



**City of Santa Barbara
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

**NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL
Regular Monthly Meeting**

Wednesday, December 9, 2015

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to Order 6:04pm

ROLL CALL

Aldana, Sebastian
Cavazos, Ed
Dunphy, Amy
Heaton, Brittany
Lancaster, Chelsea
Longstreet, Beebe
Peña, Theresa
Soto, Ana

Staff Present

NOS Senior Supervisor Mark Alvarado
Administrative Specialist Jessica Martinez

Liaisons Present

Mark Rincon-Ibarra – Parks and Recreation Commission

Advisory Council Members Absent

Foxen, Sally
Fragosa, Abbey
Lafond, Susan
Limón, Javier

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Neighborhood Updates to be after Item 2

PUBLIC COMMENT

Pete Dal Bello – Medical Marijuana Dispensary

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of the Minutes – **For Action** (Attachment)

Recommendation: That the N.A.C. waive the reading and approve the minutes of regular meeting November 11, 2015.

It was moved and seconded by Advisory Council Members Cavazos and Aldana respectively, to approve the minutes with changes. Members Aldana, Cavazos, Dunphy, Heaton, Lancaster, Longstreet, Peña, and Soto in favor. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Cabrillo Ball Park Renovation Project – For Discussion and Action

Recommendation: That the Neighborhood Advisory Council (NAC):

- A. Receive a presentation on the Cabrillo Ball Park Renovation Project; and
- B. Provide advisory comments to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

The neighborhood Advisory Council received a presentation on the Ball Park Renovation Project and provided comments to City Staff.

Comments

Lancaster mentioned the following:

- Gaps and needs for low income youth
- Basketball court would be well-used
- Child's play area at Chase Palm Park
- Area for teens and preteens
- Noise issue should not be a big issue

Peña:

- West each too far for Eastside residents
- Need activities for families to be active
- Noise already from night games on field, cars etc, thus noise should not be an issue / should not deter basketball option
- Fitness equipment is a great idea

Aldana:

- Did outreach – 3 hotels and batting cage owner want Fitness/play area option
- Residents north of 101 freeway are for Fitness/Basketball option
- Ensure proper pedestrian lighting

Cavazos:

- Made the motion for basketball court – still support it
- Regardless of what happens, it will be a great park
- Basketball, Soccer, Fitness activities planned but no basketball
- The more we can do with that space the better
- The community is asking for it and it gives them something to do there
- The more people and activities going on, the safer it could be
- Noise concept seems to be the only downside though noise being an issue does not make sense
- Fess-Parker would be the only neighbor to hear any noise – should not be an issue
- Should advocate for this as something positive
- Appeasing a hotel is ridiculous

Heaton:

- It is clear that this is an active park – the more activities going on, the better it will be
- Basketball court draws attention to park as a whole
- Children’s mounds too passive
- We need City parks and Basketball court makes this look like a City Park
- Concerned about Historic Lands Commission having an issue with park
- Basketball court would be a good use of space

Soto:

- Have been championing upgrades to the park
- Advocate for Basketball court – would bring more families to the park
- Having a place for families and summer camps possible at this park
- A lot of potential
- Noise should not be an issue – we need family activities

Dunphy:

- Clear community need for activities at the park
- Parks that have fitness equipment are heavily used
- Fitness equipment more used when at perimeters of parks – Basketball/Fitness layout
- Concerned about fitness area close to basketball court
- Do we need flat open space – could we add more fitness
- Either option this park will serve community well- be beautiful

Longstreet:

- Did not support basketball court option – too crowded
- Open plan more appealing

Rincon-Ibarra:

- Concerned about recreational opportunities for teens and preteens

COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

None

Chair Longstreet – Last meeting for members Cavazos and Peña

NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES

None.

ADJOURNMENT 7:15pm

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Next regular meeting:

Louise Lowry Davis Center
Wednesday, January 13, 2015, 6:00 p.m.