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**PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
July 31, 2003
Terman Park
661 Embarcadero Rd.**

Commissioners Present: Anne Cribbs, Ellie Gioumouis, Jennifer Hagan, and Lynn Torin

Commissioners Absent: Bill Garvey, Judith Steiner and Edie Keating

Others Present: Vic Ojakian, City Council Liaison
PAUSD Attendees: Bob Golton, Deputy Superintendent; Nicholas Morisco, Architect; Larry Thomas, Terman School Principal; John Barton
Community Members: Bob Moss, Lou Kavanau, John Easter, George Gioumouis, Phil Smaller, Betsy Allyn, Tom Ashton

Staff Present: Dan Williams, Paul Dias, Virginia Gibbons and Beth Young (Planning Department)

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by acclamation of the commissioners since the chair and vice-chair were absent at 3:40 p.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None.

AGENDA CHANGES, REQUESTS, and DELETIONS: None.

BUSINESS:

1. **Terman Park/PAUSD Field Trip to View Proposed Plan Site – Information Item.** Paul Dias passed out a series of maps detailing an interim plan (#A) for court use and three schemes (#B, C, and D) detailing longer-term permanent changes that would be considered by the Commission. Bob Golton (Deputy Superintendent PAUSD) and Nicolas Morisco (School Architect) made a brief presentation to all present regarding the proposed project and alternatives. The group then walked the site and viewed where the proposed changes would be made.
 - A. The interim plan calls for temporary basketball standards to be placed on the existing tennis courts, which would be removed daily to allow for use of the court.



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- B. Scheme 2A (#B) calls for new tennis courts to be built along side the existing tennis courts, removing the berm between the baseball diamond and tennis courts, and slightly moving the existing baseball diamond. This plan would cause the least amount of change to the park.
- Commissioner Torin asked the tennis players if only adding one tennis court would be an option and was told yes, the players could get by with three tennis courts.
- C. Scheme 3S (#C) reconfigures the existing path to encourage bike riding to school, in order to cut down on school traffic and locates the new basketball courts to the back of the park. This scheme is not ideal as it splits up playground supervision duties for PAUSD and brings up possible noise issues with the nearby neighborhood.
- Commissioners Hagan and Gioumouis expressed strong concern over the reconfiguration of the existing path, as many of the existing redwood and oak trees would have to be removed to accommodate a larger path.
- D. Scheme 2B (#D) Removes the existing berm and moves the baseball diamond to the back of the park in order for the basketball courts to be built next to the tennis courts. The plan impacts the fields and creates a conflict for the baseball diamond.
- Commissioner Torin asked if PAUSD could make do with four basketball courts and was told that four would not be sufficient to meet the needs of the 560 students that attend Terman.

It is expected that construction will take roughly four weeks, five weeks if scheme 2B (#D) is chosen. All schemes require going through the City processes, including zoning and ARB. PAUSD made a strong plea for expediting this process in order to meet various school and construction deadlines.

Principal Larry Thomas noted that a culture of play has been established at Terman and that if play is taken away, the kids will find other things to do that might not be as constructive as basketball. There are three basketball teams per each grade level, a total of twelve teams, or 200 students playing basketball daily.

The preferred plan is to convert the two south tennis courts to basketball courts and build new tennis courts adjacent to the basketball/tennis courts. The question of funding was brought up. Paul Dias responded that the question of funding is unknown at this time,

ADJOURNMENT - Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

