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## MEETING NOTES

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Re: Jefferson Park Master Planning Workshop

Date: December 10, 2008

Location/Time: South Natomas Community Center / 6:00 PM

Next Meeting: TBD

Attendees: Councilmember Ray Tretheway, City of Sacramento  
Nancy Stevens, City of Sacramento  
Randi Kay Stephens, City of Sacramento  
Alicia Bramble Schulz, City of Sacramento  
Gary Hyden, City of Sacramento  
Tin-Wah Wong, City of Sacramento  
Community Members, see sign in sheet

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Item:

### **Welcome / Introduction**

Tin-Wah introduced herself and the other City Staff. She noted that the purpose of the meeting was to obtain input from the community.

### **Presentation**

Tin-Wah presented the community with the project schedule, 2 park design concepts, and photo boards.

### **Community Participation**

The community members provided City staff with the following comments:

1. Classification of Jefferson Park: This is a Neighborhood park serving the community.
2. Consider these items in phase 1:
  - Removal of Restroom and Berms
  - Ability for police to drive in and around park
  - Playground for kids,
3. Community members expressed the desire to have something built soon; the community members also would like the park to be designed correctly.

4. Safety Improvements:
  - automatic gate for police use
  - video surveillance, security
  - fire retardation
  - Police to Drive 360 degrees around the playground and access to park
  - Park lighting for safety
  - Enforce park hours with skate park (noise pollution)
  - Allow park to be visible
  - put Activities on street? Good for visibility – but not too close.
  - Fort Natomas should not have walls – for better visualization.
  - Widen sidewalks (A busy park is a safe park)
  - On street parking issues with more program use – i.e.: fire truck
  - Need park signs at all entrances with park closure times.
5. Skate Node
  - The skate nodes should be combined into a group skate node.
  - Keep skate nodes away from Roma Court due to echo.
  - DG pathway adjacent to existing walkway to separate pedestrians from skaters.
6. Existing Restroom
  - Restroom should be removed or locked up.
  - Secure restroom expect for certain function.
  - Problems include day and night drug activities.
7. Open turf is a desirable feature. Maintenance of proposed natural areas- Improve maintenance or do not build at all
8. Relocate playground and other park activity near the shade structure (centralized use) Consider rotating playground footprint 90 degrees counter clock-wise.
9. Reduce playground size but still allow many kids to play on it at the same time.
10. More group picnic areas for large groups.
11. Chess tables in existing picnic tables instead of making a new chess table area.
12. Bocce Ball Court and Community Garden
  - Bocce ball court and community garden could work well together (what about balls flying?)
  - Community garden and bocce ball court move to southwest.
  - Total commitment from school is required for the community garden.
  - Sun study for the community garden due to lack of sun in the proposed area.
  - Consider school land for community garden.
  - To be shared by school?
  - Apartments nearby will use them a lot.
13. Jefferson Park Original Amphitheatre: was it used enough? The proposed amphitheatre is very different from the original.
14. Existing Fort Natomas Tiles
  - 300 existing tiles to put up somewhere.
  - Do seat walls go up first?
  - Xylophone and tiles to be used to commemorate old park. (Park memorial/obelisk); 800 8x8 tiles available.
15. Remove existing storage bin, mound and restroom.
16. No native, low maintenance due to fire issue.

## 17. Playground

- Leave playground in same location and provide access for police to patrol.
- Access for police to drive all the way around the playground.
- Safety is #1.
- No trees in tot lot.
- No trees in playground.
- More views into the playground.
- No mounds.
- Better circulation.
- Better visual.
- Move playground west toward park entrance.
- Need the playground to be built ASAP with the same footprint.
- Desires the proposed nature themed play equipment and group swings.
- Diverse age range and activities.
- Playground needs to be in a new location.
- Playground should not be too close to the street.
- Too much money to move the playground.
- Monument for Fort Natomas.

18. No fitness stations.

### **Next Steps**

Tin-Wah thanked the public for their participation. She informed them that the next step is for her to develop two revised park plans that incorporate the ideas as discussed tonight, a phasing diagram and a revised project schedule to be presented at the next meeting in January 2009.

The meeting adjourned.

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.

### **City of Sacramento**

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