



PARKS, ARTS AND RECREATION ACTION MINUTES

Special Meeting of October 17, 2007
Grant Park
1575 Holt Avenue Los Altos, California 94024

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Williams, Commissioners Lee Eng, Bautista, Charlton, Greguras, Cooper

Absent: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

COMMISSIONER LEE ENG MOVED the Minutes of the September 12, 2007 Special Meeting be approved as written. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHARLTON AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

COMMISSIONER COOPER MOVED the Minutes of the September 19, 2007 Regular Meeting be approved as amended. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LEE ENG AND FAILED BY VOICE VOTE 2/4.

COMMISSIONER BAUTISTA MOVED the Minutes of the September 19, 2007 Regular Meeting be approved as written. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS AND PASSED BY VOICE VOTE 4/2.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comments were received.

BUSINESS

GRANT PARK PLAYGROUND RENOVATION DESIGN RECOMMENDATION

Dave Brees, Recreation Director, presented the Commission's modified playground design option in addition to the two previously proposed options for the Grant Park playground design. Mr. Ewing Philbin representing Ross Recreation Inc. and Landscape Structures was also present and answered questions presented to him by the Commission.

Commissioner Lee Eng recused herself from the dais at this point of the discussion as she lives across the street from the park.

The following community members addressed the Commission: Lynette Lee Eng, Morgan Yang, and Lin Lee.

The community members expressed their ideas which included consideration of enlarging the play area, to keep the swings, add a tire swing, and incorporate an additional stand alone rock, and if possible, make the playground equipment more challenging.

The Commission liked the revised proposed design of the park. The Commission also discussed the possibility of expanding the play area to incorporate the possibility of an additional rock climber. At this time the Commission took a five minute break to conduct a site inspection of the playground area.

Following discussion, COMMISSIONER BAUTISTA MOVED to support the use of Design Option 3 with modifications including the expansion of the curbing at the top and bottom of the drawing to a point to accommodate two point climbers while maintaining the required walking path width. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COOPER AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

COMMISSIONER BAUTISTA MOVED the following modifications be made to the proposed Design Option 3: On both structures, replace the Ring-a-ling panel with a balcony; add a custom hex recycled 2 by 4 roof over the 72 inch deck, replace the zoo panel on the preschool structure with a chime panel. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHARLTON AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Commissioner Lee Eng rejoined the meeting at this time.

PUBLIC SCULPTURE COMMITTEE – WATERBIRDS SCULPTURE DONATION

Rob Specker, Chair of the Public Sculpture Committee presented the Committee's recommendation to decline the donation offer of the Waterbirds sculpture currently on display in Lincoln Park. Mr. Specker cited the cost of ongoing maintenance with the sculpture as a significant factor in the Committee's recommendation. Mr. Specker also noted the sculpture has never functioned in its full capacity since its installation three years ago. The commission briefly discussed the donation offer and quickly came to the same conclusion as the Committee.

COMMISSIONER COOPER MOVED to accept the Public Sculpture Committee's recommendation and to thank the artist for her offer. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHARLTON AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

PARK OPENING CELEBRATIONS- WHISTLE STOP & HERITAGE OAKS PARKS

Dave Brees, Recreation Director, updated the Commission on the status of the two playground renovation projects. Commissioner Bautista discussed different options and scale of events for opening events at the two parks. There was consensus to do something at Whistle Stop and not at Heritage Oaks. Commissioners felt the opening events were multifaceted, provided opportunities to bring the community together and recommended other commissions be invited to participate in the event.

AFTERSCHOOL ENRICHMENT CLASS SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

Chair Williams updated the Commission on the progress of the CFAC subcommittee project. The PARC subcommittee was please with the progress CFAC was making and will write a letter expressing their support to the Council for consideration when the project is presented.

Megan Satterlee, community member, presented comments in support of classes being offered at all school sites to reduce the impacts of cross town traffic.

NOVEMBER MEETING DATE

There was consensus on the Commission to change the November meeting date to November 14, 2007 due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY

There was consensus on the Commission to once again participate in the Adopt-a-Family program and to select a medium size family.

PARK INSPECTION REPORTS

Commissioners turned in their individual park inspection reports

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.