

## Meeting Notes



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### **Community Workshop #2**

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Date: August 1, 2007  
Place/Time: Regency Park Elementary School, 5901 Bridgecross Dr.  
Sacramento, CA / 6:30 PM  
Next Meeting: October 4, 2007  
Attendees: Tin-Wah Wong, City of Sacramento  
Gary Hyden, City of Sacramento  
Steven Wallace, Stantec Consulting Inc.  
Paul Marcillac, Stantec Consulting Inc.  
Dalton LaVoie, Stantec Consulting Inc.  
Jih-Shen Chao, Stantec Consulting Inc.  
Community Members  
Absentees: None  
Distribution: City of Sacramento staff in attendance

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<b>Item:</b>	<b>Action:</b>
<b>Introduction</b>	None

Tin-Wah Wong opened the meeting by introducing the City staff and consultants in attendance. She noted that the purpose of the workshop was to present the park master plan alternatives and obtain the community's feedback regarding the design.

Tin-Wah stated that the park was a 4.68 acre site located at the intersection of Greg Thatch Circle and Tres Piezas Drive. The construction budget is \$1,200,000.	None
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Tin-Wah also described the tentative park schedule. The construction document preparation and building permit process will begin in the fall of 2007 and be completed by late winter 2008. Bidding will occur in later winter with construction scheduled to commence in spring 2008. Construction is anticipated to be completed by winter of 2009.	None
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An update of the Golden Poppy Park master plan was also discussed. Tin-Wah recapped the June 28 master planning workshop and noted that the two themes selected by the community were "Under the Sea" and

The next Community Workshop for Golden Poppy will be held on August 6

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“Rose Garden.” Some of the proposed park elements for Golden Poppy Park include an adventure play area with swings, gazebo, basketball court, barbecue grills, jogging trails, and water misters.

### **Presentation**

None

Steven Wallace with Stantec Consulting Inc. recapped the discussions at the previous Community Workshop held on June 4. He discussed the process of gathering the community’s preferred list of park amenities and themes and how the group tallied its highest priorities. He stated that the most desired amenities included tennis courts, shade structure, tot and youth playgrounds, swings, misters, shaded play areas, picnic area with barbecues, and rubberized play surfacing. The two most popular themes were the “Tropical/Island” theme and the “Castle” theme.

Steve described in detail the Alternative A Master Plan. He noted that the majority of the preferred amenities have been shown in the master plan. The master plan is designed around the “Tropical/Island” theme. The heart of the park is a central “island” where the substantial park elements (the shade structure, playgrounds, swings and misters) are located. These elements radiate around a centralized turf mound with palm trees. The primary park entry is at Greg Thatch Circle and Tres Piezas Drive and will contain groundcover plantings and a park sign. A secondary entrance is located mid-block on Greg Thatch Circle. A series of stamped concrete bridge-like elements will connect each of the playground areas and sheltered picnic area. Two open turf areas flank each side of the central “island” with turf mounds defining the edges at the street side of the park. Southern magnolia trees are proposed for the street frontage with saucer and star magnolias to be located at the park entries. Two tennis courts are located at the west edge of the park. The courts are set back from the property line fence and screened with two rows of evergreen trees.

None

Steve proceeded to describe the Alternative B Master Plan. He stated that this design was built around the castle theme and conjures up images of medieval Europe with castle themed play equipment, a shield-shaped centralized playground, a sheltered picnic area, castle-themed images in resilient rubber surfacing, and a dry “moat” with a faux bridge at the mid-block entry of Greg Thatch Circle. Misters and a sand play area are

None

integrated into the playgrounds. The tennis courts are placed similarly to those shown in Alternative A. Two courts are shown to give more neighborhood residents the opportunity to play tennis at a single time. The tennis court edge is also the location of proposed native plantings.

**Community Participation/Discussion**

A community member suggested incorporating a pathway to link the centralized activity zone with the tennis courts. She also questioned how the design will relate to the future development to the south of the site. Steve Wallace responded that the southern edges of the park site are designed to have lawn, which gives the City some flexibility to relate future design elements with the park.

Additionally, the same community member asked why a basketball court was not incorporated into the master plan. Tin-Wah responded that the community expressed interest in placing a basketball court at Golden Poppy Park, which is located just down the street. Therefore, to avoid repetition of park amenities, a basketball court was not placed in the park. Also, the budget does not allow for an additional basketball court at Magnolia Park.

A community member expressed concern regarding the presence of pet waste in the park. Tin-Wah responded that dog waste bag dispensers will be added to the park at the park entrance.

A community member expressed concern with benches facing into the surrounding homes in the neighborhood. She reported that this may pose a security threat to homeowners with windows that face the street.

A community member noted that some of the long picnic tables used at other parks have been damaged and bent in the center portion of the serving area. Tin-Wah responded that the City is moving away from the long eight foot picnic tables back to square picnic tables. These are plastic coated with an open mesh metal design.

Stantec to explore internal pathway connections between the west and central zones of the park

Dog waste bags to be incorporated into the final park master plan

Park benches located near the street will be rotated to face toward the park site.

Square picnic tables shall be used in the park design in accordance with the latest City standards.

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A community member suggested adding barbecue grills to the park.

The possibility of incorporating barbecue grills will be explored in the final master plan preparation.

A community member expressed a need for speed humps on Greg Thatch Circle to slow traffic in the vicinity of the park. Another community member noted that Councilmember Tretheway's office has been made aware of this.

City Park's staff will explore this further with other relevant City departments.

A community member stated that graffiti has been a problem at other parks and may be difficult to remove from stone elements shown in the photograph of the shade shelter. Graffiti impact and removal should be considered in the park design.

Stantec to select materials that allow for easy graffiti removal and masking.

To get a better gauge of the group's preferences, Steve Wallace asked for a show of hands of who prefers Alternative A (the tropical island theme) and who prefers Alternative B (the castle theme). Nine attendees raised their hands for Alternative A and one raised a hand for Alternative B.

The final master plan will be prepared with Alternative A as the model for final plan development.

A community member asked that the precast concrete dragon head shown in the Alternative B photograph be incorporated into the Alternative A design.

The use of a similar dragonhead element will be explored in the preparation of the final plans.

A community member asked to see the southeast walkway shown in Alternative B incorporated into the design of Alternative A.

The placement of this additional walkway will be analyzed in the final master plan preparation.

A community member also expressed the need for more shade trees within the vicinity of the central picnic area and the west side of the playground. He suggested possibly pushing the central activity zone north to make room for more shade trees.

The use of additional shade trees will be explored in the final master plan preparation.

The same community member also asked that the entry at the intersection of Greg Thatch and Tres Piezas be reevaluated to limit the tendency of individuals to trample the proposed plantings upon entering the park.

The arrangement of the pathways at the park entry will be explored to ensure a more efficient circulation pattern.

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A community member asked to see more shade trees such as poplars and sycamores in lieu of ornamental trees and a higher quantity of native trees as well.

The addition of these trees will be analyzed in the development of the planting plan.

A community member suggested adding benches at the edges of the sidewalk that face in to the park to ensure more eyes are on the park and to give people a place to stop along a walk without actually entering the park.

The placement of these benches to be explored further in the master plan.

**Summary and Adjournment**

None

Steve Wallace recapped all the comments recorded on the notepad. He then stated that the next public meeting for this project will be the Park and Recreation Commission meeting to be held on October 4, 2007 at the Historic City Hall Chambers. After that meeting, the master plan will go before the City Council for final approval.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

The foregoing is considered to be a true and accurate record of all items discussed. If any discrepancies or inconsistencies are noted, please contact the writer immediately.

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