



PARKS, ARTS AND RECREATION ACTION MINUTES

Regular Meeting of November 17, 2004
City Council Chambers
1 North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California 94022

ROLL CALL

Present: Vice Chair Bautista, Commissioners Charlton, Cooper, Lee Eng, and Lippe
Absent: Commissioner, Boennighausen and Weiden

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

COMMISSIONER LIPPE MOVED that the minutes of the October 20, 2004 Special Meeting be approved as written. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LEE ENG AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE

COMMISSIONER LIPPE MOVED that the minutes of the October 27, 2004 Outdoor Banner Policy Special Meeting be approved as written. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHARLTON AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE

COMMISSIONER LEE ENG MOVED that the minutes of the October 27, 2004 MCKENZIE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT DESIGN ITEM be approved as written. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LIPPE AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE

PUBLIC COMMENT

Catherine Johnson of Los Altos Hills spoke regarding the possibility of installing internet access in Hillview Center classrooms and in the Senior Center

BUSINESS

41st ANNUAL HALLOWEEN WINDOW PAINTING CONTEST AWARDS

Recreation Supervisor, Peggy Ford, welcomed the public and thanked the participants and merchants for their participation in the 41st Annual Halloween Painting Contest. Commissioners presented the award winners with picture plaques of their paintings for 1st-5th place in each grade level.

YOUTH COMMISSION SKATE PARK RECOMMENDATION

Brandon Angelo, Youth Commissioner, presented to the PARC Commission an overview of the Skate Park Proposal dated November 7, 2004. The Youth Commission was coming before the PARC Commission for a recommendation to forward to the City Council in favor of developing a temporary park that would be built above ground, with concrete.

Commissioner Angelo also referred to a website for skateboarders and read a letter from a skateboarder who resides in Los Altos. The letter suggested safe places to skate in Los Altos and included ideas of where not to get caught skating.

Ryan Mendez of Los Altos Hills, a skateboarder, spoke in favor of an above ground concrete park and against a temporary park. He felt that the City should not spend money on something temporary and use the money saved for the future of an above ground concrete park.

The PARC was supportive of the Youth Commission's efforts and discussed items that the Commission should further consider in their skate park study. Commissioners encouraged the Youth Commission to further investigate skate parks in the communities adjacent to Los Altos. The PARC did not take any action on the Youth Commission's recommendations. The Commission requested the Youth Commission return to the PARC with information on a possible location for a skate park, examples of the type of park being recommended, and include specific information such as construction and operating cost estimates for the recommended park.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.