

## Pacific Highlands Ranch Community Park Committee Meeting Report

Meeting Location: Pacific Trails Middle School, Art Room M102, 5975 Village Center Loop Road, San Diego, CA 92130

Meeting Date: 10/13/2015

Meeting Time: 6:30 PM

Project: **Pacific Highlands Ranch Community Park**

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### Meeting Purpose:

The purpose of the Advisory Committee Meeting was to explore visioning for the park and develop a list of preferred amenities for the park. Members of the public were invited to attend and share ideas for park amenities to be included in the future park.

### Attendees:

Committee Member	Representation	Present	Absent
Manjeet Ranu (Chair)	PHR North Resident #1 (Portico)	X	
Danielle McCallion	PHR North Resident #2 (Santa Rosa)	X	
Scott Curry	PHR South Resident #1 (Airoso)	X	
Chris Powell	PHR South Resident #2 (Soleil Bordeaux)	X	
Ken Farinsky	Carmel Valley Recreation Council	X	
John Addleman	San Dieguito Union High School District	X	
Dan Curran	Coast Income Properties	X	

The meeting was also attended by approximately 8 members of the community, and representatives from the City of San Diego, Pardee Homes, and Schmidt Design Group, Inc. (SDG).

### Introductions and Opening Remarks

Manjeet (Chair) called the meeting to order.

### Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Meeting minute approval was deferred to next meeting.

### Park Visioning Exercise: To Develop Site Program and Amenities Alternatives

Glen Schmidt (SDG), led a discussion of potential park amenities. The following key items were discussed:

- Scott presented feedback from a meeting that was held with approximately 10 people at the Airoso community on Sunday Oct. 11, 2015. No formal vote was made regarding the need/desire to create a connection from Airoso to the park, but the general preference was to have no connection. See attached notes that were recorded on the large flip chart.
- JT Barr (SDG) presented a summary of the sports outreach that has been completed to date. To date, phone interviews have been

completed with 8 sports groups, and 4 additional groups have been contacted. SDG will continue the sports outreach and report back at the next meeting.

- Dan presented an overview of amenities that are planned on the north side of the Loop Road as part of the Town Center development. It was noted that the dog park will be private use, and flexible turf space, children's play area, decomposed granite plaza, and community garden will be open to the public.
- Glen led a discussion of potential park amenities to determine the preferred amenities to be included in each of the three (3) park concept alternatives. Discussion included:
  - Building - Alternatives should explore options for different building locations. One option should be locate the building near Town Center Drive to create a "civic" feel. Another option should locate the building farther back close to the access point from the parking lot to create a "campus" feel.
  - Include a mix of programmed and non-programmed space.
  - Incorporate activities for all ages in all three designs.
  - Incorporate a minimum of one active-use field area in all three options.
  - Explore options for snack shack and for synthetic turf.
  - Full scale skate park and community garden do not need to be included. Small scale skate elements may be considered.
  - The committee noted that the three alternatives should have a very different feel and intensity of use.
  - See attached for a draft list of program amenities that were recorded on the large flip chart.

## **Approval of 3 Preferred Site Program and Amenities Alternatives**

The three preferred themes for site program were as follows:

- Program 1: Heavily Programmed/Traditional Recreation
- Program 2: Informal/Alternative Recreation
- Program 3: Passive/Neighborhood Activities (while still accommodating active use)

Ken motioned to approve the preferred site program alternatives and Scott seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

## **Non-Agenda Public Comment**

Manjeet opened the floor for non-agenda public comment. All comments from the community were recorded on a large flip chart and are attached to this report.

## **Next Meeting**

October 27, 2015, 6:30pm at Pacific Trails Middle School

## **Conclusion**

End of Meeting Report

*This report, if not corrected within seven (7) days after receipt by any party in attendance, shall be acknowledged as an accurate report of the events that took place at this meeting.*

Feedback from  
Airoso Community

• FEEDBACK FROM AIROSO COMMUNITY

- concern re: security + cost for gate + maint.
- would become a cut-through
- higher traffic at homes near gate.
- explore options for access from Loop Road
  - ↳ will it be fenced?
- gate would be most useful near southeast
  - \* + rec center
- prefer that lit fields<sup>^</sup> be pushed farther south
  - prefer buffer of quieter activities near home (playgrounds, tai chi, gardens, etc.)
- explore noise mitigation options - planting?



Committee  
Discussion

- Any option to use area at top of slope at Pacific Trails.
- Accommodate sports groups that are most popular (not just softball, backstops, etc.)
- Fenced artificial turf option to prevent use by dogs.
- Parking - access from Loop Road?
  - additional parking for access during school hours?
  - visitor lot will be open to the public <sup>24</sup>/7.
- Middle school edge should have a buffer from "noisy" activities (tennis / bball / etc.)



# PROGRAM 1

HEAVILY PROGRAMMED

- 5 tennis courts
- 2 backstops
- children's play area
- 2 basketball
- Synthetic turf field?
- Snack Shack
- Picnic shelter (for groups)  
in one option (dispersed  
in another option)
- Social nodes



# PROGRAM 2

INFORMAL ALT.

- Dog park,  $\frac{1}{4}$  ac
- Children's play area
- 2 basketball
- Pump Track (all options?)
- Parcour (or program 2?)
- Picnic shelter
- Social nodes
- Sand volleyball
- Skateboard elements



# PROGRAM 3

PASSIVE / NEIGHBORHOOD ACTIVITIES

- Children's play area.
- — basket ball
- Informal  
• Amphitheater — use slope?
- Picnic shelter
- Social nodes
- Skateboard elements
- Contemplative / quiet space (all options)



- Could there be more joint use?  
ie/ operator rents tennis from school  
↳ concern w/ security.
- Buffer area could be native habitat
- Restroom close to playground
- Some non-programmed space
- rec center - don't create dark corners
- Sports lights - could they go off at 9?
- Include a dog park (separate from skate)
- Connect Village Center view / signage.



## Public Comment

- opportunity for art 1/2 utility vault painting
- rec center - Connect to Village Center architectural style
- include local asb from schools for feedback
- don't overprogram.
- Synthetic turf can withstand <sup>high</sup> use + new options that are safer.
- rec center will need space to run programs i.e. tiny tots. master sports.
- do one thing really well rather trying to do everything.
- look at sports long-term statistics try to accommodate all sports
- include drop-off/pick up area.
- community partnerships i.e. Sharks
- rec center - multi-purpose
  - include badminton.