



PARKS, ARTS AND RECREATION ACTION MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Wednesday April 21, 2004
City Council Chambers
1 North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California 94022

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

COMMISSIONER LIPPE MOVED that the minutes of the March 17, 2004 and the Special Meeting of March 25, 2004 be approved. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENG AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

BUSINESS

COMMISSION PARK ASSIGNMENTS

The Commission was given a list of the current Commission Park Assignments. No changes to the list were made.

GRANT PARK VISION PLAN SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Chair Bautista presented the Subcommittee's report outlining the steps and timeline for the development of a draft Grant Park vision plan. The Commission was supportive of the Subcommittee's work and would help spread the word regarding the May 13, 2004 community meeting.

SKATE PARK EQUIPMENT

Mr. Robert Acosta, Recreation Coordinator, presented recommendations regarding the skate park facility at the Hillview Community Center. Staff recommended the City not repair the current skate park equipment at this time and consider final disposition of the park after the completion of an interest survey and recommendations by the Youth Commission. The impact of this recommendation would result in the skate park not being open for use this summer. Staff based their recommendations on the poor condition of the equipment, out of date skate elements, and the decline in participation at the park.

The Commission discussed the possible impacts of not repairing the existing skate park equipment. They agreed that it would not be cost effective to attempt repair on the existing out-of-date

equipment but were concerned about not operating a park over the summer or permanently closing the park if there is still community interest.

Staff indicated the Youth Commission is in the process of conducting a survey and hoped to have the results before the end of school in June; this would be too late to consider operating park this summer. Due to very low participation last summer, the decision not to offer a park this summer would likely have minimum impact on the community.

COMMISSIONER BOENNIGHAUSEN MOVED TO recommend Council not repair the current skate park equipment at the Hillview Community Center in order to save money to be used for a future skate park if supported by the interest survey and recommended by the Youth Commission. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LIPPE AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

PUBLIC INTEREST ITEMS AND UPDATES

ATHLETIC FIELD RESERVATION SYSTEM INFORMATION

Mr. Acosta presented to the Commission the City's policies and procedures for the rental of athletic fields. There was general discussion on this item including investigating the possibility of the City taking over the maintenance and scheduling of the school district's fields. No action was taken on this item.

DISCUSSION OF SPECIAL INTEREST CLASS PROGRAMMING AT LOCAL SCHOOLS

Commissioner Eng and Mr. Brees presented information from the City of Cupertino Recreation Department's after school programs. Commissioner Eng encouraged the Commission to investigate the possibility of pursuing such programs here in Los Altos. The Commission created a Subcommittee to look into these programs and report back to the full Commission at a future meeting. The Subcommittee will be made up of Commissioners Lippe, Eng, and Boennighausen.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.