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**PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
March 22, 2005
Council Conference Room
250 Hamilton Avenue**

Commissioners Present: Anne Warner Cribbs, Edie Keating, Paul Losch, Jeanette Marquess

Commissioners Absent: Ellie Gioumousis, Jennifer Hagan, Judith Steiner

Others Present: Jack Morton, Council Liaison

Staff Present: Khashayar Alaei, Paul Dias, Eric Christensen, Richard James, Jeanette Serna

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Chair Anne Cribbs at 7:00 pm

ROLL CALL: Conducted by Paul Dias

AGENDA CHANGES, REQUESTS, and DELETIONS: Agenda item #5 moved to item #2

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Ray Witt – **Subject: Golf Course Accounting** Ray gave a brief introduction to this issue which he will discuss in full detail at the April 26th PARC meeting.

BUSINESS:

1. Approval of Draft Minutes of February 22, 2005. The Commissioners unanimously approved the minutes, subject to two changes.
2. Gunn/PAUSD proposal
 - Presentation given by Fran Codisoti and Bob Cramer-Brown (Gunn Sports Boosters) 1999 Sports booster long-range master plan. Phase one includes: an all weather track, baseball field with all weather infield area, and an all weather

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soccer field. A proposal for a 50-meter swimming pool was also included in the plan. Justification was demonstrated by possible rental prospects, local swim teams, Masters clubs, and Stanford overflow. Requesting a possible partnership with the City. *Subcommittee has already raised \$300k of \$350K needed towards the design costs.

- ❑ Commissioner Cribbs emphasized the importance in considering the proposal to build the swimming pool. This kind of opportunity might not happen again.
- ❑ Commissioner Keating asked if there would be artificial turf and lighting at each of these newly designed facilities? Lighting will be at the football field, but not the soccer field. The design will include the possibility of adding lights at a later date. They are looking into alternative turf possibilities.
- ❑ Council Liaison Morton asked about the parking situation at the facility? There could be effects on the neighborhood. The closest parking available is at the Gymnasium.
- ❑ Commissioner Losch wanted to make sure they emphasize on how the funding will be spent not on how to get funding.
- ❑ Eric Christensen provided information on the fee schedules and scheduling time.

3. **GOTSPACE presentation**

- ❑ Dave Goldman gave a presentation on the organization GOTSPACE.
- ❑ Commissioner Marquess asked about the issues directly related to the Fields committee.
- ❑ Commissioner Losch commented on the regional issues of GOTSPACE

4. **Tennis Use Survey**

- ❑ Presentation given by Staff member Dias
- ❑ Commissioner Marquess discussed tennis court maintenance, lighting, and availability of restrooms. These issues are very important to the tennis community. Are we getting the maximum usage of our tennis courts.
- ❑ Commissioner Cribbs suggested gathering data on the successes of tennis complexes for surrounding cities.
- ❑ Commissioner Losch felt we were right sized in the amount of courts that are available.
- ❑ Commissioner Keating asked if Hoover could have courts added? Yes, Hoover has room for one or two more courts.
- ❑ Staff James felt that day play wasn't a problem but that night play was limited. A possible lighted tennis court area could be Cubberley.
- ❑ Council Liaison Morton inquired about how many courts would PATC need for a given round of play (3 – 4 courts).

5. **Greer Park sub-committee update**

- ❑ Update given by Commissioner Marquess
- ❑ Issues with tennis court survey. Greer park subcommittee to review at next meeting.
- ❑ Is Greer park area commercial status?
- ❑ Ownership of two commercial properties.

6. Culture of Fitness

- ❑ Presentation given by Staff Alae and Staff Christensen
- ❑ Commissioner Keating asked if they would be obtaining VTA's participation in this healthy lifestyle program.
- ❑ Commissioner Marquess asked about the revenue increase/decrease with healthy snack alternatives added to the selection. Concerned with the vendors not making money and removing machines if they altered their food selection too much.
- ❑ Commissioner Keating asked how the healthy eating would be incorporated into the camps? Healthy alternative snacks would be provided.
- ❑ Commissioner Keating also suggested a lose weight camp.

7. Commissioner Feedback forms

- ❑ Paul Dias reviewed form with Commissioners
- ❑ Commissioner Losch suggested a commitment to visit the parks.
- ❑ Commissioner Keating suggested adding a Commissioner and Public comment section.
- ❑ Staff Dias suggested providing the Commissioners with ID badges to wear while in the parks.

8. Youth and Teen Center

- ❑ Sunny Dykwel a Palo Alto high school student mother commented on the recommendation for the new Youth and Teen Center. She supports this recommendation and would like to see a safe place for Teens to have to hang out at.
- ❑ Informational presentation given by Staff James
- ❑ Commissioner Keating asked if this would include other schools? Yes
- ❑ Commissioner Losch asked if it would be similar to "the house" teen center once located downtown? Also, what type of activities did "the house" provide? Dances and workshops. Mainly for a place to just hang-out.
- ❑ Commissioner Marquess asked if this new facility would cater to Youth Musicians? This would continue, Battle of the Bands.
- ❑ Commissioner Keating asked what programs would move from Mitchell Park Community Center? Most likely table tennis. There are some issues about space that they are looking into, such as moving YCS to possibly Cubberley.

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- Commissioner Cribbs asked if there are teens invested in the planning of this new facility? She also commented on the location of the teen facility. Would it have the same downtown atmosphere as “the house” use to have? Yes, we will be meeting with the Youth Council and the Library Commission. The facility will cater to 12 to 15 years olds and the downtown location was actually not the best for teens that lived too far away. The best part of having downtown was for the dances.

COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Staff Dias reported that the Annual Meeting to discuss PARC priorities will probably be scheduled sometime in late April. It will be on a Monday night right before the scheduled City Council meeting.
- Commissioner Cribbs announced that the City Council unanimously voted last night to accept the recommendations from the Field Study report.

AGENDA FOR MARCH 22, 2005 MEETING

1. Greer Park subcommittee update
2. Golf budget (proposed municipal fees for golf course, concessions, etc.)
3. Impact fees (informational- Dias)

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 9:05 pm.

