



PARKS, ARTS AND RECREATION ACTION MINUTES

Special Meeting of September 12, 2007

Grant Park

1575 Holt Avenue

Los Altos, California 94024

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Commissioner Cooper

BUSINESS

MONTCLAIRE PARK PLAYGROUND DESIGN RECOMMENDATION

Dave Brees, Recreation Director, presented the two proposed options for the Montclair Park playground design, layout and surfacing material. Staff recommended Design Option 1 as the preferred option for the park.

The following community members addressed the Commission: Scott Hung, Cindy Andrews and Karen Rizkaua. Community member comments included the use of a possible shade umbrella, use of belt swings, and synthetic playground surfacing material in the play area.

The Commission discussed different equipment options in each design option. After considering the pros and cons of each proposed design, the Commission consensus was for Design Option 1 with modifications.

COMMISSIONER GREGURAS MOVED to adopt Design Option 1 with modifications.
COMMISSIONER CHARLTON SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT WAS PASSED 4-1.
COMMISSIONER LEE-ENG ABSTAINED.

COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS MOVED that the colors of the equipment be blue and tan.
COMMISSIONER GREGURAS SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT PASSED BY VOICE
VOTE 5-0.

COMMISSIONER BAUTISTA MOVED that a roof be placed over the second deck unit.
COMMISSIONER CHARLTON SECONDED THE VOTE AND IT PASSED 4-1.

COMMISSIONER BAUTISTA MOVED that a roller slide replace the double poly slide.
COMMISSIONER CHARLTON SECONDED THE MOTION AND PASSED
UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER BAUTISTA MOVED the talk tube be eliminated. COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS SECONDED THE MOTION AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

COMMISSIONER BAUTISTA MOVED the pilot panel become a balcony. COMMISSIONER LEE ENG SECONDED THE MOTION AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER BAUTISTA MOVED the hole panel become a store front. COMMISSIONER CHARLTON SECONDED THE MOTION AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER LEE ENG MOVED the loop arch be replaced by the snake climber. COMMISSIONER GREGURAS SECONDED THE MOTION and passed unanimously.

COMMISSIONER BAUTISTA MOVED the ring-a-ling panel be replaced with the navigator reach panel. COMMISSIONER GREGURAS SECONDED THE MOTION AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

GRANT PARK PLAYGROUND RENOVATION DESIGN RECOMMENDATION

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

Dave Brees, Recreation Director, presented the two proposed options for the Grant Park playground design, layout and surfacing material. Staff recommended Design Option 1 as the preferred option for the park.

The following community members addressed the commission: Lynette Lee Eng, Joyce Baran, Larry Crane and Cindy Andrews.

The community members expressed their ideas which included consideration of enlarging the play area, to keep or relocate the swings, add a tire swing, add a fire pole, add a climbing wall, keep the sand box, keep the rocks and incorporate a stand alone rock, and if possible, make the playground equipment more challenging.

Extensive Commission discussion followed the public comments. There was consensus on the Commission to utilize Design Option 1 for the school age area and Design Option 2 for the preschool area. The Commission desired to see if Landscape Structures Inc.(LSI) would be able to modify the school age area design to include the following: rotate the design 90 degrees, replace the school age swings with a tire swing, relocate the rock pinnacle attached to the structure to a stand alone place in the center of the area, and relocate the tot swings. Staff will investigate the design options with LSI and report back to the Commission at a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.