

MINUTES
RANCHO SIMI RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT
OAK PARK RECREATION & PARK PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
OAK PARK COMMUNITY CENTER & GARDENS
1000 N. KANAN ROAD, OAK PARK, CA 91377
THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2015
7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

ITEM

- I. CALL TO ORDER
INTRODUCTIONS The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm, Vice Chair Paule presiding over meeting in Chair Ross's absence.

Committee Members Present: Shayna Charter, James Ebert, Michael Sklar, Mike Paule, Tom Ray

Others Present: District Board Member Dee Dee Cavanaugh
District Legal Counsel Brian Hamblet
District Staff Members Eugene Molnar, Renee Peace and Larry Peterson

Guests Present: Members of the community Carolyn Cass Barton, John Deluca, Barbara Deminico, Larry Jaffe, Jana Orkney, and Gene Rosecrans

II. PUBLIC DISCUSSION (items not on the agenda)

Community Member Jana Orkney, representing herself as an Oak Park resident, asked if the Park District could look into the natural debris that has dammed up the creek near Conifer street. District Manager Peterson indicated that other governmental entities also had jurisdiction of the area.

Vice Chair Paule welcomed Shayna Charter and Tom Ray to the Oak Park Committee

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meeting of April 9, 2015.

ACTION: Committee Member Sklar moved to approve the minutes from the April 9, 2015 meeting; Committee Member Ray seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Vice Chair Paule requested Item F be moved first under New Business due to the number of guests present to comment on this item.

- F. District Manager Peterson reported that the Ad Hoc Committee had met and received public comment in regards to the planned replacement of the Mae Boyar building. A summary of the public comment was provided together with a brief recap of the current uses of the building, determinations of the Committee and the Board to replace the building and current funding allocations towards the building replacement project.

Members of the public asked the Committee and District staff to consider feedback concerning the construction of a new Mae Boyar Building. Members noted these items: preserve trees, consider a two story building to keep the building footprint the same, retain landscape buffer for parking lot, consider construction impact on the 50th anniversary event, include history wall, keep park the same, reflect heritage of building, retain angle of building to Kanan, do not expand parking lot, keep the look of the building the same, improve the look of the building, place the building at another park, add a parking lot at Satinwood, relocate tennis courts, publicly notice the Ad Hoc Committee meetings and post updates on the District's website. Mr. Peterson suggested that the Oak Park Committee members provide feedback that can be incorporated into a future design that could then become the subject of a public hearing at the park location. Vice Chair Paule and

Member Ebert indicated they would get input from the Ad Hoc members and review the issues brought forth by public comment at tonight's meeting. Vice Chair Paule suggested the Committee skim over each concept delivered tonight by guests. Committee Member Charter indicated she would like to see building design that is new, like the Community Center.

ACTION: Committee Member Ebert made a motion to table the Mae Boyar facility discussions to enable the Ad Hoc Committee to take more time to discuss and develop preliminary ideas. Member Ray seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

A. Report on the Oak Park Recreation Programs

Supervisor Peace highlighted new and successful programs including special events.

B. Presentation of Summer Camp Highlights

Supervisor Peace presented a short music video of a summer dance and music camp; Dance Imagination Camp with Bronwen Li-Paz.

C. Report on Planning and Development Issues In Oak Park

District Manager Peterson fielded questions regarding a proposal from a cell phone service provider to construct a new cell tower, and explained that the District was awaiting the receipt of graphics and completion of legal review in regards to reversionary clauses on the recorded deeds, and the matter would be presented to the Committee for consideration thereafter.

D. Grounds Maintenance Report

Senior Grounds Supervisor Molnar fielded questions from Committee Members regarding water restrictions.

Committee Member Ebert voiced his support for new sustainable plant materials during Phase 2 of the Indian Springs Park planter renovation.

E. Report on Status of Financial Matters in Oak Park Area

District Manager Peterson provided a brief summary of the report. Vice Chair Paule asked if the amount for the General Fund fluctuated and to explain reserves. Mr. Peterson stated that the figures are estimated for 2015-2016 based on the past nine months. The reserves currently reflect a positive balance at the end of the year.

G. Reports by Committee Members Regarding Park Inspection Results and Park Adoptions

Committee Member Ebert identified a problem at Mae Boyar and Indian Springs with galvanized trash lids not fitting the container. Member Charter added concern over raccoons getting in and knocking over cans. Mr. Molnar will have staff investigate the park receptacles in Oak Park and obtain a count of cans with mechanical issues so that necessary repairs and/or replacements can be undertaken.

Vice Chair Paule reminded District staff to revisit the dog spigot idea for water fountains. Mr. Peterson said it is on the list for future report items.

Vice Chair Paule invited all members to view parks in addition to the parks they chose to adopt. District Manager Peterson provided a hand out for Committee Members to choose a park; Member Sklar selected Deerhill, Member Ray chose Eagle View, Member Charter selected Mae Boyar and Vice Chair Paule selected Indian Springs.

V. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

VI. ITEMS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Paule adjourned the meeting at 8:55 pm, next meeting to occur October 8, 2015.



Renee Peace

Recreation Supervisor – Oak Park