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MEETING NOTES

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Re: Jefferson Park Master Planning Workshop

Date: October 16, 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
Daniel Roth, City of Sacramento
British Irby, 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

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 discussed the timeline, background of the project. The total time required to build a park is 26-30 months with the following timeline breakdowns:

Capital Improvement Program (2 months)
Master Plan Phase / Community Input (4-6 months)
Construction / Environmental Documents (6-8 months)
Approval and Adoption of the Park Master Plan/Environmental Documents (1 month)
Bidding (3 months)
Award of Construction Contract (2 months)
Construction (6-12 months)

Tin-Wah stated that Jefferson Park is categorized as a Neighborhood Park due to the site's acreage. She reviewed some of the neighborhood park amenities including tot lots, adventure play areas and sport fields.

Tin-Wah announced the total project budget is \$425,000 and the construction budget is \$320,000. The remaining \$105,000 will be used to develop the new park master plan, construction documents, and environmental documents and to pay for the building permit fees.

Tin-Wah presented a site analysis plan for Jefferson Park that showed some of the opportunities and constraints at the existing site. The opportunities include views into the park's green space and to the park's core area, a park core/focal point area (shade structure with group picnic area) and connection to the adjacent school site. One constraint is the existing tile wall and mound that creates low visibility for the area behind it.

Gary stated that the mission for the updated Jefferson Park master plan includes:

- Safety
- Community Desires
- Sustainable Park Design

Community Participation

The community members requested for the following park amenities to be incorporated into the updated Jefferson Park master plan:

- Bannon Creek Dog Park for large dogs only and Jefferson Dog Park for small dogs only
- Make use of existing features and old park elements: xylophone games made by the community
- Unique Elements & Features /Signature Park Design
- Chess/Checkers/Card Tables
- Fitness station
- Relocated playground with bark free surfacing (possibly rubberized)
- More teen activities
- Volleyball court
- Expanded-sized tot-lot
- Backstop with baseball
- Bocce ball
- Horseshoe court
- Fence improvements along school
- Entry level skate park features throughout the park
- Tire swing
- Wide slides
- Poetic water features
- Water play feature
- Labyrinth
- Waterslide
- Kite flying opportunity
- Frisbee
- Walking jogging path
- Community garden (see Firehouse master plan)
- Other standard small community park features...
- Bicycle racks and locks (in addition to existing)
- Public places for community
- Senior fitness stations
- Relocate the school's fence
- Keep the existing restroom
- Solar panels

The community members proposed the following safety features to be added to the updated Jefferson Park master plan:

- Park and bikeway lighting
- Cameras to monitor park activity
- Live stream website
- 'Mosquito'
- Dawn to dusk hour enforcement
- Open/airy Design
- Controlled irrigation/Water flow
- Pathways all around playgrounds
- Program every area – no hiding spots
- Sustainable park design
- Discouraged nighttime use

The community members suggested the following volunteer opportunities at Jefferson Park:

- Horseshoe Court: maintain Bannon Creek location
- Bike Trail Improvements
- Clean up Bannon Creek
- Adopt a Park Program
- Park programs for community involvement

Tin-Wah will coordinate with Julie Mier, City Volunteer Coordinator, regarding the above volunteer opportunities. Tin-Wah will also invite Julie to the next meeting.

The community members proposed the following themes for Jefferson Park:

- Nature with play Rocks and water
- Every-age park (park amenities for multi-generation)
- Linear, continuous park design
- Native/indigenous plants and animals: deer, coyote, owls
- Public art: statues
- Rainbow colors are for children appeal
- Seasonal forest
- Signature features that define Jefferson Park, a signature park
- Ability for Continual Growth

A community member stated that she will be relocating the existing tiles from Jefferson Park to the new Fort Natomas playground. She also asked the attendees if some of the existing tiles should be kept at the new Jefferson Park playground.

A community member stated that Jefferson Park should be treated as a community park with community park features. It is currently designated as a neighborhood park but also serves outside the neighborhood extending to south of Highway 80 and east of Interstate 5.

A community member requested for the future meeting flyers to be sent to a larger area greater than the current half mile service radius to capture all residents south of Highway 80 and east of Interstate 5.

A community member requested for an open forum web site to be developed for the Jefferson Park Master Planning project. Tin-Wah will check to see if that can be developed on the City Parks' web page.

A community member requested for a proximity study of the nearby park themes and programs so these park themes and programs (i.e. Oakbrook Park) are not duplicated at Jefferson Park.

A community member informed the City of an existing neighborhood meeting that is held every Thursday night and requested for the upcoming Jefferson Park meeting to not be on Thursday.

Next Steps

Tin-Wah thanked the public for their participation. She informed them that the next step is for her to develop two alternative master plans that incorporate the amenities and themes discussed. The master plans along with a demographics map and nearby park master plans will then be presented to the public at the next workshop.

Tin-Wah provided the public with a copy of the 2010 PRPG form. She explained the purpose of the 2010 form and requested that the public use the form for any new park development or improvement ideas. The meeting adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

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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