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GRANADA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT



Minutes **PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE** **SPECIAL MEETING**

September 11, 2018

Call to Order

The Special meeting of the Park Advisory Committee was called to order at 7:03 pm.

Roll Call

Committee Members: Pat Tierney (Chair), Nancy Marsh (Vice Chair), Paul Koelsch, Owen Moore, and Fran Pollard. Susannah Cantrell was absent. (Plus One Vacancy)

Staff: Delia Comito

GENERAL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approve May 8, 2018 Meeting Minutes.

ACTION: Pollard moved to approve with minutes with one correction.
(Pollard/Marsh). Approved 5-0.

2. Approve June 12, 2018 Meeting Minutes.

ACTION: Marsh moved to approve the 6/12/18 minutes.
(Marsh/Koelsch). Approved 5-0.

3. Consideration of Preliminary Concept Designs and Replacement Benches/Picnic Tables for Balboa Medians.

Chair Tierney introduced Steven Kikuchi of Kikuchi + Kankel Design, who provided a slideshow presentation of the initial concept designs prepared by his firm, with park improvement ideas for medians 8 & 7. First, Mr. Kikuchi reviewed a Constraints and Opportunities Plan, showing existing conditions including the slope/grade change of the land, traffic flow, wind direction, tree canopy coverage and broken picnic table locations. The two concepts presented, A & B, illustrated a variety of amenity ideas. Concept A was based on PAC Member Dale Ross's earlier concept. The amenities included a ½ basketball court, a restroom, a bench and picnic areas, and two playgrounds, one for toddlers and another for 5 to 12-year olds. Concept B was similar to Concept A, but an expanded version of the amenities, including a full basketball court.

The committee held a discussion regarding their preferences, and then opened public comment.

Resident Gael Erickson said that more public input was needed and that the current use of the medians should be considered.

Resident Tim West suggested using an arborist to assess the trees, and felt that a bathroom should be provided elsewhere.

ACTION: Marsh moved to present Concepts A & B at a future public outreach event. (Marsh/Pollard). Approved 5-0.

The Committee further discussed organizing an event.

ACTION: Tierney moved to organize and staff a public outreach event on Saturday, October 20, 2018 on median 7 for feedback on park amenities proposed for Avenue Balboa medians 8 & 7. (Tierney/Koelsch). Approved 5-0.

Committee Member Koelsch left the meeting.

4. Discuss Updating/Revising 2018-19 FY Parks and Recreation Priorities Needs List for Re-Approval and Presentation to the Board.

The Committee held a discussion to revise the prioritized list. In some cases, the order of priorities were rearranged, or they were slightly rewritten. Two items were combined into one, and two new items were added. (Revised list attached).

ACTION: Marsh moved to approve the revised 18/19 FY Priorities List as discussed. (Marsh/Moore). Approved 4-0.

5. Discuss Parks and Recreation Portion of Next Quarterly Granada Community Services District Newsletter.

The draft newsletter was provided in the packet and no Members had any comments. Member Marsh said that she would be finalizing the newsletter for publication by the end of September.

6. Discuss Status of Burnham Park and PAC Involvement.

This Item was tabled.

7. Discuss Future Recreation Programs.

The Committee discussed ideas for future programs.

8. Report on Quarry Park Cleanup.

Member Pollard reported on the successful, 2 ½ hour Quarry Park Cleanup, which was a Summer Recreation Program offered through the District.

9. Schedule/Confirm the Next PAC Meeting.

The Committee scheduled the next meeting on October 2, 2018.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

Delia Comito, District Secretary

Pat Tierney, Committee Chair

Date Approved by the Committee: October 2, 2018

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GRANADA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENDA MEMO

To: Members of the Committee
From: Delia Comito
Subject: Item 2 – Discuss Planning for Public Outreach Event on 10/20/18
Date: October 2, 2018

The Committee will discuss planning for the event scheduled on Saturday 10/20/18 from 9:00 a.m. to noon on the Avenue Balboa medians #7 and #8. For this discussion, a draft notice intended for publication in the Half Moon Bay Review on 10/10 and 10/17, and a draft flier for posting around town are attached. Suggestions and changes on the notices from the Committee are welcomed. Staff will post the finalized flier on the District's website and on other social media outlets (Facebook and Nextdoor).

Planning will include a determination on what supplies are needed, who will supply them, coordinating where and how to set-up, and who will man the event, among other things.

Please note that the Committee cannot take public input for the median park proposals under this Agenda Item. This Item is solely to discuss the event planning. Public members who wish to comment on the plans may do so at the event, or they may request a Comment Form from staff to submit their comments. Please note that a draft Comment Form is also attached for your review. The finalized form will be printed for distribution by staff and at the event.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Park Improvement Proposal for Upper Avenue Balboa Medians El Granada

The Granada Community Services District and its Park Advisory Committee will hold a special event on Saturday, October 20, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the upper Avenue Balboa Medians in El Granada to present preliminary designs for a small neighborhood park.

The public is invited to review the preliminary plans and to provide input. Directors and Committee Members will be available to discuss the plans and answer questions.

For directions and additional information, please send an email to gcsd@granada.ca.gov, or call the District office at (650) 726-7093.

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GRANADA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENDA MEMO

To: Members of the Committee
From: Delia Comito
Subject: Parks & Rec Portion of Next District Quarterly Newsletter
Date: October 2, 2018

The most current version of the newsletter is attached. The final version will be reviewed by the District General Manager prior to publication.

Granada Community Services District

DRAFT Parks Content for Sept 2018 – Recap Summer Connection to Recreation

Parks Advisory Committee (PAC) Updates

The PAC met on September 11, 7:00pm at the GCSD Office. The agenda and discussion included:

- Reviewed conceptual designs for **small neighborhood playgrounds** on the El Granada medians at the northwest end of Avenue Balboa. Next steps include a wider community outreach effort to collect feedback on the notion of adding play areas to these medians and input on possible amenities.
- Reviewed options for replacement and placement of the aged **picnic tables** on the Ave Balboa medians.
- Reviewed and updated our **action plan** for the next year, following GCSD Board feedback at their August 30 Special Parks Meeting.
- Reviewed key learnings from the Summer 2018 *Connection to Recreation* programs (see more information below) and initial discussion of recreation programs for Summer 2019.
- Discussed PAC involvement in next steps for developing the proposed **Burnham Park** on Obispo Road (see more information below).

Watch the Parks & Recreation page on www.granada.ca.gov for ongoing updates on PAC activities.

2018 Summer Connection to Recreation Events

As we move into autumn we are looking back on the first GCSD *Connection to Recreation* activities offered during the summer of 2018. All of the events were free and led by PAC members and other members of our local community. The PAC is now moving into planning mode for more activities to come next summer. Here are some memories of the Summer 2018 events:

Explorer Walk Along Deer Creek, El Granada on June 30



PAC Member Dale Ross led a walk along Deer Creek through the fields, streets and yards of El Granada. Community members were treated to an enthusiastic tour of the creek's meanderings and the creative and beautiful ways in which residents have incorporated the creek into their landscaping. A lovely sunny morning walk through the neighborhood, marveling at the coexistence of creek, wildlife habitat and local residences!



Walk Through History: Ocean Shore Railroad & El Granada Medians on July 21



GCSD Board Vice President Barbara Dye recounted the history of our district, from the time of the Coastanoa Indians through development of the Ocean Shore Railroad (“Reaches the Beaches!”) and the Burnham-designed Granada development, including wide streets, spacious plazas and forested medians. She also shared information about efforts by the Granada Community Services District to protect our open spaces while creating more parks for the community.



El Granada resident Mark Welch commented: *“Last Saturday we met to take a two hour tour of El Granada. I recommend to anyone that when this comes up again to take it. 1) You get to get out and walk a few miles and 2) you get to hear about the history of our town from the Indian garbage dump in the pillar point marsh to the 600,000 eucalyptus trees planted at the turn of the century because they were the “in” tree at the time. (that number is NOT a typo) :) ... and lots more. Barbara did a great job!! I encourage anyone that has an interest to attend the next one ... keep an eye out on Nextdoor for the date and time.”*

With this encouragement, the PAC will explore adding more history walks in the future.

Explorer Walk: Trees of El Granada, Legacy and Modern-Day on July 28



Community residents were treated to an education session with local Certified Arborist Kevin Patchett, and then a walk through the medians and streets of El Granada with PAC member Dal Ross, identifying the many species of native and non-native trees in our midst, from legacy trees planted in the earliest years of El Granada’s development (1907 – 1916) to modern day street trees. Along the way participants discussed ideas for the next generation of median trees, as the legacy Blue Gum Eucalyptus, Monterrey Cypress and Pines approach the end of their natural life.



Medians Clean-Up, El Granada on August 4



Two community members joined PAC member Nancy Marsh to collect debris and trash along the Ave Balboa, Alameda and Ave Cabrillo medians. Two full bags of bottles, cans, trash and pet waste were collected while discussing the history of the medians and ideas for the future, while maintaining beautiful and functional medians for our community. The medians were intended to be parklands – let’s keep them clean!

Edible and Medicinal Plants Walk along the EG Medians on August 11



Several members of the community joined El Granada herbalist Suzanne Elliot for a leisurely walk on The Alameda between Isabella Ave and Ave Portola. This particular median has few trees, and features many wild medicinal and edible plants as well as a few “volunteer” garden vegetables. Suzanne generously shared her expertise about the

medicinal and nutritive benefits of common weeds and native plants and how to use them in healthy meals and teas as well as helpful poultices and salves. Participants took notes, tastes, photos and samples!



Mountain Biking Local Trails for Adults on August 12



PAC member Susannah Cantrell offered a ride with local mountain bikers on the amazing trails in Quarry Park. They experienced smooth roads and narrower single track trails, and explored areas of the park that some had not seen before.

Gentle Introduction to Yoga on September 8

El Granada yoga instructor Shannon Welch Moore donated her time and expertise to host a gentle class designed for all levels. Community members enjoyed a lovely class.



Quarry Park Clean-Up on September 9



PAC member Fran Pollard organized a clean-up of Quarry Park, joined by members of the community as well as a SMC Parks Ranger. They cleared tree debris as well as trash so that the park will be beautifully green once the rains come. The volunteers filled *ten* large compost bins with debris, then used that material to mulch eroded areas and paths.

Long Time Member Dale Ross Steps Down from Park Advisory Committee

For the last seven years El Granada resident Dale Ross has worked to improve parks and recreation opportunities for kids and adults in our community. He was there at the beginning of discussions about expanding the Granada Sewer District to the Granada Community Services District. Dale was always one of the first to offer to help on Park Advisory Committee (PAC) projects. He led the very first district-sponsored recreation event, the well-organized and popular walking tour along Deer Creek. Dale rallied neighbor support for a playground along Balboa Avenue and his creative detailed designs have given us a clear vision of what could be placed there to benefit local children. The PAC will miss you and we wish you happy times ahead with your family.

Burnham Park Community Outreach, June 16, 2018

On June 16, 2018 members of the Communications Committee of the Board of Granada Community Services District as well as several PAC members worked with Kikuchi + Kankel Design Group (K+K) to present K+K's three conceptual designs for a potential Burnham Park to the public for comment. The informal community outreach event was noticed on the District's Facebook page and on social media; posters were displayed at the District Office and El Granada Post Office for about 10 days before the event. The event was held under shade tents on the Burnham Strip at the base of Avenue Portola, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A "constraints map" for the parcel and three park concepts were displayed on large posters. In addition, the Midcoast Parklands group provided an overview of the history of preserving the Burnham Strip and their initial park concept for this parcel. There was a constant flow of people at the event from the set up at 9:00 to well after the scheduled breakdown at 1:00; people expressed a great deal of curiosity as well as enthusiasm for the proposed project.

Seventy people provided written comments at the outreach event, with 90% expressing enthusiasm for developing a community park on the site, and most providing comments on the amenities they would most like to see, or not see, developed. All comments were recorded and the number of "mentions" for each type of passive or active amenity were tabulated. The GCSD Board reviewed this information at a special Parks meeting on August 30. The Board agreed to continue evolving park concepts with K&K, and to provide additional opportunities for robust community outreach. The Board agreed to consider including these potential amenities, subject to further rounds of community feedback:

Passive Amenities	Active Amenities
Picnic Tables	Playgrounds for younger & older children
Benches	Horseshoes
Barbecues	Bocce
Interpretive Signs	Fitness Circuit
Natural Landscape	Multi-use lawn
Native Plants	Skate Ramp or Park
Trails, including perimeter trail	
Parking	
Restroom/Outdoor showers	

Next Steps: A group including GCSD Directors Leonard Woren and Barbara Dye, PAC Members Pat Tierney and Nancy Marsh, and Steve Kikuchi will meet in late September to develop next steps for park design and community outreach.

Coming Soon:

Community Outreach on Concepts for Avenue Balboa Median Playgrounds & Picnic Tables

Hold the date for a Community Outreach event on the Avenue Balboa median between Columbus and Francisco Streets on Saturday, October 20, 9:00 – Noon.

PAC members and Landscape Architects from Kikuchi + Kankel will display concepts for small neighborhood playgrounds on the Avenue Balboa Circle and the adjacent median. Community members are invited to review these concepts and provide feedback on whether such small neighborhood playgrounds are desired and if so, what amenities would be recommended.

Want to find out what was discussed at past PAC and Board meetings? Go to www.granada.ca.gov to see all past meeting agendas.

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POTENTIAL SUMMER 2019 GCSD-SUPPORTED RECREATION PROGRAMS

We will need to research the feasibility of each.

Youth Programs

- Challenger British Soccer (two to five-year-olds, 1-week programs in the summer)
- Make Me a Pro Sports (this company offers various sports camps)
- World Cup Soccer (another company that offers soccer camps)
- Making movies/videos camp (offered by IncrediFlix, they have computers, software and a few cameras)
- Cetaceans, seals and science (in collaboration with Fitzgerald Marine Reserve docents)
- Youth learn to sail (with HMB Yacht Club)
- Youth with special needs bike ride on coastal trail (collaborate with BORP bike program)

Families

- Movies in the Park (Quarry Park)
- Concert (acoustic) in the Park (Quarry Park)
- Dog Training
- Guided hikes in Spanish in Rancho Coral del Tierra (in partnership with GGNRA)

Seniors

- Zumba Gold for seniors in EG (it is offered in HMB).
- Bingo in EG

Adult Programs

- Ballroom dancing
- Coastal edibles
- History walk in EG
- Pickleball
- Jewelry Making (where?)

surfing

- Have vendor take reservations
- Child protection req

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LEGEND

Scheduled PAC Meetings

Holidays - Office Closed

Special Event

GCSO Regular Meetings (Third Thursday of the month)

Meeting Room Unavailable