

Community Services Advisory Commission
Regular Meeting
Redding Civic Center
777 Cypress Avenue
Redding, California
January 11, 2006, 4:07 p.m.

MINUTES

1. Attendance

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

Also present were Community Services Director Niemer, Support Services Director Kersten, Recreation Superintendent Carpenter, Community Services Projects Manager McGrath and Community Services Executive Assistant Szynal.

2. Public Comment

None presented

3. Consent Calendar

The [minutes from the regular meeting on December 14, 2005](#), the monthly [Convention Center Calendar](#) and the [Recreation Division Activity Report](#) were presented.

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

AYES: Commissioners Bandell, McCoach, Parker and Waybright

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Peckenpaugh

4. Projects Update

Community Projects Manager McGrath offered updates on the following projects;

Vista Ridge

The concrete forms and block wall work has begun. The stormy weather has prevented final completion of concrete.

Caldwell Memorial

Due to the record rainfall, this project is on hold until the water recedes.

Buckeye Park

The concept plan for this proposed 17-acre park expansion is now complete and goes to City Council next Tuesday.

Sculpture Park

The landscaping work is substantially complete. Spring should bring an abundance of color. Staff have been working with the sculptor, Mr. Han, to design the interpretive materials and signage. The Art in Public Places Committee is meeting to select the artist(s) for the visiting art walk.

H.O.P.E.S. Garden (Honor Our Promise of Everlasting Service)

This garden - in honor of people who have been victims of crime - was designed to be a place of respite. The project has generated interest in a local landscaper who has volunteered to build it. We are anticipating a Spring completion.

Director Niemer provided an update on the Soccer Park.

Soccer Park

Based on recent City Council direction, we are in negotiations with Gifford Construction. Staff has been working closely with the Shasta Regional Soccer Foundation to establish committees for construction, fund raising and park operations. We will know later this summer if the opening date will be January or May of 2007.

No action was required on these informational items.

5. Consideration of Rivercrest Concept Plan

The City has entered into a contract with Alan Pardee, a landscape architect with experience building public parks. Director Niemer presented the concept plan with an explanation of the amenities to be included. Redevelopment will provide funding for first phase of construction.

This new subdivision is across the street from the Riverview Country Club on Bechelli. The park will require two acres of land purchased from the Neighborhood Church. Staff has been meeting with the church and they are amenable to this sale, which must be approved by their local board, then the regional and finally the national organization.

MOTION: To recommend and approve the concept plan as presented. (Made by Commissioner Bandell, Seconded by Commissioner McCoach)

AYES: Commissioners Bandell, McCoach, Parker and Waybright

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Peckenpaugh

6. Youth Assets Update

Director Niemer related that at the next City Council meeting staff will propose formation of a Mayor's Youth Task Force and adoption of a resolution relating to implementation of the 40 Developmental Assets approach to youth-related programs and policies.

The Mayor's Youth Task Force would be comprised of 24 youth from grades 8 thru 12 who would be chosen to represent diverse backgrounds including interests, academic levels, ethnic background and neighborhoods.

The Task Force would be given two tasks, develop a youth master plan and a grant program.

Youth Master Plan

The development of a Youth Master Plan would assist City Council and staff by identifying and prioritizing needs from a youth perspective. The Plan would also identify City processes or issues into which the youth would like to provide input. This document would be modeled after Youth Master Plans adopted in other communities, but address concerns and environments specific to Redding.

Grant Program

The Youth Task Force could be allocated a budget for projects, events, or any other activity (eligible for public funding) prioritized by the group. They could choose to implement the programs themselves, offer grants or purchase items. The Task Force would be encouraged and assisted in seeking other grant funding and community contributions. The grant program provides the Task Force with the resources necessary to implement their priorities - empowering them to not only conceive of the projects, debate and prioritize, but also fund them - thus sending an important message of credibility and respect.

If Council approves the recommendation, staff will return to them on February 13th with a budget request.

No action was required on this informational item.

7. Consideration of Glen Brook Park Site Location

Director Niemer recalled that at the October 2005 Community Services Advisory Commission meeting, staff presented two site options for a neighborhood park to serve Glen Brook, a proposed

400+ lot subdivision adjacent to I-5.

At that meeting, the Commission expressed a preference for the park to be developed on the City-owned land. Since that time, we have conducted some preliminary environmental work and have found that development of the site may carry significant permitting expenses and would delay the developer's permitting for his residential project.

Staff are now recommending the Commission pursue development of the preferred site for park development and that a park consist of an on-site park with at least 7 useable acres. Staff and the developer concur this is a central location for all residents of the proposed subdivision, as well as those of adjacent neighborhoods. The proposed site backs up to open space and connects to a new neighborhood park currently under construction at Vista Ridge.

The developer, Palomar Construction, will still be conditioned to construct the park. This recommendation allows the proposed map to proceed to the next level of review. A park concept plan and budget will be brought back to the Commission for approval.

MOTION: To recommend approval of location. (Made by Commissioner Bandell, Seconded by Commissioner Parker)

AYES: Commissioners Bandell, McCoach, Parker and Waybright

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Peckenpaugh

8. Appointment of Commission Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

Director Niemer reported that the Commission typically re-organizes during the January meeting.

MOTION: To appoint Commissioner Waybright be appointed to Chair and Leona McCoach to Vice Chair. (Made by Commissioner Parker, Seconded by Commissioner Bandell)

AYES: Commissioners Bandell, McCoach, Parker and Waybright

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Peckenpaugh

9 Commissioner Comments

None.

10. Directors' Comments

Director Niemer related that the appraisal for the 22 acre Gregory property has come in at \$300,000

more than is budgeted. This issue arose in just the last few days - after the Commission packets were sent out - and time is of the essence to bring this to Council and close the deal. The property is in an area off Shasta View which has no neighborhood parks. Staff believe we need to purchase the piece and that it can be accommodated in the plan as building permits have been more robust lately.

Commission Bandell abstained from commenting. Commissioners McCoach and Parker expressed the opinion that it would be a good investment for the City.

Director Niemer advised that the Mayor wants to convene a meeting on February 13th to bring together all large projects which are being discussed. One of the issues the Mayor wants to discuss is the amount of park funds going toward the Soccer Park. He has asked staff to take a look at how all or a portion of that money could be returned to park fund. The Commission will need some representation at that meeting to advocate their viewpoint.

No action was required on these informational items.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business, at the hour of 4:56 p.m. Chair Waybright declared the meeting adjourned.

JASON WAYBRIGHT, Chair