquatic Center, a chance to win raffle prizes and a free swim in the Activity Pool. This year's primary sponsor is the Shasta Association of Realtors.

Whistling Park

Staff is working with a landscape architect to determine a potential layout for this site along with the cost of developing this lot into a neighborhood park.

Benton Dog Park

Several members of the Benton Dog Park Association have organized a committee to look at options for a perimeter trail.

Northridge Park

This small, neighborhood park is in the northeast section of town – near the Record Searchlight building. A developer of a nearby parcel has added playground equipment and the city has ordered a new park sign and benches – a little facelift for the park.

Director Niemer provided the following updates:

Sacramento River Trail

We are opening bids tomorrow on paving the Sacramento River Trail extension at Keswick Dam.

A new kiosk next to Sundial Bridge has been erected, in association Rotary, and includes a site map of the area along with other interpretive information.

Redding Soccer Park

The Shasta Regional Soccer Association has hired a new General Manager from Washington. Steve Daley has a good background in recreation. The Soccer Park hosted the opening ceremonies of Redding Youth Soccer – 1,400 youth have signed up to play.

Rivercrest Park

The two bids received were in excess of the estimate. After review, a decision was made to re-bid the project.

No action was required on these informational items.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None.

DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Director Niemer related that she is currently focusing on recreation strategic planning. Looking at questions such as:

Who do we serve?

What is our purpose?

Why do we serve them?

Recreation Division staff have been coding program applications for the past year to help determine our demographics.

Director Kersten provided an update on the repair of Fantasy Fountain. The material necessary to complete the project is on backorder. Everything else is ready to go, and as soon as the material arrives the work will be done.

In the last 2.5 months there have been articles on the Sundial Bridge in Bend, Oregon, Visalia, Paradise, Modesto, and Reno, Nevada.

The renaming of Highway 44 to Sundial Bridge Highway is no longer being pursued as Caltrans will place wayfinding signs along I-5. However, Auditorium Drive will be renamed to Sundial Bridge Drive on the section which curves to the right toward Turtle Bay.

No action was required on these informational items.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, at the hour of 5:25 p.m. Commissioner McCoach declared the meeting adjourned.

LEONA McCOACH, Chair