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MEETING NOTES

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Re: Zapata Park Improvements Workshop

Date: October 25, 2008

Location/Time: Zapata Park / 1:00 PM

Next Meeting: December 3, 2008 (2nd Workshop)

Attendees: Councilmember Ray Tretheway, City of Sacramento
Daniel Roth, District Director for Councilmember Ray Tretheway
Gary Hyden, City of Sacramento
Bill Maynard, City of Sacramento
Tin-Wah Wong, City of Sacramento
Local residents, see sign in sheet

Distribution: All Attendees

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 regarding the proposal of a new community garden in Zapata Park.

Presentation

Tin-Wah explained that the existing City community gardens are successful and that new community gardens are in high demand. She discussed some of the benefits of community gardens. The benefits include social interaction for local residents and gardeners, additional security for the park (gardeners will keep more eyes on the park) and opportunities for residents to garden.

Tin-Wah presented a photo board that showed features of a community garden (fencing, ADA accessible pathway, raised garden plot, hose bib, ADA accessible raised planters, compost bins, picnic table, vegetables & flowers).

Tin-Wah also reviewed the plan of the existing J. Neely Johnson community garden with the residents. She explained that the proposed community garden at Zapata Park would be similar to the J. Neely Johnson garden with approximately 10 garden plots including a raised planter for seniors or wheelchair users.

Tin-Wah showed the residents the Zapata Park master plan with the proposed community garden location. She announced that all of the existing trees and park amenities will remain. Tin-Wah will have all the trees examined and pruned if necessary by the City arborist. She will examine the current sun pattern in Zapata Park to maximum sunlight exposure for the garden.

Tin-Wah introduced Bill Maynard, the City's Community Garden Coordinator. Tin-Wah stated that Bill's contact information is included in the handouts that were provided to the attendees. Bill explained that vegetables, including herbs and flowers are allowed to be planted in the garden. He also stated that theft has been minimal; some watermelons have been stolen from the gardens. Bill announced that he will bring a waiting list for the Zapata community garden to the next community workshop.

Community Participation

A community member asked what the Zapata garden plot fee is. Bill Maynard stated that it is approximately \$25 per year.

A community member suggested that all new parks should include community gardens with numerous plots.

A community member suggested that a community garden should be built at the existing vacant lot on 19th Street.

A community member asked when the open enrollment period is for the Zapata community garden. Bill explained that a waiting list will be created using the sign in sheet from today's meeting. Bill also stated that he will bring a waiting list for the Zapata community garden with him to the next meeting.

A community member requested for a drinking fountain to be installed close to the basketball court. Tin-Wah stated that a drinking fountain will be included in this improvement project if the budget allows.

A community member requested for a community garden outreach program to be developed.

A community member requested for the garden to be built away from the existing basketball court. Tin-Wah stated that she will incorporate his request in the proposed plans.

Tin-Wah asked the public if they are in favor of a new community garden in Zapata Park. A majority of the attendees agreed with the proposed community garden in Zapata Park.

Next Steps

Tin-Wah thanked the public for their participation. She informed them that the next step is for her to develop a preliminary community garden design in Zapata Park. The proposed design will be presented to the public on December 3, 2008.

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 1:45pm.

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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