

Community Services Advisory Commission
Regular Meeting
Caldwell Park Teen Center
40 Quartz Hill Road
Redding, California
February 10, 2010, 5:00 p.m.

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

The meeting opened with the following Commissioners present; Susan Hinz, Leona McCoach, and John Wilson. Absent was Commissioners Adam McElvain and Jason Waybright.

Also present were Community Services Director Kimberly Niemer, Support Services Director Gerry Kersten, Community Services Project Manager Terry Hanson, Management Analyst Matt McCallum and Executive Assistant Mari Szynal.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

The minutes from the meeting on January 13, 2010, the monthly Recreation Division Activity Report, the MLK Center Activity Report, the Convention Center Activity Report, the Convention Center Calendar, and the Convention Center Capital Projects List were presented.

Motion: To approve Consent Calendar. (Made by Commissioner McCoach, Seconded by Commissioner Wilson)

AYES: Commissioners Hinz, McCoach, and Wilson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Commissioners McElvain and Waybright

Commissioner Waybright arrived at 5:05 p.m.

REVIEW OF PARK DEVELOPMENT FUND FINANCIAL REPORT

Management Analyst McCallum noted that as of December, 2009, the Park Development Funds contained a balance of just over \$4.3M. The impact of the recession and the poor residential construction market on cash flow projections is apparent in the current Capital Improvement Plan. While revenue projections have been lowered and the timing of project construction has been adjusted outward, dedicated project costs remain unchanged. In the short term, there is a minimal financial impact, but as these projects are further delayed the prospect of higher construction costs looms. Based on planned expenditures and revenue anticipated in the remaining months of this fiscal year, it is predicted the Funds will finish the fiscal year with a balance of approximately \$2.8 million.

Commissioner Waybright requested information on what type of account the Park Funds are kept in (FDIC, local bank, etc?) Management Analyst McCallum responded that the funds are pooled together with a number of other city cash balances for the Enterprise Funds. This money is invested by the City Treasurer's office into rolling CD's. The interest rate on this is currently 2.8%.

Commissioner Wilson inquired into how long the Fund would be able to maintain in the black without any income. Management Analyst McCallum responded that in order to pay off the debt service (which ends March, 2015) an additional \$1.3M would need to be generated.

No action was required on this informational item.

PROPOSITION 50 UPDATE

Community Projects Manager Hanson provided the Commission with the following update on the Proposition 50 Grant. This grant of \$1.7 million consists of three components. Restoration of 80 acres behind the Turtle Bay Museum, an extension of the Sacramento River Trail from the Turtle Bay Café to the Highway 44 Dana-to-Downtown extension and environmental interpretive signage.

The River Trail extension was completed last December and the environmental restoration work in the Turtle Bay Bird Sanctuary has also been completed. Staff was able to achieve some project savings, which will allow us to perform additional work on the north side of the Sacramento Trail between the Sundial Bridge and Harlan Drive. This work will begin in the Spring and consists of widening and overlaying 1.5 miles of the trail. Also beginning in the Spring is the installation of 45 interpretive signs on both sides of the Sacramento River in the Turtle Bay campus.

The Second Phase of the Sacramento River Parkway project involves Turtle Bay East and would connect the Dana-to-Downtown bikeway to north Bechelli Lane, add a paved parking lot and conduct environmental restoration on both sides of Highway 44. Last year staff applied for funding and the application passed the first round. Staff is expecting a site visit in the near future.

Commissioner Waybright inquired into the specifics of the Second Phase. Community Projects Manager Hanson replied that in addition to paving the parking lot located at the north end of

Bechelli Lane, a picnic shelter will be constructed and tables installed. Approximately two miles of mountain bike trails will be built along the river and a concrete trail constructed connecting the parking lot to the Dana-to-Downtown bikeway.

Commissioner Waybright asked if the mountain bike trail would be single-track. Community Projects Manager Hanson responded that it would be a little wider than single-track and constructed of crushed rock, similar to the Buenaventura Trail.

No action was required on this informational item.

EARTH DAY EVENT

Community Services Director Niemer recalled that at the January meeting discussion regarding the Riverland Drive property, the Commission agreed that staff should pursue information regarding rezoning the parcel to Open Space. Staff is awaiting a response from Shasta County on the process to move forward with this action. In the meantime, the CA Conservation Corp (CCC) has requested we facilitate a project for an Earth Day event.

The property adjoins an upstream parcel of 200+ acres owned by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Staff, the CCC, BLM and Dr. Randy Smith took a field trip to assess the project, where discussion also arose regarding joint park planning. On Earth Day, (April 24, 2010) the focus will be on removal of invasive vegetation (himalayan blackberries.) On that day, work will commence on a trail alignment that will also better delineate the property line. A potential Eagle Scout project is the installation of entry signage. In the future, a parking lot will be developed as there is only on-street parking available at this time. The short-term vision is for this property to be a natural area park.

Approximately 70 CCC crew members will be working on Earth Day at the Cleanup event. Dr. Smith has agreed to spray the necessary material to assist with eradication of the blackberries.

Commissioner Wilson noted that he viewed the Riverland Drive property on the Shasta County Assessors Map and inquired whether Clover Road connects to the BLM parcel. Community Projects Manager Hanson responded that the road does not connect, however Knighton Road does.

No action was required on this informational item.

PROJECTS UPDATES

Director Niemer provided updates on the following projects:

Community Development Block Grant Funds

Applications have been submitted on two projects which are eligible for CDBG funds. The first is a new roof for the MLK Center, where there have been a number of leaks lately. The second is for a bathroom at Rivercrest Park.

MLK Playground

An RFP was sent out for the playground and 15 proposals were received. It was narrowed down to the top three, from which the final selection was made. The children at the Center made the final selection. The Redding Lowe's store has offered to assist with the playground installation.

Management Analyst McCallum provided an update on the following project:

Bike Plan

The Steering Committee met several weeks ago and updates are being incorporated in the Plan. The Plan will be brought to the Commission for review in the Spring.

Community Projects Manager Hanson provided an update on the following project:

CA Conservation Corps (CCC)

Staff is utilizing State grants for a number of projects and a portion of the grant funding will go toward the CCC's to complete components of those projects. The plan is to partner with the CCC's and possibly Americorps to create a funding pool whereby they will work year-round on city projects.

No action was required on these informational items.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None.

DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

None.

COMMUNITY DESIGN MEETING

In conjunction with an application for Proposition 84 grant funds, the neighborhood has been invited to a presentation on the proposed Caldwell Community Center. This 12,000 square foot building would replace the current change house for the Redding Aquatic Center and provide a gymnasium, classroom space, provide for the expansion of Jump River playground by adding equipment designed for children aged 5-12, and allow expansion of the skate park with the addition of new and more challenging features and night lighting.

Five public presentations have been announced which will allow for residents in the neighborhood to provide input on what amenities they would like in the building and park. The application is due March 1 and the results will be available in the Fall. A presentation is scheduled directly after the Commission meeting and the Commissioners are welcome to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, at the hour of 5:56 p.m. Chair Hinz declared the meeting adjourned.

Susan Hinz, Chair