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## **Oakbrook Park**

### ***Community Workshop #2A- Meeting Notes***

Meeting Date: Thursday, January 28, 2010  
Meeting Time & Location: 6:30 – 7:30 pm, Natomas Service Center  
Attending: (15 residents signed In)  
Ray Tretheway, Councilmember District 1, City of Sacramento  
Randi Kay Stevens, Special Projects Officer, City of Sacramento  
Gary Hyden, Supervising Landscape Architect, City of Sacramento  
Tin-Wah Wong, Landscape Architect, City of Sacramento

#### **Meeting Notes**

##### **A. Introduction**

1. Councilmember Tretheway introduced himself and City staff.

##### **B. Project Background**

1. Gary introduced himself and City staff. He stated the plans presented at this meeting along the meeting notes will be emailed to everyone in attendance.

##### **C. Presentation**

1. Gary recapped the discussions at the previous community workshop held on November 18, 2009 and reviewed the old Oakbrook Park master plan dated 6-13-07.
2. Gary presented the community with 2 park design options. He stated that both park designs have been reviewed by the City's park safety officer.
  - a. Gary described in detail Park Design Option #1. The primary park entrance is at the east edge of the park along Soda Way. The core of the park includes a half basketball court, a group picnic area shaded by a tree grove, and a "Nature" themed playground. Two turf bantam soccer fields are proposed at the west edge of the park with an additional open turf field at the north east corner of the park. A concrete walkway and a decomposed jogging path with shade trees are located along the perimeter of the park.

- b. Gary described in detail the Design Option #2. The primary park entrance is at the east edge of the park along Soda Way. An open plaza with decorative paving is centrally located including a sheltered group picnic area, a “Nature” themed playground and a full size basketball court. Turf mounds (30” high maximum) buffer the basketball court, the group picnic area and the playground from the heavy traffic on San Juan Road and Soda Way. A fenced one-acre dog park with landscape buffers is proposed on the north-west corner of the park away from the adjacent residential homes. One turf bantam size soccer field is located at the north east corner of the park. A concrete walkway and a decomposed jogging path with shade trees are located along the perimeter of the park.
3. Gary presented the proposed park element board to the community. Gary explained that the proposed park theme is “Nature”. He showed photos of the proposed climbing rocks and boulders for the play equipment, stones columns for the shade structure, shade fabric canopy over the play area, drinking fountain and large boulders for the informal seating areas.

**D. Question and Answers - Community Participation Process**

1. A community member stated Option #2 with the buffer was the preferred design.
2. Several community members (7) suggested adding a half basketball court to Option #2.
3. A community member requested for a community garden with 10 garden plots. 2 community members liked the idea and one community member opposed the idea.
4. A community member asked for no drinking fountain to be included and one community member objected to the idea.
5. A community member suggested having more handicapped access in the park.
6. Several community members (6) preferred Option #2.
7. One community member requested to not have a dog park and several community members (7) opposed the idea. One community member favored the location of the proposed dog park in Option #2 since it will deter access from the adjacent apartment complex.
8. A community member asked for the tree grove over the group picnic area to be included in Option #2.
9. A community member requested for the use of drought tolerant landscaping.
10. Several community members (4) suggested for no basketball court.
11. A community member asked if parking would be included in the park and Gary stated that a parking lot will be not built in the park and only street parking is provided for this park.

12. A community member expressed the need for a concrete hard court as a children's play court if a basketball court is not included in the plan.
13. A community member requested for a security camera. At corner of San Juan Road and Soda Way. No lights will be included in this park only if a designated night activity has been programmed into this park.
14. A community member suggested for a volleyball sand court to be built.
15. Several community members (2) requested for the group picnic area to be shaded.
16. A community member preferred for the play area to be shaded.
17. A community member suggested for a shade canopy over the play area and the picnic area.
18. A community member requested for rounder stones to be used as seating boulders in the park.
19. A community member suggested for a group size BBQ grill to be added in the park.
20. Funding
  - a. The current project budget is \$850,000. Gary stated an additional \$250,000 has been added to the project budget. Option #2 may require approximately 1.4 million to construct. Additional cost estimates will be developed based on the revised design.

**E. Next Steps**

1. Gary thanked the public for their participation and informed them that the next step is to develop the park master from the ideas as discussed. The revised plan will be reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Commission Committee tentatively on March 16, 2010 and construction is anticipated to begin in late summer 2011.