

IV. CONTINUED BUSINESS

A. Report on Status of Triunfo Sanitation District's Project to Replace its Conifer Water Tank

Staff provided an update on the status of the Conifer Water Tank Replacement Project. Site A7 was selected by Triunfo. A request from Triunfo will be forwarded to the District in the near future, at which time the District will evaluate the proposal. Further comments were made by committee members regarding revenue from the existing telecommunications facilities on the existing site along with requirements that the site (or portions of) be returned to its original condition. Staff will evaluate and report on these issues at a future meeting.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Report on District Financial Matters In Oak Park

District staff prepared a report identifying the financial transactions for the Oak Park portion of the District's budget as of December 31, 2007. At the time that the report was prepared, the assessed valuations of tax rate areas in Oak Park were unavailable. Once received, a supplemental report will be presented to the Board. In summary, expenditures and revenues are in line with budgeted amounts.

B. Review and Discussion of Request to Consider Construction of an Off-Leash Dog Run in Oak Park.

Staff presented information on possible locations and design for a dog run which included comparisons from other cities. Impact and approximate costs for future locations were reviewed. Proposed sites include the upper park site at Oak Canyon Community Park and the archery range site (alternate site) at Oak Canyon Community Park.

Further comments were made by committee members regarding whether neighboring cities might contribute funds toward an off-leash dog run, the financial impact of constructing and maintaining a dog run, and the possibility of problems caused by loose dogs outside the park.

ACTION: Committee Member Mary Reese made a motion to hold a public hearing to discuss the possibility of an interim dog park at the archery range. Assistant Chair Mike Green seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C. Report on Maintenance Activities in Oak Park

Staff reviewed the Grounds Maintenance Report, and distributed a written report describing maintenance items, athletic facilities, open space/trails, safety inspections, and future projects.

Jerry Kaman expressed concerns about wood chips and replacement of trees at Indian Springs Park. Additional maintenance concerns included soccer field grass conditions. Staff is recommending long term hybrid Bermuda sod for future refurbishment of the field.

Committee Member Sue Bocker asked the status of the MAC Maintenance Contract. Staff indicated that the meridian landscaping RFP had been reviewed and considered by the District, and that it had determined it would not respond with a proposal. This conclusion was based upon the belief that the service extended beyond the District's primary mission of providing parks and recreation, that it would require staff increases and other organizational restructuring, and that the District could always respond to future RFP's should reconsideration ever lead to an alternative conclusion.

D. Report on Recreation Activities and Special Events in Oak Park

Staff provided a written report summarizing the summer program and highlighting the upcoming fall activities. New programs planned for the fall include Gymnastics for Tots, USA Jump Starts, Volleyball, Adult/Senior dance classes, Broadway Musical, Soap Making, and Computers for Seniors.

VI. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

VII. ITEMS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Committee Assistant Chairman and MAC Representative Michael Green will ask MAC to consider painting the curb red at the entrance to Mae Boyar park off Conifer Street.

Committee Member Karen Sephton inquired about the intention to resurface the high school tennis courts. OPUSD Representative Mary Rees commented that refurbishment was dependent upon facility bonds to match RSRPD's contribution.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 10, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Oak Park Community Center and Gardens.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: Sue Bocker moved to adjourn the meeting, Steve Iceland seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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