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MEETING NOTES

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Project: Seymour Park Improvements

RE: Neighborhood Meeting

Date: July 25, 2007

Time: 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Location: Seymour Park

I. Introductions:

Tin-Wah Wong, Associate Landscape Architect with the City of Sacramento Department of Parks & Recreation provided general introductions and brief history of the project and process. Seymour Park was built over 20 years ago and a play area was shown on the original park plans. Play area was not constructed at the time due to budget issues. The City is now intending to construct a play area as originally proposed on the site utilizing general fund dollars. Budget for the proposed project is \$250,000. Gary Hyden, Supervising Landscape Architect from the City of Sacramento Department of Parks and Recreation was also introduced.

Tin-Wah introduced Councilmember Robbie Waters who spoke briefly about the City's intent and welcomed input from the participants regarding the proposed additions to the park.

Greg Hauser from the HLA Group, the design consultant retained by the City, then presented the proposed play ground area design to the meeting participants. A copy of the proposed plan as well as the meeting agenda is included as an attachment to these minutes.

Once the plan was presented comments from the participants was solicited and recorded. At the end of the meeting a review of all comments was given to ensure all were recorded. A listing of the comments received follows.

II. General Comments:

- A. A nice plan, but not the right place.
 - 1. Lack of parking would be available
 - 2. No children in area – demographics of the area have changed from 20 years ago.
- B. Is this going to attract more pre-teen groups?
 - 1. More opportunities for trouble
- C. Use will be more by teenagers and high school students.
 - 1. Graffiti on play structures will be an issue.
- D. Propose more innovative playground structure that responds to older kids needs.
 - Not just a basic plastic and metal structure.

- E. Can money be used to add more security to park?
 - 1. Lights, etc.
 - 2. 27 registered sex offenders in Greenhaven area.

- F. Fire truck access – this will be an issue regarding access.

- G. Area and structures will be prone to fire vandalism.

- H. There is an existing play structure already ½ mile away. This one not really needed.

- I. More lights are needed along the entire corridor.

- J. Shade shelter will attract un-desirables.

- K. Existing elementary school in area is closed.

- L. Don't get "fixated" on Master Plan that is 20 + years old.

- M. Major vandalism @ tunnel area at the north side of park.

- N. "Less improvements the better"

- O. Color rendition issues.

- P. Plans regarding the bike trail – maintenance, low level lighting.

- Q. Available funding can not be used for maintenance items.

- R. Enhancements to other parks in area.
 - 1. 250K to improve other parks
 - 2. Portuguese Park improvements

- S. More signs prohibiting motorized vehicles – prior painting of curbs helped.

- T. Available funding is required to be spend within the "Planning Area"

U. Need to provide follow up.

III. Ideas & Items which would be Good to Include:

A. More lights!!! Overwhelming majority of participants agreed with this. Did the original plan have lights? Need to verify if this was the case.

B. Additional security.

C. More trees.

D. Repair existing benches - address overall maintenance issues.

IV. Discussion regarding Lighting:

Gary Hyden solicited some additional and more specific ideas regarding lighting.

A. Some of the parks have bad lights - not working.

B. More SMUD type lights – street type lighting.

C. Add lighting for “security” – 25+ votes.

D. Low level enhanced lighting 4/5 votes.

E. Possibly conduct more of an analysis of needs for all of Seymour Park.

F. Motion sensor type lighting would be good - photo cell type also a possibility.

The City ensured the participants it would review the comments and provide follow up to the community regarding future actions.