

ITEM 10.A.

MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Moorpark, California

April 10, 2013

A Special Joint Meeting of the Moorpark City Council and Parks & Recreation Commission was held on April 10, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. at the Moorpark Community Center located at 799 Moorpark Avenue, Moorpark, California.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Parvin called the City Council meeting to order at 7:18 p.m.

Chair Thompson called the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting to order at 7:18 p.m.

2. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Parks and Recreation Commissioner, Adam Haverstock led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL:

City Council: Councilmembers Mikos, Millhouse, Pollock, Van Dam, and Mayor Parvin.

Parks & Recreation Commission: Commissioners Babcock, Brown, Haverstock, Pflaumer, and Chair Thompson.

Staff Present: Steven Kueny, City Manager; Hugh Riley, Assistant City Manager; Deborah Traffenstedt, Deputy City Manager; Jeremy Laurentowski, Parks and Landscape Manager; and Maureen Benson, City Clerk.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

5. PRESENTATION/ACTION/DISCUSSION:

- A. Consider Status Report on Mission Statement, Priorities, Goals and Objectives for Fiscal Year 2012/2013 and Direction for Fiscal Year 2013/2014. Staff Recommendation: Direct staff as deemed appropriate.

Mr. Kueny deferred giving a staff report and stated staff is available to respond to Council and Commission questions.

There were no speakers.

A discussion followed among the Councilmembers, Commissioners, and staff which focused on:

- 1) Future of solar power in parks and public buildings;
- 2) Desire to focus on Top Ten Priorities 9. and 10. to enhance open space and establish a city-wide trail system along the Arroyo Simi; and to promote sustainability by use of solar panels to conserve on energy costs;
- 3) Possibilities of walking, jogging, biking paths on City property on west side of Moorpark Road or opportunities for a joint-powers-authority with the County and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for the property in that area;
- 4) Progress being made on the Master Trail System in the Happy Camp Canyon area;
- 5) Desire to include, not only hiking, but also bike trails throughout the City;
- 6) Concerns regarding fees assessed to youth sports programs and the decline in the ability of youth sports organizations to give scholarships;
- 7) Importance of youth sports in offering alternatives to juvenile crime and in preventing childhood obesity;
- 8) Park options for the parcel of land located behind the U.S. Post Office including a tennis court, half-basketball court, or community garden if the City ends up owning the land;
- 9) Consideration of a BMX or bike park to be located near the skate park;
- 10) Retro-fitting the multi-use court at Arroyo Vista Community Park for the installation of basketball standards to create four courts;
- 11) Importance of developing the Youth Master Plan;
- 12) Improve field lighting at Arroyo Vista Community Park to maximize field play;
- 13) Expanding the July 3rd Event to include celebration of the City's 30th Anniversary;
- 14) Possibility of a community garden in collaboration with local churches and other local groups;
- 15) Consideration of potential trail connection to outdoor fitness area in a park that does not close at dusk;
- 16) Continuing to work toward a community swimming pool; and incorporating water features in the parks in the meantime;
- 17) Potential for the second entrance/exit to Arroyo Vista Community Park;

- 18) Educating the public on the need to increase park assessment fees in order to support the parks; and
- 19) Successful completion of the Dog Park and the upcoming completion of the Second Street Park.

CONSENSUS: It was the consensus of the Council to direct staff to provide the City Council and Parks and Recreation Commission with a box item communication on the statistics from sports organizations on the reduction in number of players due to the increase in fees so that this information can be used to educate the voters on the need for an increase in the parks tax assessment.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Parvin adjourned the City Council meeting and Chair Thompson adjourned the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Janice S. Parvin, Mayor

Sandra Thompson, Chair

ATTEST:

Maureen Benson, City Clerk