



DATE: November 13, 2019

AGENDA ITEM #2

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Jon Biggs, Community Development Director
Donna Legge, Recreation & Community Services Director

SUBJECT: Hillview Park General Plan Land Use and Zoning Designation

RECOMMENDATION

Review General Plan and Zoning designations for the Los Altos Civic Center Complex.

BACKGROUND

At its regular meeting of October 3, 2019, the Planning Commission recommended that City Council approve the Zoning Map and General Plan Amendments to rezone portions of Grant Park, Redwood Grove, Shoup Park, S. Springer and Paco Drive Roadside Open Space, and the Fallen Leaf Lane bike path to PCF (Public and Community Facilities) and “Park”/”Open Space” General Plan land use designation, subject to the suggested findings of the resolution.

At its regular meeting of October 16, 2019, the Parks and Recreation Commission (Commission) requested that the topic of “Hillview Park General Plan Land Use and Zoning Designation” be placed on the November 13, 2019, agenda. Since this item was placed on the agenda, Community Development Director Jon Biggs is not available to attend. It is recommended that this item be rescheduled at a future meeting.

DISCUSSION

In response to the concern, Community Development staff explained that the Planning Commission was considering proposed amendments that correct the General Plan Land Use and Zoning maps. For example – some of the existing lots that make up Grant Park have a residential zoning designation – the zoning map amendment being considered by the Planning Commission on October 3, 2019, applies the more appropriate Public and Community Facilities designation to these, which reflects and provides for the uses at Grant Park.

The land use designation of the parcel where Hillview Park is located, the Civic Center Campus is Public and Institutional. Hillview Park is part of the Civic Center Campus, which has a Public and Institutional land use designation, so it is not subject to the General Plan amendment that was adopted on October 3, 2019.

Future decisions may provide the direction needed to evaluate the General Plan Land Use and Zoning designations of other City owned properties, such as Hillview Park. These evaluations will require a review of such properties to determine where the appropriate boundary between land use or zoning designations should be located and a review of other City codes and policies that may apply – this review will be needed prior to carrying changes

to land use or zoning designations of other city owned properties forward. The action taken by the Planning Commission on October 3, 2019, does not preclude such evaluations and reviews from taking place in the future.

At its joint meeting with City Council on November 5, 2019, the Planning Commission asked if resources should be allocated to an evaluation of the land use designations of the Civic Center complex. The Council did not object to this – but there remains to be several other initiatives the Planning Commission is working on that will take precedent for the upcoming future.

Attachment

1. City of Los altos Civic Center Parcel Map