

CORRESPONDENCE

Parks and Recreation Commission

Wednesday, September 6, 2017
5:30 P.M.

City Hall
Room W 118 & 119
200 E. Santa Clara Street
San Jose, CA 95113



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Parks and Recreation Commissioners
City of San José
via email: Teresa.Meyer-Calvert@sanjoseca.gov, sent Sept. 1, 2017

re: Commission Meeting 9/6/17, item VII-a: GreenPrint update

Dear Commissioners,

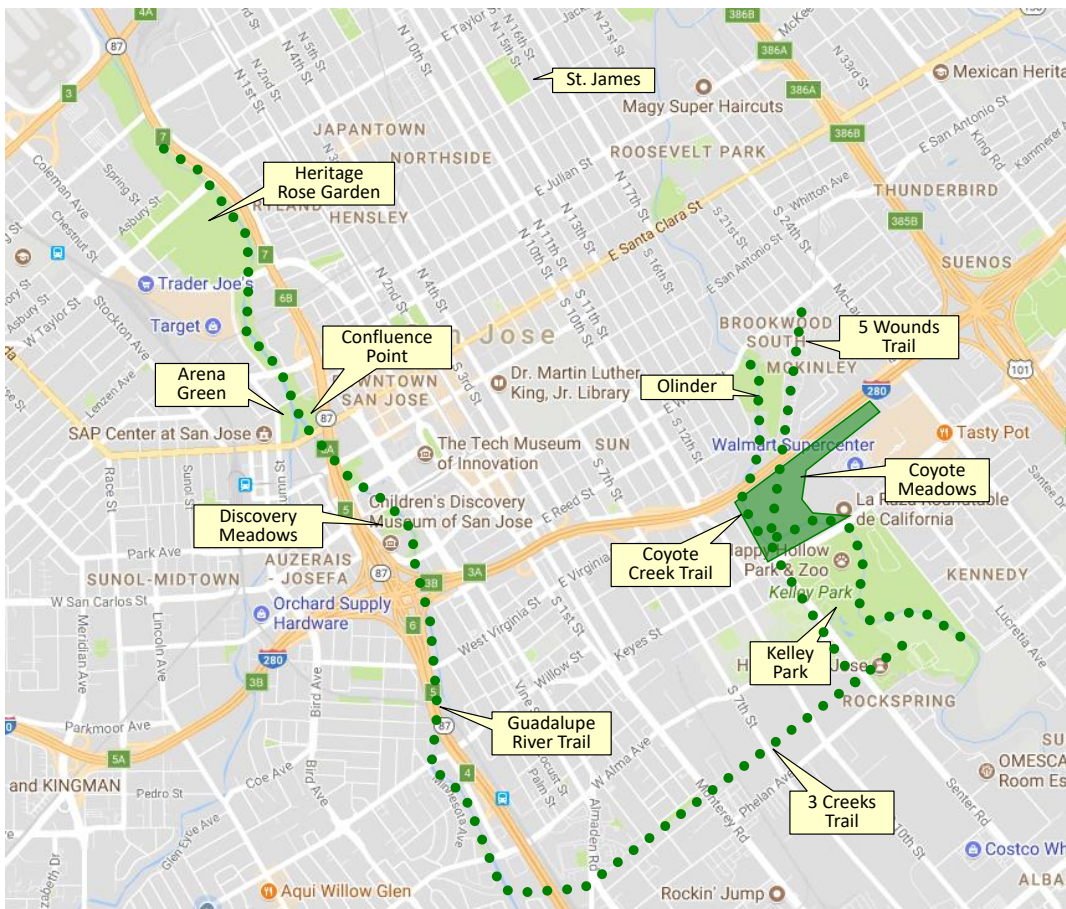
At your next Commission meeting, you'll receive an update on PRNS's Strategic Plan update process, the GreenPrint, including a discussion on whether San José might be able to develop a "Grand Park" of some kind, on par with New York's Central Park or San Francisco's Golden Gate.

You'll also hear from members of the public describing ideas for possibly converting a notorious former homeless encampment and a closed landfill into a new city park: "Coyote Meadows".

As a member of both the GreenPrint taskforce and the Coyote Meadows Coalition, I'd like to plant the seed of an idea: combine them!

San José's recent General Plan update ("Envision 2040") also struggled with the concept of what could be San José's Grand Park, and they arrived at the idea of a "distributed park": the Guadalupe River Chain, with its Heritage Rose Garden, Arena Green, Confluence Point, and Discovery Meadows, combined with the Coyote Creek Chain's Kelley Park, with the Happy Hollow Zoo, Japanese Tea Garden, and SJ History Park, all tied together by the trail network, including The Three Creeks Trail.

Coyote Meadows can complement that by expanding and augmenting Kelley Park.



We are just at the beginning phase on Coyote Meadows: the Coalition is using a grant from the Open Space Authority to work with a consultant (skeo) on a public outreach to solicit ideas. As part of our effort, we're hosting an on-site tour on Saturday morning, Sept. 30, from 10:30 AM to noon: I hope you'll join us! (For more info on the tour and to RSVP, see www.CoyoteMeadowsSJ.org). Consider ideas how Coyote Meadows could add to Kelley Park, and also how it could connect – perhaps by creek trails, historic trolley tracks, and/or maybe even a skyway walk above the zoo, road, and riparian habitat ("Jungle")?

These are not fully developed designs at this point – I'm writing you now just to suggest some possibilities, to dream, and to invite you to join our tour!

~Larry Ames

GreenPrint taskforce member and member of the Coyote Meadows Coalition.



Friday, September 1, 2017

Parks and Recreation Commissioners
City of San José

via email: Teresa.Meyer-Calvert@sanjoseca.gov, sent
re: Commission Meeting 9/6/17- Public Comment

Dear Commissioners,

My name is Patrick Pizzo, resident of District 10, and I am on the Coyote Meadows Coalition, a group exploring the possibilities for a City Park between Story Road and HWY 280 along the Coyote River: the site of the former and infamous 'Jungle' homeless encampment. Tonight, you will be receiving a PRNS Update on the GreenPrint for the City. I encourage planners and Parks Commission Representatives to consider the development of the Coyote Meadows Park toward fulfilling a strategic and unique need for City residents. Not only would the CMP be a hub for the various trail networks, but it serves a critical need with respect to flood control, which may be optimized through maintenance and management of the riparian corridor. The site contains riparian, meadow and oak-woodland areas, which, with conversion to CA native trees, shrubs and plants [ie, removal of non-natives and invasive plants], would be an ideal learning-center for our City youth and increased habitat for wildlife. Access to and from Kelly Park, under Senter Road, would open further opportunities for educational and recreational use. Utilization of the 360-degree vista from the top of the landfill, looking over the Downtown and the Valley, creates unique opportunities, adult fitness being one idea discussed. The need for this park is directly expressed by the various civic and neighborhood groups represented on the Coalition. I encourage planners to take a critical, timely look at the developing plan for the Coyote Meadows Park, a park which will clearly mesh with the goals and objectives of the GreenPrint of our City.

Respectively,
Patrick P. Pizzo

Meyer-Calvert, Teresa

From: Barinder Ahluwalia [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 05, 2017 4:13 PM
To: Meyer-Calvert, Teresa
Cc: rudy.a.flores.jr; Brian Quint
Subject: Knight Rider Foundation Pedaling Influence on Key SJ. City Park Officials
Attachments: Knight Rider Foundation.docx

Gentlemen:

For Circulation to all:

Knight Rider Foundation is doing everything to pedal their influence on the key City officials to get the St. James park development project in their favor. Should this not be investigated by the Ethics Commission?

Why not get the responsible Planning Staff on such junkets who could use their gained knowledge to implement their gained expertise in the future City Parks development plans. Senior Managers do not draw plans, Planners do.

I am attaching reference materials to that affect for your information.

Barinder Ahluwalia

Reference Material Knight Rider Foundation
Pedalling influence on Key City Officials
In favor of their St. James Park Project

Agenda of August 29, 2017 Item #2.8:

http://sanjose.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=&event_id=2699&meta_id=650706

The Knight Foundation to pay the cost.

Minutes of August 29, 2017: <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/71430>

Marybeth Harasz: <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/documentcenter/view/54109>

Councilmember Khemis: <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/documentcenter/view/33763>

Toni Taber: Knight Rider Foundation Pedaling influence on the City:

<http://www.sanjoseca.gov/documentcenter/view/33815>

Pyament to Knight Rider: <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/documentcenter/view/69977>

August 12, 2014 Synopsis – Check Item # 2.8

<http://www.sanjoseca.gov/documentcenter/view/33938>

Marybeth Harasz: Synopsis September 1, 2015 Item #2.14

<http://www.sanjoseca.gov/documentcenter/view/46397>

ST JAMES PARK



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NEXT STEPS

Community Mtgs	Aug - Oct
Concept Design	June -Nov
Schematic Design	Nov - May

City Council:

Phasing Plan & Cost Estimate

May 2018

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San José Greenprint Update

The City of San José is updating its Greenprint, the guide to the future development of parks, recreation facilities and neighborhood services.

<http://www.sanjoseca.gov/greenprint>

