

RANCHO SIMI RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

MAE BOYAR BUILDING AD HOC COMMITTEE

**OAK PARK COMMUNITY CENTER AND GARDENS
1000 NORTH KANAN ROAD, OAK PARK, CA**

FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2016, 2:30 PM

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order – the meeting was called to order at 2:35 pm by Chair Derek Ross with Committee members Mike McReynolds and James Ebert present, staff members Richard Lemmo, Wayne Nakaoka, Renee Peace and Larry Peterson in attendance, and guests Carolyn Cass-Barton, Betty Salazar and Stephanie Bertholdo in attendance.
- II. Public Discussion – Resident Betty Salazar indicated her desire to see an alternative building look and stated that she does not want trees to be removed. Resident Carolyn Cass-Barton said that the Brookside school parking lot should be shared between the School and Park Districts. Staff member Nakaoka responded by stating his opinion that shared use of the parking lot will likely lead to use restrictions being placed onto the Mae Boyar building by the County during the permitting process.
- III. Review and Discussion of Revised Conceptual Layout and Site Plan for the Mae Boyar Recreation Building Replacement Project – Staff member Nakaoka reviewed the staff report and graphic showing the proposed building shifted to the southwest and an expanded parking lot in the approximate location of the existing parking lot. More discussion occurred that trees should not be removed, and some discussion also occurred about the potential to relocate trees. Various discussions occurred regarding parking options, which included a potential expansion of the Brookside School parking lot and on-street parking. Reducing the size of the parking lot by six stalls, making the assumption that the cars would instead be parked on the street, appears to eliminate the need to remove two trees.

The Committee Members reviewed and expressed support for the identified building parameters, which include: Size the building at 3800 square feet; Place it diagonal to Kanan Road; Move it southwest from the current location to create more usable space on the northeast side; Include large sliding glass doors on north side of building; Expand the parking lot to meet the County's parking requirements; Design the building and parking lot to prevent the need for tree removal if possible; Consider the potential expansion of the Brookside School parking lot to help meet the parking requirements; Retain the landscape

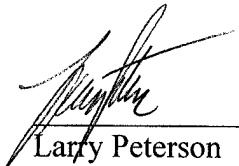
buffer for the parking lot; Limit the building to a single story; Improve park lighting; and, include kitchen and restrooms, operable partition to separate main assembly area, natural lighting, picnic and grilling facilities in adjacent grass area, high tech wiring, and drought tolerant landscaping where appropriate.

Committee Member Ebert expressed his opinion that the residents had expressed their support for a rustic look to the new building. Committee member McReynolds reviewed the survey results which showed support for a look matching the Oak Park Community Center or more modern look. Some additional discussion occurred, including a reference to the design of the Agoura Library

Committee Member McReynolds made a motion to present three alternatives to the Oak Park – Park and Recreation Planning Committee at its April 14th meeting, showing three design renderings – Oak Park Community Center style, modern style and rustic style, showing two parking lot locations – Brookside School parking lot and existing Mae Boyar Park parking lot, and showing 56 parking spaces in the park and 50 parking spaces in the park and 6 parking spaces on the street; Committee Member Ebert seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Staff indicated it will prepare a graphic showing an expansion to the Brookside School parking lot and submit it to the Oak Park Unified School District with a question of whether or not it would be willing to consider such an expansion and if so under what circumstances.

IV. Adjourn meeting – the meeting adjourned at 3:50 pm.



Larry Peterson
District Manager