



PARKS, ARTS AND RECREATION ACTION MINUTES

Special Meeting of April 10, 2008
City Council Chambers
1 North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California 94022

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Greguras, Commissioners Baron, Lee Eng, Bautista, Charlton, Cooper, Williams
Absent: None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. COMMISSIONER COOPER removed the minutes from Consent for discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENT

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. COMMISSIONER COOPER MOVED that the minutes of the regular meeting of March 12, 2008 be approved as amended. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHARLTON AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. Rosita Park Conceptual Planning

Val Carpenter, Mayor clarified the Council's direction on the Community Pool. First, the Council has approved a one pool and children's play area design for Rosita Park. Second, the Council has directed the Community Center Master Plan Task Force architects to include two pools and children's play area in one of the design proposals for the Community Center. These designs will not be available until 2009. Therefore, she recommended the Commission develop two scenarios for the Rosita Park site: one including a pool and one without a pool.

Eric Lutkin spoke in support of including a dog park at Rosita Park if the Granger Road site does not become available.

Dick Thomas, Los Altos Community Pool Foundation, reiterated that Rosita Park is still their preferred location for the pool and they will continue to work for that site until there is a firm commitment with the City for placing a pool at the Community Center. Encouraged the Commission to include the pool in the Rosita Park design.

Presentation from landscape architects Terry Reckord, MacLeod Reckord and Karen McArdle, Hansen McArdle on the results of the neighborhood discussion for the Rosita Park Conceptual Plan on April 9, 2008.

The Commission developed a list of park elements they would like to see incorporated into the two Rosita Park design options. For the “pool design option”, the following elements should be included: the pool, undulating landscape and hills, picnic oasis, children’s play element (no-structure), trees and greenery, mitigating traffic patterns or altering traffic patterns, retain the playfields, path-like areas within undulating areas, PAR Course and walking pathways, shrubbery at exterior boundaries, sand volleyball or multi-use courts, water element, restrooms and combine as many areas as possible to increase what’s offered.

For the “no pool design” option: restrooms, expand tennis courts and add the same elements listed above but more of them.

COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS MOVED to direct the two architectural firms of Hansen McArdle, Inc and MacLeod Reckord to develop two design plans for Rosita Park, one featuring a pool and one without a pool, taking into consideration the list of amenities created by the Commission. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COOPER AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. The Multi-Cultural Newcomers Support Foundation of Santa Clara County (MCNSF)

Following a presentation by Rudy Garriga of MCNSF, Commissioner Lee Eng stated her intent to return with a letter in support of the program at the May meeting.

4. Grant Park Summer Concerts

COMMISSIONER LEE ENG MOVED to accept the memo to City Council request for the 2008 summer concert series. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY Commissioner Cooper and passed unanimously. THE MOTION WAS RESINDED .

COMMISSIONER LEE ENG MOVED to accept the amended motion as necessary. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED By Commissioner Cooper and passed unanimously.

5. Community Picnic

Commission discussed participation. No action was taken.

6. Park Recycling Program

COMMISSIONER BAUTISTA MOVED to recommend that City Council fund the placing of recycling receptacles at all PARC facilities to make our waste management more environmentally friendly. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHARLTON AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Community Center Task Force Update

Chair Greguras updated the commission on the results of the survey conducted by Anderson Brule Architects regarding the Civic Center. No action was taken.

8. Subcommittee Reports
No action was taken

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.