

MINUTES
RANCHO SIMI RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT
OAK PARK – PARK AND RECREATION PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
OAK PARK COMMUNITY CENTER & GARDENS
1000 N. KANAN ROAD, OAK PARK, CA 91377
OCTOBER 13, 2016
7:03 P.M.

MINUTES

ITEM

- I. CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm
Committee Members Present; James Ebert, Tom
Ray, Mike McReynolds, Dennis Wheeler, and
Derek Ross

Others Present: District Board Member Gene Hostetler
District Legal Counsel Brian Hamblet
District Staff Members Richard Lemmo, Wayne
Nakaoka, Renee Peace, and Larry Peterson

Guests Present: Mountains Restoration Trust Members Emily Beck
and Betsey Sheets.

- II. PUBLIC DISCUSSION (items not on the agenda)

A. None

- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meeting of July 14, 2016

ACTION: Committee Member McReynolds moved to approve the minutes
from the July 14, 2016 meeting. Vice Chair Ross seconded the motion.
Motion carried unanimously.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Review and Possible Approval of Conceptual Design for the Mae Boyar Recreation Building Replacement Project.

Director of Planning Wayne Nakaoka introduced Francisco Behr and Michael Browsers from Behr Browsers Architects Incorporated who outlined their conceptual design in a PowerPoint presentation.

Chair Hostetler inquired about the doors on the south side of the building. Mr. Behr replied they were double swinging doors. Vice Chair Ross inquired about budgetary figures. District Manager Peterson stated that the Park District will not have that information until further project reports are submitted. Vice Chair Ross inquired about LEED certifications. District Manager Peterson explained that the Park District will be incorporating into the building energy efficient standards equivalent to LEED. Ross inquired about the Bio-Swales project along Kanan Road and if the new project would be conflicting with ours. The architects mentioned the site drainage will be designed in conformance with the County policy including the requirement for water infiltration. Ross inquired about interior acoustics due to the large open interior. Architect replied that acoustic materials to reduce sound would be used on the ceiling, back wall, and partitions. Mr. Behr concluded that different layouts would be tested to insure concepts work.

ACTION: Committee Member Mike McReynolds moved to approve the Mae Boyar Recreation Building Replacement Project based on the conceptual design plans prepared by Behr-Brower Architect, incorporated. Member Tom Ray seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- B. Renew and Possible Approval of Plan by Mountains Restoration Trust to Restore Approximately 0.73 Acres along Medea Creek Just to the North and South of Conifer Street.

Representatives from Mountains Restoration Trust, Betsey Scheets and Emily Beck, provided a brief summary of the project to restore areas along Medea Creek. Mountains Restoration Trust will be looking for volunteer residents to help plant up to 700 vegetation materials. These materials are intended to assist with the sustainable restoration of the water shed and bike areas along the creek.

District Manager Peterson stated that Ventura County Fire Department requires 100 feet of brush clearance from structures and that the proposed plantings respect that requirement.

ACTION: Committee Member Dennis Wheeler moved to approve the plan by Mountains Restoration Trust to restore approximately 0.73 acres along Medea Creek just to the North and South of Conifer Street. Vice Chair Ross seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- C. Discussion Regarding Wooden "Oak Park" Sign

District Manager Peterson stated the Park Districts perception of the sign is that it has no historical value. Vice Chair Ross offered to approach Oak Park Unified School District PTA with the possibility of placement.

- D. Report on the Oak Park Recreation Programs

Recreation Supervisor Peace inquired if there were any questions or discussions regarding the posting of the Recreation Report. No further discussions.

E. Report on Planning and Development Issues in Oak Park

District Manager Peterson summarized the original deed for the land and how the revisionary clause may pertain to cell towers.

Vice Chair Ross thanked the Park District for working with representatives from Oak Hills Elementary School on their concerns with the renovation playground project at Valley View Park.

F. Grounds Maintenance Report

District Manager Peterson invited comments on the new pickleball and disc golf projects in Oak Park. Vice Chair Ross stated that Principal Stu McGugan of Oak View High School was in favor of the projects and looks forward to use by teens.

G. Reports by Committee Members Regarding Park Inspection Results

Chair Ebert congratulated Ross on being the recipient of the Community Foundation Golden Acorn Award.

Vice Chair Ross gave a warm thank you to Committee Member and MAC representative Mike McReynolds on his future plans to leave the community of Oak Park. Ross and Peterson acknowledged all his hard work with the community.

Chair Ebert inquired if the faded signs at Wistful Vista Open Space could be replaced. Director of Planning and Maintenance Nakaoka indicated they will be replaced.

V WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

VI ITEMS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Vice Chair Ross announced there would be a nature hike honoring the woman of Oak Park in mid-November.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned 8:33 pm.



Renee Peace
Recreation Supervisor – Oak Park