

Advisory Committee on Joint Use of Recreational Property
DRAFT MINUTES

Ludwick Community Center

864 Santa Rosa

Tuesday, December 1, 2009 12:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Michael Parolini called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Committee Members Nancy Cochran, Stew Jenkins, Colin Jones, Stephen Cairns and David Hensinger (representing the Parks and Recreation Commission)

ABSENT: Jesse Bilsten

STAFF: City of San Luis Obispo: James Bremer, Recreation Supervisor; Linda Fitzgerald, Recreation Manager; Marti Reynolds, Supervising Administrative Assistant, Peggy Mandeville, Principal Transportation Planner

1. Public Comment

None.

2. Consideration of Minutes

***MOTION:** (Cochran/Parolini) Approve the August 25, 2009 minutes as submitted. There was no meeting October 27, 2009 due to a lack of quorum.*

Approved - 5 Yes: 0 No: 2 Absent (Bilsten, Jenkins)

3. Request for Facility Use Grant Balance

Chair Parolini explained the background of the Facility Use Grant and the need to allocate the balance of funds amounting to \$1,534 from previous encumbrance before losing it, which would occur in June 2010.

Recreation Manager Fitzgerald reviewed the alternatives. Because the facility use grant program was not funded this fiscal year, it needs a vote of the Committee to be reopened. If reopened, letters of invitation to apply for the grant would be mailed to organizations no later than the end of January. A subcommittee would then be appointed to review applications as is standard procedure. The Committee can restrict funding to youth sports only, or opt to not reallocate at all and wait until fully funded again which will be in 18 months.

Committee Member Cochran clarified there is still the same criteria for programs applying and the rating of those programs.

MOTION: *(Jones/Cochran)* Re-open the facility grant program for March 2010 to allocate the remaining funds of \$1,534.

Approved - 5 Yes: 0 No: 2 Absent (Bilsten, Jenkins)

4. 2010 Work Program - Bremer

Action: Identify tasks for the 2010 Work Program; final program components to be returned for approval at the next JUC meeting

Recreation Supervisor Bremer spoke to the Committee about the work program, noting last year's youth sports work goals were separated from adult sports.

Recreation Manager Fitzgerald mentioned the joint use agreement with the County for El Chorro Regional Park and the possibility it will return to the JUC in the future as there may be some amendments to the current agreement.

Committee members discussed.

Recreation Manager Fitzgerald noted, regarding item 8, that the stadium use agreement will expire the end of the 2010 season and that the JUC will look at criteria for a possible request for proposal for stadium uses at that time.

Chair Parolini stated the consensus to change item 5, adding "as funds become or are available" and changing the grant cycle years to 2010-11 in both item 5 and item 8.

Chair Parolini noted Committee Member Stew Jenkins arrived at 12:15 p.m. and is included in motions from this point on.

Recreation Manager Fitzgerald will make changes to the Work Program for approval at next month's meeting and requested that Committee members email her if they think of any other changes.

5. 2010-11 Bicycle Transportation Grant

Principal Transportation Planner Peggy Mandeville gave Committee Members background information and staff's recommendations on the 2010-11 Bicycle Transportation Grant application which will benefit the Railroad Safety Trail by connecting to Sinsheimer Park. Staff submitted the grant application in response to a Caltrans call for funding bicycle projects under the Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) program and a recommendation by the Bicycle Advisory Committee. As BTA requires a minimum ten percent match by the City. The City's local match of \$50,600 would come from the Bicycle Facility Improvement account.

Three improvements as a result of the application include a new ramp on the Jennifer Street bicycle/pedestrian bridge, a new paved trail connection to Sinsheimer Park, and a

Class I multi-use path connection from the southern terminus of the Railroad Safety Trail at Orcutt Road to the new traffic/bike signal at Laurel and Orcutt. Because these improvements are all on City property, Union Pacific approval is not required. These improvements are also noted in the Sinsheimer Park Master Plan and unmet bikeway needs were also specifically requested from the public last year. These improvements are supported by the Bicycle Advisory Committee and will come before Council December 1 for 10 percent funding.

Chair Parolini entered into discussion with Principal Transportation Planner Mandeville regarding Jennifer Street Bridge route.

MOTION: *(Jenkins/Jones)* Endorse the request by the Public Works Department to apply for a 2010-11 Bicycle Transportation Grant to benefit the Railroad Safety Trail with a connection to Sinsheimer Park:

Approved - 6 Yes: 0 No: 1 Absent (Bilsten)

6. San Luis Obispo Babe Ruth League Donation

Chair Parolini summarized the donation offered by the San Luis Obispo Babe Ruth League for improvements to Stockton Field.

Recreation Manager Fitzgerald indicated that the Utilities Department has yet to determine whether the proposal would add to water consumption rate. There is water consumption without infield turf because of the need to water down dirt before play so a comparison needs to be made with a field that has infield turf. SLO Baseball Stadium is the only City baseball field with infield turf so it may be used as a benchmark for the amount of water to be used.

Committee members expressed their gratitude to Babe Ruth for the donation offer.

Committee members requested opinion of the representative of Babe Ruth, Gary Foster. He hopes to accomplish the project within a one to two week period followed by four to six weeks estimated sod growth. Babe Ruth can use the field at old Pacheco School in the interim.

Recreation Manager Fitzgerald informed the JUC that a staff report based on this meeting will be presented to Council on either December 15 or January 5. Proposal also needs to go before school board which can be done concurrently. Suggested Gary Foster contact Arnie Silacci to be placed on the agenda.

Committee Members discussed what may be involved in turf maintenance for clarification.

MOTION: *(Jones/Cairns)* Recommend City Council accept a donation from San Luis Obispo Babe Ruth League for improvements to Stockton Field and enter into an agreement with the organization for installation of bleachers and a turf infield with accompanying irrigation responsibility for all future maintenance.

Approved - 6 Yes: 0 No: 1 Absent (Bilsten)

7. Staff Report

None.

8. Additional Items

Committee Members entered into further discussion of San Luis Obispo Babe Ruth League contributions, including the batting cages at Sinsheimer Park.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m. to the January 26, 2010 Joint Use Committee Meeting to be held at 12:00 p.m. at the Ludwick Community Center.