

Community Services Advisory Commission
Regular Meeting
Redding Civic Center
777 Cypress Avenue
Redding, California
December 14, 2005, 4:04 p.m.

MINUTES

1. Attendance

Community Services Advisory Commissioner Chair Peckenpaugh opened the meeting with the following commissioners present: McCoach and Parker. Absent was Commissioners Bandell and Waybright.

Also present were Community Services Director Niemer, Support Services Director Kersten, Recreation Superintendent Carpenter, Community Services Projects Manager McGrath, Community Services Projects Manager Hanson, Convention Center and Visitors Bureau Manager Green, Community Services Management Analyst McCallum and Community Services Executive Assistant Szyal.

2. Public Comment

None presented

3. Consent Calendar

The [minutes from the regular meeting on November 9, 2005](#), the monthly [Convention Center and Convention & Visitors Bureau Activity Report](#), the Convention Center [Capital Projects List and Calendar](#) were presented.

MOTION: To approve Consent Calendar as presented. (Made by Commissioner McCoach, Seconded by Commissioner Parker)

AYES: Commissioners McCoach, Parker and Peckenpaugh

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Commissioners Bandell and Waybright

4. Presentation on California Horse Park

Lee Salter of the McConnell Foundation delivered a presentation on the proposed California Horse Park. The proposed design includes a climate controlled venue, along with space for trade shows and vendors. This will be a multi-purpose facility which will be able to host concerts as well as tractor pulls. Proposed relocation of the Redding Rodeo to the Horse Park will free up 20 riverfront acres for development.

No action was required on this informational item.

5. Consideration of lease with Bureau of Land Management for park lands adjacent to Buckeye Park

Community Services Projects Manager McGrath advised staff is developing a future plan for the expansion of Buckeye Park from 10 to 28 acres. The 20 year lease with the Bureau of Land Management for open space adjacent to Buckeye Park has expired and staff recommends renewal, as this will allow for that expansion. The expansion of this park will address the need outlined in the Park Master Plan for better serving the northeast area.

MOTION: To recommend City Council move forward with Bureau of Land Management lease. (Made by Commissioner Parker, Seconded by Commissioner McCoach)

AYES: Commissioners McCoach, Parker and Peckenpaugh

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Commissioners Bandell and Waybright

6. Consideration of Funding Agreement with Redding School District for Improvements To Juniper Academy Jogging Path

The Redding School District (RSD) has embarked on a campaign to build jogging paths around the perimeters of their school campuses to encourage physical activity. To date, paths have been created at Bonny View Elementary School, Cypress Elementary School, Sequoia Middle School and Manzanita Elementary School. These paths have proven very popular not only with students but also with neighborhood residents, providing a safe, maintained venue for recreational fitness.

With the financial assistance of the City, Redding School District now plans to add a jogging path at the Juniper Academy, at an estimated cost of \$28,000. The projected completion date is Spring 2006. The City has partnered with Redding School District on previous improvements at the Juniper campus, including ball field upgrades and playground equipment. The addition of the jogging path offers a tremendous amenity to the neighborhood and adds to the walking options available within the city.

Through the collection of Park Development fees, the City has capital resources to direct toward park and recreation improvement efforts such as this. The approved capital improvement plan (CIP) earmarked \$150,000 for schools and partnerships in FY 2005-06. To date, \$48,000 has been appropriated between three different projects. Park Development Fee revenues are an appropriate

funding source for the capital-improvement activities above and are consistent with the approved capital improvement plan.

MOTION: Move that the City form a partnership with Redding School District to develop a jogging path within Juniper Academy grounds and recommend use of \$15,000 of Park Development funds to partner with Redding School District on the construction of a jogging path at Juniper Academy. (Made by Commissioner Parker, Seconded by Commissioner McCoach)

AYES: Commissioners McCoach, Parker and Peckenpaugh

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Commissioners Bandell and Waybright

7. Consideration of Credit Agreement for Design and Construction of Bel Air Park

Director Niemer noted this multi-phase project is currently in negotiation with the developer, Ochoa & Shehan. In 2003, the Commission recommended the dedication of a neighborhood park site as a condition of the tentative map approval of the 143-unit Bel Air Estates Subdivision (S-101). The Planning Commission concurred. The condition for approval specific to park dedication offered the developers a choice between two sites. The first option was smaller, 1.77 acre dedication with a 1.19 reservation. The second site was larger 3.57 acres dedication, adjacent to power lines and required an agreement for the developers to construct the park. The project was bought by local builders Ochoa & Shehan, who have opted for the second larger park site and a partnership to construct the park improvements.

Staff has been working with the developers over the course of the last few months to produce a park site meeting the five-acre minimum prescribed in the Parks, Trails and Open Space Master Plan. The recommended site includes 5.4 acres of park adjacent to 1.9 acres of open space central to the entire neighborhood and two future neighborhoods.

Estimated costs for the design and development of the proposed park are approximately \$500,000 in credit to fees that would have been paid to the Park Development Fund. When completed, the Bel Air Park will provide recreational opportunities to nearby residents, and assist the City in achieving the *Parks, Trails and Opens Space Master Plan* goal of providing 10 acres of developed parkland per thousand people.

MOTION: To recommend City Council approve credit agreement with Ochoa & Shehan as proposed. (Made by Commissioner McCoach, Seconded by Commissioner Parker)

AYES: Commissioners McCoach, Parker and Peckenpaugh

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Commissioners Bandell and Waybright

8. Update on Subdivision proposals

Director Niemer provided the following updates:

Shastina Ranch

Army Corp Permit process is still underway.

Searchlight Terrace

The developer has tentatively agreed to pay for and install playground equipment at Northridge Park.

Glen Brook

The Commission has reviewed this large 400+ unit project for park, trail and open space needs. Staff commissioned a wetlands delineation on the adjacent City-owned parcels. The results are just in and need to be evaluated.

No action was required on these informational items.

9. Recreation Activity Report

Superintendent Carpenter provided an overview of current Recreation Division activities

No action was required on this informational item.

10. Projects Updates

Community Projects Manager McGrath offered updates on the following projects;

The Sculpture Park at City Hall

The park is complete and will have its Grand Opening this Spring, when the plants are in full bloom. Currently working on quotes for benches, fountains, etc. Mr. Han, the sculptor of Spirit of America will be visiting in early January and will assist in signage interpretation for art lessons as people tour the park.

Caldwell Memorial

One of the two sculptures which comprise this Memorial will be completed this week, with the second to be started soon. Redding Rotary is beginning to place stone picnic tables nearby.

Vista Ridge Park

Awaiting contractor to begin concrete work. Landscaping will begin once concrete work is complete.

No action was required on these informational items.

11. Commissioner Comments

None.

12. Directors' Comments

Director Niemer provided the following comments:

Soccer Park

Vice Chairperson Waybright spoke on behalf of the Commission at the recent City Council meeting where the bid for the proposed Soccer Park was up for consideration. Commissioner Waybright clearly articulated the Commissions concerns. Construction on the Soccer Park will begin in the Spring.

Shuman Easement

This 20 feet of trail corridor on private property is located on Sunset Avenue across from Buenaventura. The City has finally reached an agreement to acquire an easement on this parcel.

40 Developmental Assets

Staff will go to City Council in January to incorporate the 40 Developmental Assets approach to youth-related programs and policies within City programs

Director Kersten provided the following comment:

Synthetic Turf

Staff are looking at the pros and cons of using synthetic turf on north Market Street medians versus the maintenance cost of sod.

No action was required on these informational items.

13. Adjournment

There being no further business, at the hour of 5:35 p.m. Chair Peckenpaugh declared the meeting adjourned.

GERRINE PECKENPAUGH, Chair