



## **PARKS, ARTS, AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES**

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Meeting of February 13, 2002  
97 Hillview Ave  
Los Altos, California 94022

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**Commissioners Present:** Chairperson Casas, Commissioners Roeder, Cooper, Charlton, Lippe

**Commissioners Absent:** Commissioner Toppel

**Approval of Minutes:** January 16 minutes approved as written.

**Special Interest Item:** Chairperson Casas announced the resignation of Commissioner Toppel.

**Public Comment:** There was no Public Comment presented.

### **Business**

#### **1. Shoup Park Group Area Name Recommendations**

Mr. Dave Brees updated the Commission on the progress of soliciting name proposals for the group picnic area in Shoup Park. To date, only two names had been submitted. The Commission considered possible options and suggested other names to be added to the list. The following names were considered: Pride and Honor, American Heroes, Patriot's Place, Proudly We Hail, American Spirit, America's Finest, Patriots Corner and Patriot's Dreaming Area. The Commission supported the idea that the word "patriot" or "patriots" be in the title.

On Motion by Commissioner Roeder and seconded by Commissioner Casas and passed by 5-0 vote, Patriot's Corner was selected as the recommendation for the Shoup Park group areas new name.

#### **2. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Block Party Starter Kits**

Mr. Arnold Ambriel of 300 Silvia Drive spoke on the possibility of having Block Party starter kits made for the public. Commissioner Casas discussed the possibility of the Commission taking the responsibility for putting together the Block Party starter kits. The kit would include: a permit application and a list of references and phone numbers to address the customers needs for planning a smooth party. Community access to tables and chairs was also discussed. There was general support by the Commission to proceed with this type of idea. Commissioner Casas will work with staff to further develop the concept.

### **3. Shoup Park Playground Presentation Introduction**

Mr. Glenn Lyles informed the Commission on the process, procedure and evaluation of the playground presentations. Mr. Lyles presented to the Commission an evaluation packet to help them with the ratings of each vendor.

## **Discussion and Public Interest Items**

### **1. Shoup Park Playground Renovation Project-Equipment Vendor Presentations**

The Commission heard presentations regarding the Shoup Park playground equipment from four vendors. The vendor schedule was as follows:

☞ Playgrounds By Design- Jim Bruno	7-7:30 p.m.
☞ North State Playgrounds- Cindy Cooper	7:30-8:00 p.m.
☞ Ross Recreation Equipment- Ewing Philbin	8:00-8:30 p.m.
☞ Edwards & Associates- John Edwards	8:30-9:00 p.m.

Mr. Keith Gutierrez, 482 University Drive, spoke to the commission in favor of the Edwards Play equipment due to the open visual areas. In addition, Mr. Gutierrez stated the play structure didn't need to be one unit. He also stated there needed to be more swings and that he liked a sand play area. After the presentation from the vendors, the Commissioners rated each vendor's equipment recommendations and held a general discussion on each of the vendors. On a motion by Commissioner Casas and seconded by Commissioner Roeder, the PARC voted unanimously to recommend to the City Council they consider to proceed with Ross Recreation Equipment for the elementary and pre-school playground replacement, subject to their ability to meet the following conditions in the pre-school area. The PARC further recommended that Council reject the water/sand elements proposed and reinvestigate the possibility of other features.

The PARC recommended the following for equipment changes to the pre-school area:

- ☞ Incorporate bars instead of plastic panels – improve the line of sight in the structure
- ☞ Eliminate the use of the “Arthur” cartoon character and use no other cartoons on the equipment
- ☞ Add a steering wheel element
- ☞ Add ground level tunnels
- ☞ Exchange two spring rockers for two back hoe type elements
- ☞ Include four bucket swings

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Dave Brees, Recreation Director  
Liaison to the Parks, Art and Recreation Commission