



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

SYNOPSIS

DEVELOPMENT MEETING

**Wednesday, October 17, 2007
5:30 P.M.**

**City Hall
Room W-120
200 East Santa Clara Street
San José, CA 95113**

MELANIE RICHARDSON, CHAIR	MARY ANN RUIZ, VICE CHAIR	
MIKE FLAUGHER	LESLEE HAMILTON	G.M. HARDING
JAMES KIM	JULIE MATSUSHIMA	ERIK KARSTAN SMITH
	MARK SWINEFORD	

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DEVELOPMENT MEETING

1 CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Richardson, Ruiz, Flaughner, Harding, Kim, Smith, and Swineford

Absent: Commissioners Hamilton and Matsushima

2 ORDERS OF THE DAY

None

3 ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Hemant Buch and Sujesh Pulikkal, from the California Cricket Academy, an organized youth-sport association, strongly advocated the development of a cricket field in San José. They have had many requests to bring the sport to San José. The field would require approximately five acres.

4 ACTION ITEMS

4.1 Set a Public Hearing on November 7, 2007, for the Naming of a Joint Community Center and Branch Library Facility at Solari Park

Deputy Director Julie Mark explained that the public hearings for items 4.1 and 4.2 would be heard in a joint meeting between the Parks and Recreation, and Library Commissions.

It was moved by Commissioner Swineford, seconded by Vice Chair Ruiz and voted unanimously to approve two public hearings be set on November 7, 2007, for: 1) the naming of a joint community center and branch library facility at Solari Park; and 2) the naming of a joint community center and branch library facility at 1000 South Bascom Avenue (item 4.2).

4.2 Set a Public Hearing on November 7, 2007, for the Naming of a Joint Community Center and Branch Library Facility at 1000 South Bascom Avenue

See motion of approval above for items 4.1 and 4.2

4.3 Action and Presentation on New Turnkey Park Located at Samaritan Drive and Cooper Avenue

- (a) Set a Public Hearing on November 7, 2007, for the Naming
- (b) Presentation on Master Plan

It was moved by Vice Chair Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Swineford and voted unanimously to approve a public hearing be set on November 7, 2007, for the naming of a new turnkey park located at Samaritan Drive and Cooper Avenue.

Senior Landscape Architect Marybeth Carter introduced the developer's landscape architect, Sherry Van Dorn, HMH Engineers. Ms. Van Dorn presented the project background, conceptual park plans, and results of input from the two community meetings held. The new 1.2-acre park is in Council District 9.

Discussion took place on the following: parking restrictions along the park street frontage; the number of residents at the community meetings (approximately five at the first and approximately 10 at the second meeting); at the community meetings, there being no prospective residents from the new housing project in attendance; inclusion

of adaptive play equipment for children with special needs; guidelines for when to provide restrooms; and signage.

The Commission complimented the concept plan as an attractive design.

It was moved by Commissioner Harding, seconded by Commissioner Flaucher and voted unanimously to accept the report of the master plan for the new turnkey park located at Samaritan Drive and Cooper Avenue.

The final approval of the master plan will be on November 7, 2007.

4.4 Action and Presentation on New Turnkey Park Located at 139 Fleming Avenue

(a) Set a Public Hearing on November 7, 2007, for the Naming

(b) Presentation on Master Plan

It was moved by Commissioner Swineford, seconded by Commissioner Harding and voted unanimously to approve a public hearing be set on November 7, 2007, for the naming of a new turnkey park located at 139 Fleming Avenue.

Landscape Designer Jason Condit presented background information, the master plan concept design and results of input from the two community meetings held. The new approximately 0.46-acre park is located in Council District 5.

Discussion took place on the following: the use of Timberform brand style play equipment to preserve the rural feel with its maintenance being comparable to that of steel; the location of existing fencing and fencing material durability; sufficient lighting for security patrol; and the type of plant cover for the trellis. The Commission requested adding security lighting and fencing on the City's land along two park edges.

It was moved by Commissioner Harding, seconded by Commissioner Swineford and voted unanimously to accept the report of the master plan for the new turnkey park located at 139 Fleming Avenue, with a directive to staff to follow up on November 7, 2007, with an update regarding the fencing and lighting.

The final approval of the master plan will be on November 7, 2007.

The development meeting concluded at 6:20 p.m. and was followed by the study session.