



City of Santa Rosa

Finley Center
2060 W. College Avenue
Cypress Room

Board of Community Services Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 28, 2018

4:00 PM

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Gow at 4:06pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Chair Stanley Gow, Board Member Carolina Spence, Board Member Carole Quandt, Board Member Diane Test, Board Member Sandra Wandel and Board Member Kathy Hayes

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Duane De Witt presented photos of children in natural outdoor surroundings and maps of park equity studies. He favors unpaved paths in parks to save money.

Carmen Flores favors a community center with programs that are low cost or free of charge.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 February 28, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the February 28, 2018 meeting were approved as submitted.

5. UPCOMING EVENTS AND REPORTS ON ACCOMPLISHED EVENTS

Interim Director Nutt reported on upcoming events, including the teen Work Experience program, 'Vamos a Nadar', our aquatic Hispanic outreach program, Merit Awards, Volunteer Appreciation Night, and more. He also conveyed information about accomplished events, including Jr. Giants registration, Spring Fest, St. Patrick's Day 5K and Fishing in the City and the Fishing Derby at Howarth Park.

6. DIRECTOR UPDATES

None

7. SCHEDULED ITEMS

- 7.1 COFFEY PARK AND OTHER FIRE-DAMAGED PARKS
Interim Director Jason Nutt and Deputy Director of Parks, Jen Santos, will provide update of restoration efforts for Coffey Park and other affected parks.

Recommended Action: Information

Interim Director Jason Nutt reported that most of the private lots in Coffey Park and Fountaingrove have been cleaned, along with the two fire-damaged fire stations and the sewer lift stations. A planning process has begun to clean and rebuild five other parks. Deputy Director Jen Santos explained the process, beginning with soil testing and removing contaminated debris and then replacing burned irrigation, electrical equipment and damaged street trees. Meetings will be scheduled with the Coffey Strong organization of neighbors to solicit input on their vision of the park reconstruction, which will cost about \$5 million. We are engaging with SR Parks Foundation.org to bridge funding gaps. The timeline is not fixed, but hoping to have debris removed in the next few months. Nutt expressed appreciation for staff efforts collaborating with FEMA and Cal OES for site inspections of damaged areas.

Public Comments:

Duane De Witt would like information given to FEMA placed on website. He is not in favor of turf at Coffey Park. DeWitt is in favor of assisting fire victims utilizing cost-efficient principles and working together, sharing information.

Evette Minor would like the City to consider adding a public restroom and turf at Coffey Park.

Rick Coates states trees were planted in the wrong place years ago and feels trees should be replaced instead of houses.

7.2 ROSELAND CREEK COMMUNITY PARK MASTER PLAN

Deputy Director Jen Santos will provide an update on the Roseland Creek Community Park Master Plan.

Recommended Action: Approval of the Roseland Creek Community Park Master Plan

Deputy Director Jen Santos briefly reviewed the community input process for Roseland Community Park Draft Master Plan to date, including minor revisions with City planners, such as a density bonus for the Roseland Village development project. Comments from the public have been collected over the years in a variety of ways and overall there has been no change in the substance of comments. Interim Director Nutt stated the Board has received 7 letters from the public on this subject prior to this meeting and no other communications have been received. Santos reviewed the next steps and asked for the Board's recommendation to Council for approval of the proposed draft Master Plan. Discussion ensued.

Public Comment:

Duane DeWitt reaffirmed the Paulin Creek Preserve concept. De Witt favors the conservation easements and would like the Board to continue this meeting until the draft master plan names the specific active use to be placed in the Active Use Area.

Rick Coates concurs with DeWitt.

Imelda Vera, involved with "On the Verge" project, supports cultural healing in non-traditional ways. Vera favors outdoor space for this type of healing.

Dennis Williams supports the community's right to a natural park.

Arlie Haig supports a community garden in the Active Use Area.

Patricia Krueger favors placement of the outdoor classroom area in the larger Active Use Area.

Judith Dehnert is not in favor of a bicycle velodrome or dog park. She is in favor of establishing a quiet space for kids to learn.

Gary Balcerak reiterated the active use area situated between riparian corridor and the oak woodland precludes a pump track or dog park. He favors a low impact nature preserve as a respite from urbanization. Balcerak does not support onsite parking or nature center user fees.

Mary Goe supports a simple, affordable passive park to celebrate nature.

Fred Krueger is in favor of preserving nature at this park. Development removes the quiet. Nature parks are one of our great national accomplishments, which promote healing and energy and provide animal habitats.

Susan Upchurch stressed the importance of reading all applications to the Open Space District for a nature park at this location; the basis on which funds were originally granted.

Lima O'Brien supports a nature preserve.

Discussion ensued.

Test made a motion to recommend the proposed Roseland Creek Draft Master Plan to Council for approval, with contingencies of either relocating the outdoor classroom to the Active Use Area or providing for a community garden in the Active Use Area. Hayes seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 Mayor's Lunch for Committee/Board Chairs

Recommended Action: Information

Discussed district elections and how that will play out with the Boards.

8.2 Santa Rosa Waterways Advisory Committee

Recommended Action: Information

no report

8.3 Merit Awards Committee

Recommended Action: Information

Spence reported double the number of nominations received this year. 18 awards will be presented on April 16th.

9. WRITTEN AND/OR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

11. ADJOURNMENT

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