



City of Santa Rosa

Finley Center
2060 W. College Avenue
Cypress Room

Board of Community Services Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

4:00 PM

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Gow at 4:10pm.

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

Absent: 1 - Board Member Deb Rock

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Duane De Witt proposes a Roseland open space system with underutilized land parcels operated by volunteers. He is in favor of a Roseland Parks Foundation.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 January 24, 2018, Regular Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the January 24, 2018 meeting were approved after correcting Merit Awards' new category entitled "Community Hero". Quandt made a motion to approve the January minutes with correction. Wandel seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

5. UPCOMING EVENTS AND REPORTS ON ACCOMPLISHED EVENTS

Interim Director Nutt reported on the Arbor Day event on March 10th and the St. Patrick's Day 5K on March 11th. We will begin our seasonal hiring and work experience program soon.

6. DIRECTOR UPDATES

None

7. SCHEDULED ITEMS

7.1 ROSELAND CREEK COMMUNITY PARK MASTER PLAN

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

Recommended Action: Information

Deputy Director Jen Santos provided a detailed chronological overview of the Roseland Creek Community Park Master Plan. She outlined the changes in design concepts from 2009 to present, which reflected variations in input from community meetings held over the years. The Recreation & Parks Department has provided extensive outreach to the community and has captured data from those who wish to see the park remain as natural as possible, and from those who would like to see different types of improvements for all ages to enjoy. The goal of this Department is to provide balance and seek a recommendation for City Council approval. Discussion ensued.

Public Comments:

Duane De Witt is in favor of conservation easements, which provide for a natural park.

Debra Kelly is retired and lives on the park property being sold. She received a rent increase in November and a 60-day notice to vacate in February. The City called her on February 28th to see if she had found alternate living arrangements.

Judith Dehnert is not in favor of additional structures at the park. Make this a natural jewel and install bird houses instead.

Penny Doran prefers a unique park with open spaces, trees, grass, a restroom and picnic tables. She is not in favor of many additional structures.

Trish Tartarian is not in favor of a dog park, sport court or bicycle pump track at Roseland Park. She prefers educational experiences, docent programs and riparian restoration.

Gary Balcerak prefers a nature park and feels a dog park is incompatible at this location.

Larry Hanson supports a natural area with environmental education opportunities for Roseland Creek Park.

Patricia Krueger is not in favor of the elements recently proposed for the park due to their proximity of the riparian corridor, since it will discourage wildlife and people from coming to the park. She is in favor of having the BOCS approve the 2/25/10 version of the master plan.

Carmen Flores favors a community center for Roseland close to the park, so that more Latin people will participate more in fully the community. She prefers natural preservation at the park, and hopes the community will work together to support one another more closely since everyone has a voice.

Rick Coates is not in favor of a dog park, pump track or additional parking at this park. He is concerned that the active use area is so close to the creek and believes the 100-year flood zone will not be accurate for future planning.

Fred Krueger states that a nature park is a calming park, reducing crime and providing respite. He explained the journey of nature park proponents from a potluck in 1998 to the current master plan proposal. He rejects the current proposed master plan development and would like this Board to support a nature park.

Marsha Vas Dupre, Ph.D. provided an overview of her involvement of the vision of this park since 1998. She is asking the BOCS to let people know what they heard and carry forward the wishes of the people with respect for the environment.

Arlie Haig coordinates volunteers for three community gardens and believes that a community garden is a good use for this park. Nature should be respected and this plan seems fairly respectful of nature. Suggests ballot initiative to determine support or lack of support of proposed amenities.

Jaime Naredo, former Roseland resident and former president and honored tribal chief of his Pomo tribal nation, would like to see a wellness/learning center- a gathering place for the elderly, and a learning center for local schools, including all ethnicities, not just Pomo Indians.

Interim Director Nutt outlined next steps, clarified a couple of points brought up in public comments, and sought feedback from the Board. Discussion ensued.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 8.1** Mayor's Lunch for Committee/Board Chairs
Recommended Action: Information

No report

- 8.2** Santa Rosa Waterways Advisory Committee
Recommended Action: Information

No report

- 8.3** Merit Awards Committee
Recommended Action: Information

Spence reported March 1st is last day to nominate someone for the event on Monday, April 16, 7pm at council chambers. All are welcome to attend.

9. WRITTEN AND/OR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

CPRS Catalogue, Zest Senior Newsletter, Spring/Summer *Activity Guide*

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Gow adjourned the meeting at 6:39pm. The next meeting of the Board will be held on Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

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