

MINUTES  
RANCHO SIMI RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT  
OAK PARK – PARK AND RECREATION PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING  
OAK PARK COMMUNITY CENTER & GARDENS  
1000 N. KANAN ROAD, OAK PARK, CA 91377  
THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2016  
7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

ITEM

- I. CALL TO ORDER                      The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm  
Committee Members Present; Shayna Charter,  
James Ebert, Mike McReynolds, Tom Ray, Derek  
Ross, and Dennis Wheeler

Others Present:                      District Board Member Gene Hostetler  
District Legal Counsel Brian Pierik  
District Staff Members Wayne Nakaoka, Renee  
Peace, Theresa Pennington, and Larry Peterson

Guests Present:                      Residents Carolyn Cass Barton, and John Deluca

II. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

ACTION: Chair Derek Ross nominated Member James Ebert for Chair,  
Member Tom Ray seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Chair James Ebert nominated Past Chair Derek Ross for Vice Chair,  
Member McReynolds seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

III. PUBLIC DISCUSSION (items not on the agenda)

- A. Guest John Deluca thanked the Park District for moving forward with the  
Mae Boyar Recreation Building Replacement Project, and for ensuring

funding and listening to the public. Mr. Deluca also indicated his support for the Verizon cell tower.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meeting of January 14, 2016.

**ACTION:** Committee Member McReynolds moved to approve the minutes from the January 14, 2016 meeting. Committee Member Ray seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review and Possible Approval of Concept Design for Proposed Mae Boyar Recreation Building Replacement Project.

Director of Planning and Maintenance Nakaoka provided site plans, concept drawings, and reviewed the current building specifications. Discussions included parking, trees, building design, building occupancy, community survey results, and reviewed notes from the Ad Hoc Committee Meetings. In his staff report, Mr. Nakaoka recommended to utilize the Oak Park Community Center Building Alt. 1 (plan sheet 2 of 6) and corresponding site plan depicting the use of the eight (8) on-street parking spaces (plan sheet 6 of 6).

Guest present Carolyn Cass Barton provided comments in support of the Rustic Style Concept Drawing.

**ACTION:** Member McReynolds made a motion to recommend to the Rancho Simi Board the Modern Style. Member Ray seconded the motion, and the motion passed with all committee members voting in favor except Chair Ebert who opposed as he thought the rustic look was appropriate.

Further discussion by Committee Members suggested removing the “Modern” style label from concept drawing Alt. 3, to allow flexibility for the architect when developing the design.

**ACTION:** Chair Ross made a motion to support the recommendation put forth by staff to recommend Site Plan Concept Drawing 2, which includes 8 on-street parking spaces. Member McReynolds seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### B. Report on the Oak Park Recreation Programs

Recreation Supervisor Peace reported on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary draft. District Manager Peterson provided a brief synopsis about the history of disc golf and pickle ball, and about the District’s recent efforts to bring both to the community of Simi Valley. He stated both could be brought to the community of Oak Park, with Chaparral Park appearing to be a good fit for a disc golf course. Discussions continued with Vice Chair Ross highlighting Oak Park Unified School Districts involvement with the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Vice Chair Ross supported the idea to add pickleball lines to some of the tennis courts.

#### C. Report on Planning and Development Issues In Oak Park

Director of Planning and Maintenance Nakaoka, presented the report on Planning and Development issues in Oak Park. Chair Ebert asked questions about general maintenance at Valley View Park and expressed concern with concrete trip issues. Mr. Nakaoka reported that the improvements are already in motion.

#### D. Grounds Maintenance Report

No comments from Committee members.

#### E. Reports by Committee Members Regarding Park Inspection Results

Committee Member McReynolds identified a problem with the grooming of bushes at Indian Springs in the area close to the Montego

development between the retaining wall and sidewalk. Member McReynolds also asked if drip irrigation could be considered. Director of Planning and Maintenance Nakaoka said he would look into it.

District Manager Peterson provided Committee Members with an assigned park adoption sheet for park inspections. Chair Ross added Oak Canyon Community Park and Dog Park to his evaluation of parks, Member Ray added Chaparral Park, and Member Wheeler adopted Deerhill Park.

#### VI WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

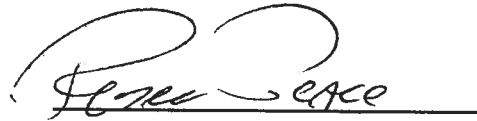
None

#### VII ITEMS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair Ross commented on Super Sunday and commended the cooperative effort between the Park District and School District. Chair Ross brought up previous communications regarding organic pesticides and rodent traps. He expressed his position that the Oak Park Committee continue to support the efforts of the Park District in making sure only organic pesticides and herbicides are being used at the parks that are adjacent to the schools in Oak Park. District Manager Peterson explained staff has identified a local company for bee control that takes this approach. He also explained that the information pertaining to the District's use of organic alternatives to remove gofers, ants and bees was shared with Dr. Knight. Chair Ross commended the Park District for listening to their concerns regarding this issue. Chair Ross requested that staff provide a project list to the Committee so they are informed moving forward. District Manager Peterson explained that the budget and project list will be presented in the July meeting and can be made available before that time. Chair Ross revisited the idea of placing shade structures at the parks and shared issues that the Oak Park Unified School District had with the ones they had installed at the schools.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

**ACTION:** Committee Member Ray moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 pm; Committee Member McReynolds seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The next meeting is scheduled to occur on July 14, 2016.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Renee Peace". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Renee Peace

Recreation Supervisor – Oak Park