

GRANADA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT



Minutes **PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE** **SPECIAL MEETING**

Thursday, November 1, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

The Special meeting of the Park Advisory Committee was called to order at 7:10 pm.

ROLL CALL

Committee Members: Pat Tierney (Chair), Nancy Marsh (Vice Chair)-arrived late, Susannah Cantrell, Michelle Dragony, Paul Koelsch, and Fran Pollard. (One Vacancy).

Staff: Delia Comito

GENERAL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

From the audience, Director Dye advised the Committee that Member Nancy Marsh was late due to a traffic issue.

Speakers commented on the following issues under General Public Participation:

- Logs placed on the District's Burnham Strip parcel were a safety hazard.
- Eucalyptus trees live approximately 250 years.
- Need for District maintenance of trees in the El Granada medians.
- Asked about Public Works stump grinding.

Chair Tierney noted that the trees in the medians were not the District's responsibility.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approve October 2, 2018 Meeting Minutes.

ACTION: Member Pollard moved to approve the October 2, 2018 PAC Meeting minutes. (Pollard/Dragony). Approved 5-0. (Marsh absent).

2. Discuss October 20, 2018 Meeting/Event for a Small Neighborhood Park at Avenue Balboa Medians:

- a) **Analyze Community Input Received.**
- b) **Discuss Concept Design Changes/Modifications.**
- c) **Discuss PAC Recommendation to the Board and Preparation for the 11/15/18 Board Meeting.**
- d) **Future Public Outreach Planning.**

The three conceptual designs which were presented at the event were on display during the meeting. Each design has a different layout and level of intensity.

Due to the public turn-out for this Agenda Item, Chair Tierney advised the audience that PAC is an advisory-only committee with no decision-making authority, that the project plans are preliminary, and that PAC has yet to decide if it will make a recommendation for a park on the medians to the Board. He further stated that the public will have many

more opportunities to comment regarding any proposed median improvement, and announced another PAC outreach event planned for January 26, at 9:00 a.m.

Tierney then presented a slide show to review the report findings from the District's initial parks survey, the Community Interest and Opinion Survey for Local Parks & Recreation Facility Priorities, which was mailed to over 2,200 residents in February 2015. He also reviewed PAC's past actions concerning improvements to the medians.

Member Marsh arrived at the meeting. She provided a review of a report she had prepared, which analyzes the seventy-four written comments received from the public outreach event held on October 20. The results were: 64% of comments were positive toward a play area; 29% negative toward a play area, and 7% were mixed.

The Committee held a discussion regarding the proposed elements and concerns raised by nearby residents. Chair Tierney asked the Committee to consider if they wanted to continue pursuing a play area on medians #7 and #8.

ACTION: Tierney moved to proceed with planning a play area on median #7 only. (Tierney/Pollard). Motion failed 2-3-1 (Dragony abstained).

The discussion continued.

ACTION: Marsh moved to proceed with the next stage of planning for a play area on medians #7 and #8 with further public input. (Marsh/Pollard). Approved 6-0.

The Chair continued the Committee discussion with a focus on element priorities.

ACTION: Marsh moved to limit the design proposal to be small-in-scale, using natural materials, and incorporating existing elements and trails, and eliminating the restroom, stage, and basketball ½ court. (Marsh/Pollard). Approved 6-0.

Chair Tierney opened public comment.

There were several public comments made by residents regarding the proposed play area on medians 7 and 8. Some of the concerns raised included the following:

- After dark noise (kids partying)
- Additional trash
- More cars and traffic
- Parking issues
- Safety of children
- Visual impacts of play structures
- No paving, keep it natural
- Cutting of trees
- Will attract vagrants/homeless people
- Affects dog walkers
- Not reaching out to enough residents regarding the proposal

Chair Tierney thanked the speakers for their comments, and indicated that there would be many more opportunities for the public to comment on the proposed Balboa play area.

3. Discuss Picnic Table Replacement in Avenue Balboa.

This item was tabled.

4. Discuss 2019 Connection to Recreation Events/Programs.

The committee reviewed a draft list of potential activities for the summer of 2019 that GCSD would sponsor. The Committee also discussed the possibility of holding some of the events in the spring and fall of 2019.

5. Schedule/Confirm the Next PAC Meetings.

The committee agreed to hold the next PAC meeting on December 6 at 7pm.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

Delia Comito, District Secretary

Pat Tierney, Committee Chair

Date Approved by the Committee: December 6, 2018