

Community Services Advisory Commission
Regular Meeting
Redding Civic Center
777 Cypress Avenue
Redding, California
June 8, 2005, 4:04 p.m.

MINUTES

1. Attendance

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

Also present were Community Services Director Niemer, Support Services Director Kersten, Recreation Superintendent Carpenter, Convention Center and Visitors Bureau Manager Green, Community Projects Manager Hanson, Community Projects Manager McGrath, Management Assistant to the City Manager Cherpeski and Community Services Executive Assistant Szynal.

2. Consent Calendar

The minutes from the regular meeting on April 13, 2005, the minutes from the regular meeting on May 11, 2005, the monthly Convention Center and Convention & Visitors Bureau Activity Report, the Convention Center Capital Projects List and Calendar, and the Recreation Division Activity Report were presented. A brief discussion of the reports ensued.

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

AYES: Commissioners McCoach, Peckenpaugh and Waybright

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Commissioners Bandell and Parker

3. Public Comment

None presented

4. Projects Update

Staff provided updates on the following projects; Caldwell Memorial, the City Hall Sculpture Park Jump River Playground, Vista Ridge Park and the International Mosaiculture.

Community Projects Manager McGrath offered the following updates:

Caldwell Memorial

Stone transport is being coordinated, with public sculpting to begin in July.

Jump River Playground

Irrigation installation is underway in anticipation of sod installation.

Vista Ridge Park

Staff are working with volunteer contractors and the neighborhood to complete the remaining items, including a swing set workday.

City Hall Sculpture Park

The construction bid will be awarded June 21, with construction beginning shortly thereafter.

Within the next few months we will hold a Call for Artists for the four locations where sculpture will be profiled on a rotating basis.

Director Niemer offered the following update:

International Mosaiculture

The International Mosaiculture Committee held their annual meeting in Redding on May 20, with members from Italy, China, France and Canada. The Committee will loan to the City, for a period of one year, steel forms for the installation of three mallards in the City Hall Sculpture Park. Each form requires approximately 3500 plants to becoming a living work of art.

No action was required on these informational items.

5. Real Estate Management Policy

Management Assistant Nathan Cherpeski outlined the draft Real Estate Management Policy. The purpose of the proposed Real Estate Policy is to more efficiently implement the many plans which govern the City's land needs. The Parks, Trails and Open Space Master Plan, General Plan, Utility Master Plan and other specific plans will serve as guiding documents in the implementation of this policy.

The City of Redding maintains a large and diverse list of real estate holdings which include public buildings, utility infrastructure sites, parks and open space. At the same time, the City's real estate needs continue to evolve as the City grows and expands. With an inventory of 5,500+ acres of real estate owned today, and long-term needs for real estate to meet various capital improvement planning needs on an ongoing basis, it is in the interest of the City of Redding to strategically manage its real estate assets.

When the City's holdings are analyzed as a "portfolio," it is possible that the composition of the City's real estate holdings might be modified to better serve public purposes. The same is true with respect to the City's future needs for real estate which are largely anticipated in plans for capital improvements, redevelopment, parks, trails & open space, and utility master plans. This tool will be a new means to classify and track the City's property assets, including current and future park sites.

Management Assistant Nathan Cherpeski presented a map of all City fee-owned parcels and requested from the Commission their comments or concerns which could be integrated into the staff report which will be presented to City Council.

Commissioners expressed interest in viewing updates to this portfolio, particularly as they relate to surplus park sites.

MOTION: Commission recommends City Council approve staff report as drafted and thanked the City Council for the opportunity to review. (Made by Commissioner McCoach, Seconded by Commissioner Waybright)

AYES: Commissioners McCoach, Peckenpaugh and Waybright
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Commissioners Bandell and Parker

6. Subdivision Review

Community Projects Manager Hanson provided updates on the following subdivisions; West Ridge, Fleur de Lac and Shastina Ranch.

West Ridge

In April, the Commission directed staff to proceed with negotiations with the developers and that one CSAC Commissioner and one Planning Commissioner attend these meetings. This group has since met twice and arrived at the consensus there should be a 20-acre park site. Within the next few months, staff will bring to the Commission a recommendation for formal action and relegation to the Planning Commission.

Fleur de Lac

While the developer was not conditioned to build a trail, the trail easement remains in place for the trail to be built at a future date.

Shastina Ranch

In February, the Commission made a recommendation regarding park size for this subdivision. The environmental review is complete and it will now go to the Planning Commission and then City Council for approval.

7. Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Peckenpaugh noted that she attended the Benton Dog Park Association's "Dogs for Dogs" fundraiser, where \$1,116 was raised through a combination of donations and the sale of hot dogs, drinks and t-shirts. The Association will hold another fundraiser in July to raise monies for drainage improvements at the Dog Park.

8. Director's Comments

City Council Priority Setting

At the City Council Priority Setting meeting, the City Council gave highest priority to the following projects: Stillwater Business Park, California Horse Park, Convention Center area. Master Plan, downtown improvements, Park Marina Drive improvements, neighborhood traffic calming, plan line studies, regional storm drain detention plans, Shasta Historical Society building, Sundial Lodge and Spa at Turtle Bay, Tree Preservation Ordinance, Youth Development Asset program, 10-year plan for hiring City employees, Victor Avenue between Highway 44 and Hartnell Avenue.

Arboretum Opening

The Grand Opening on May 30 for the McConnell Arboretum and Gardens went very well, with at least 3,000 attendees. There are over 400 new memberships since the opening. The Arboretum is holding guided walks on Friday, Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Soccer Park

We are in the process of finalizing the lease agreement with the soccer group.

New Library

Attached for your benefit is the Library Governance and Financing Task Force Final Report Executive Summary on the new library.

July Meeting

The July, 2005 meeting has been rescheduled to July 20th.

No action was required on these informational items.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, at the hour of 5:30 p.m. Chair Peckenpaugh declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

GERRINE PECKENPAUGH, Chair