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August 29, 2011

Meeting Summary Village Park/Plaza Park/ Community Clubhouse Project

RE: Community Workshop #1

Date: August 24, 2011

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Attendees: See attached Sign-in Sheet

Maureen Zamarippa, Fair Oaks Recreation & Park District
Melissa Ruth, moderator from Callander Associates
Erik Smith, moderator from Callander Associates

The purpose of this meeting was to review the site analysis plan and gather input from the community on site issues and opportunities for the development of a park master plan for Village Park, Plaza Park and the Community Clubhouse. The following information was discussed and/or mentioned during our meeting.

1. Post the Site Analysis Plan on the District's website.
2. The Clubhouse interior could use some upgrades.
 - Paint ducts and ceiling a matte black or matte gray for the Clubhouse upper level.
 - Strip the knotty pine wall surface and re-surface with lighter varnish/stain/surface coating.
3. DOT will not allow one way traffic along the adjacent roadways.
4. An electrical plan was prepared by Brothers Electric for Plaza Park.
5. Drivable grass at Plaza Park.
6. There has not been a study of who uses the park.
7. What is the goal for these parks? Prefers passive space at Plaza Park and kid focused space at Village Park.
8. Need bike access and parking.

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9. Incorporate the Amphitheatre design into the park.
10. Each park should have unique uses to add separate character.
11. Pedestrian scale monuments and entry gateways.
12. How do we determine proposed amenities if there is no budget?
13. Provide pedestrian pathway on the hill between Village Park and the Amphitheatre.
14. Village Park should have a family oriented feel and include a water feature.
15. ADA walking path around and between both parks.
16. Concerns about what happens to parking along Park Drive.
17. Do not lose park land for parking.
18. Integrate parks while maintaining separate functions.
19. Provide two to three different access routes to connect the two parks.
20. Access between Clubhouse and Amphitheatre is desired.
21. Accessibility to the Clubhouse needs to be addressed.
22. Keep grassy slopes for the kids to utilize.
23. The lack of lighting during Music in The Village event makes it un-safe.
24. Chickens will destroy colorful shrub plantings. Is there something that can be done about the chickens?
25. Not concerned about lack of event parking.
26. Be careful not to over-light the park or add too much parking, as it will lose the neighborhood feel.
27. Highlight the history of the site.
28. Group and single picnic spaces are desired.
29. Monuments that highlight the old families of Fair Oaks.
30. A water feature is desired as a central focal point for Plaza Park.

31. Don't clutter park with stuff. Doesn't like monuments.
32. Don't level out the Park, neighbors like the hilly character of the park.
33. Bus stop blocks views and should be removed.
34. Can park users use adjacent business's parking lots? Keep parking open for park users too.
35. For events, shuttles bring people into the park from other parking lots in town.
36. Don't think all pathways need to be ADA compliant.
37. Gateway entry at corner for Fair Oaks Boulevard and California Avenue.
38. Don't terrace the existing slopes.
39. Want to improve slope.
40. A non-modern designed Gazebo is desired in the center of Plaza Park to utilize the unused space.
41. Theme and aesthetics should match the character of Fair Oaks Village.
42. People already use Plaza Park for drumming circles and set up their own Volleyball nets.
43. Plaza Park design should focus on people going to shops, provide a homey feel, and pull people into the park space.
44. Neighbor has seen a decrease in the chicken population recently.
45. Provide more seating around the parks.
46. Add signs directing park users to the restrooms.
47. Noticed a large drop at curb along Park Drive and Fair Oaks.
48. Terrace the slope off Main Street.
49. Shade for kids play area.
50. Incorporate Amphitheatre foot print in concept plans.

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51. Horseshoe pits, bocceball, lawn bowling, Frisbee golf course and bike racks at Village Park.
52. Tiered seating along Main Street with permanent shade umbrellas staggered throughout.
53. Large gazebo in the center of Plaza Park with enough room for a band or wedding party.
54. Picnic tables and benches around the perimeter path of Plaza Park.
55. Plaques all around the end of Plaza Park showing historical pictures of the Village with short descriptions of the area's history.

The information above is Callander Associates' understanding of items discussed at the meeting.

Submitted by:

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cc: All attendees