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

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Special Meeting of November 14th, 2007  
City Council Chambers  
1 North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California 94022

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### **ROLL CALL**

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

**Absent:** None

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

COMMISSIONER LEE ENG MOVED that the minutes of the October 17th Regular Meeting be amended. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COOPER AND PASSED 6-0-1 VOTE. Commissioner Baron was not on the Commission at the time of the meeting.

### **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

#### **44<sup>th</sup> Annual Halloween Window Painting Contest Award Presentation**

Ms. Jennifer Weiss, Recreation Coordinator, Commissioners Lee Eng and Greguras presented the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Halloween Window Painting contest award winners with picture plaques of their painting for 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> place in each grade level.

#### **Community Pool Foundation Presentation**

Mr. Dick Thomas, Mr. John Day and Ms. Debbie Munro, representatives from the Los Altos Community Pool Foundation presented the design model of the Los Altos Community Pool. They explained the estimated cost of the project will be approximately \$8,000,000 and the pool will be owned and operated by the City of Los Altos once completed. They are still seeking 3.5 million in cash and pledges.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Public Comment was presented at the meeting.

## **BUSINESS**

### **GRANT PARK PLAYGROUND 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 revised playground design option for the Commission's consideration. The revised design incorporated the Commission's suggestions from the October 14, 2007 meeting.

Public comment was received from Lynette Lee Eng. Ms. Lee Eng spoke as a resident in regard to Grant Park playground design recommendations.

Commissioners discussed the design considerations involving the rock ridges and the expansion of the sand play area and the roof on the structure. Mr. Brees answered the questions regarding the use zones, curbing, compatible play space, play value, and project budget. Commission consensus was to eliminate the pointed roof on the school age structure and increase the sand area. Commissioners felt that the extra cost of the project would be minimal when amortized over the expected lifetime of the equipment. Commissioners also believed there would be an increase in Park in Lieu fees in the near future that could be utilized to cover any increase in the proposed equipment design .

COMMISSIONER GREGURAS MOVED to adopt Option 4 playground structure design with the removal of the pointed peak roof on the school age structure and increase the sand area to the maximum size possible.

COMMISSIONER COOPER SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT PASSED BY VOICE VOTE 6-0.

COMMISSIONER LEE ENG RETURNING AFTER VOTE.

### **DRAFT PARK USE ORDINANCE REVIEW**

Mr. Brees presented the proposed Park Use Ordinance for the Commission's consideration. The proposed ordinance would address the issue of commercial use in the parks and provide parameters for appropriate park use.

The Commission was supportive of the proposed Park Use Ordinance and was a little surprised the City did not already address some of the proposed ordinance prohibitions already via the Municipal Code. The Commission reviewed the proposed Ordinance and generally agreed with staff's recommendations.

There was some discussion amongst the Commissioners regarding the language on the proposed park signs and what information would be displayed. There was interest in posting emergency information, tennis court use etiquette, and ordinances relating to dogs off leash on the signs near tennis courts. The Commission offered some minor wording suggestions to allow for a clearer interpretation of the ordinance.

COMMISSIONER COOPER MOVED to approve the proposed Park Use Ordinance and support staffs recommendation with the amendments. COMMISSIONER CHARLTON SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT PASSED BY VOICE VOTE 7-0.

### **WHISTLESTOP & HERITAGE OAKS PLAYGROUND OPENINGS**

Commissioners agreed not to offer a park opening ceremony at Heritage Oaks Park and deferred the opening of the Whistlestop Opening until January to wait for the results of possible grant funds for the playground.

### **PUBLIC SCULPTURE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

Mr. Brees presented the Public Sculpture Committee's Annual Report and 2008 Workplan. There was little discussion and the report was accepted by the Commission.

### **2007 COMMISSION ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

Chair Williams presented a draft proposal of the Commission's 2007 Accomplishments. The proposal contained a short and a longer form of the information. The Commission supported the use of the longer descriptive format of the report. The Commission reviewed the information and gave suggestions. Chair Williams will return with a final draft of the report at the December Commission meeting.

### **2008 COMMISSION GOALS**

Chair Williams presented the proposed 2008 Goals of the Commission. Individual commissioners provided clarification and offered suggestions. Chair Williams will return with a final draft of the 2008 Commission goals at the December meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.