

Meeting Notes



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Community Meeting #1

Marriott Park Master Planning Workshop #1/ File 184311037

Date: June 20, 2007
Place/Time: Marriott Park/ 6:30 PM
Next Meeting: August, 2007 (2nd Workshop)
Attendees: Tin-Wah Wong, City of Sacramento
Gary Hyden, City of Sacramento
Steve Wallace, Stantec Consulting Inc.
Jih-Shen Chao, Stantec Consulting Inc.

Absentees:

Distribution: All Attendees

Item:	Action:
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Welcome/ Intro	None
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Tin-Wah introduced herself, the City Staff and Stantec Consulting. She noted that the purpose of the meeting was to obtain input from the community.

Background

Tin-Wah discussed the background of the project and described the suggestions from the last meeting with the South Pocket Neighborhood Association (SPNA) on April 12.

None

The suggestions by SPNA include adding shade structures with picnic tables, dog waste dispensers, benches along the existing walkway, and replacing play area bark chips with rubber surfacing in the playgrounds. There were also comments about improving and repairing some existing conditions, such as repairing the drinking fountain and low spots along the jogging path.

Tin-Wah introduced Steve Wallace. Steve briefly welcomed the attendees, and then introduced Jih-Shen Chao for the presentation.

Master Plan Review

Jih-Shen presented a site plan and an image board to the attendees. Based on the comments from the last meeting, Jih-Shen suggested a 24x24 shade structure with 4 picnic tables in the park. Jih-Shen offered two alternatives for the shade structure. One is on the east side of the play area. This location provides easy access for parents to the children's play area and also can be used as a picnic area. Another possible location is on the west side of the play area. This location is surrounded by trees but is still easily accessible to the soccer field and play area. On the image board, Jih-Shen provided three examples for the shade structure- southwestern style, a square structure with stone faced posts, or a structure with a two tier roof with river stone faced posts.

None

Jih-Shen proposed two locations to install dog waste dispensers. One is at the south side of the park near the drinking fountain. Another one is at the park entry on the west side near Roman Oak Way. Jih-Shen also proposed installing three benches and a new drinking fountain along the walkway on the east side of the park. The materials and colors of the benches and picnic tables will match the existing furniture in the park. Jih-Shen then transitioned into some existing conditions that need to be improved. The issues included repairing the drinking fountain, repairing low spots along the jogging path and whether to replace the play area bark chips with rubber surfacing for the playgrounds.

None

After the presentation, attendees offered their questions and comments. The following questions and comments were offered by the attendees:

None

- A community member asked where the funding is coming from. Tin-Wah answered that the source of funding is the Landscape & Lighting District.
- A community member questioned whether sun exposure has been an issue? Do we really need a shade structure since the park is already well shaded? Steve added the question to the list.
- A community member suggested adding one or two shade canopies over the play equipment. Steve added the comment to the list.

None

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- A community member suggested improving the existing picnic area. Steve added the comment to the list. None
- A community member suggested adding child size tables. Steve added the comment to the list. None
- A community member suggested having Park Maintenance refill the bark chips in the playground instead of replacing with rubber surfacing. Steve added the comment to the list. None
- A community member suggested posting rules and regulation signs at dog waste dispensers. Steve added the comment to the list. None
- A community member suggested drilling holes at the bottom of existing recycled trash cans for drainage. Steve added the comment to the list. None
- A community member asked to see the wood chip surfacing replaced with rubber surfacing, since rubber has a longer lifespan. Several members noted that Park Maintenance should refill bark chips, rake and fluff the surface regularly. None
- Several community members expressed concern about whether the budget includes repair and maintenance items such as refilling bark chips and repairing the drinking fountain and jogging path. Tin-Wah confirmed the budget will be used solely for new components. Tin-Wah will contact Park Maintenance for wood chip refilling and general maintenance issues.
- A community member suggested relocating (2) existing picnic tables on the east side of the park to existing picnic area close to the playground. Steve added the comment to the List. None
- A community member commented that the wood benches will be hard to clean. He suggested specifying recycled plastic or metal instead of wood. Other members noted the metal will be hot during the day. Tin-Wah and Jih-Shen informed the members the material of the benches can be recycled plastic. None

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- Several members suggested no more new benches because there are sufficient benches in the park. Steve added the comment to the list. None
- A community member suggested adding one shade canopy over the tot lot and sand area if the budget is tight. Steve added the comment to the list. None
- A community member suggested adding more sand in the sand play area. Steve added the comment to the list. Tin-Wah will contact Park Maintenance for refilling.
- Several members suggested that the group put the needs of kids as highest priority when deciding new components for the park. Steve added the comment to the list. None
- A community member suggested choosing “natural” colors, textures, and styles for the new furniture. Jih-Shen and Steve responded that the materials and colors will match existing furniture in the park. None

Based on the inputs, Steve re-categorized the list into several points. Jih-Shen invited the attendees to vote for their 1 favorite component. Dots were handed out to the attendees for voting. The final voting results are as follows:

(11) Shade canopy for play area

(6) Relocate/add picnic tables- expand ex. Picnic area

(1) Additional drinking fountain

(5) Dog waste dispenser

After the vote, Jih-Shen noted that these votes will serve as a guide in the design process. Jih-Shen thanked the public for their participation and turned back to Tin-Wah.

Next Steps

Tin-Wah informed the attendees that the next step is for Stantec to continue develop a refined site plan that incorporates the most popular amenities selected by the community. Tin-Wah discussed the timeline for the next steps. The timeline breaks down as follows:

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1 Month for Stantec to prepare a new site plan and present to the community members in August.

1-2 Months for approval and adoption by the Park and Recreation Committee.

Late fall or early winter for Construction Documents completion.

Late winter for the Bidding Phase and awarding a bid

Spring in 2008 for Construction

Completion by summer 2008

The meeting adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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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