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Meeting Summary Village Park/Plaza Park/ Community Clubhouse Project

RE: Community Workshop #2

Date: October 3rd, 2011

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 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 summarize the previous public meetings, present and gather input from the community on the two conceptual plan alternatives. Below is a summary of the comments received from the community. These comments along with comments from the previous public meetings will be taken into consideration when developing the Preferred Concept Plan for the Village Park, Plaza Park and the Community Clubhouse Master Plan.

1. General Comments

- A. Post Concept Plan Alternative #1 and #2 on the District's website.
- B. Implementation of the new Master Plan will likely be in phases as funding becomes available.
- C. There is no timeline currently for implementation of the Master Plan.

2. Positive Comments on Concept Plan Alternative #1

- A. The community had a preference for the traditional style space of Plaza Park.
- B. Likes the incorporation of the Christmas Tree in the design.
 - A representative from the Christmas in the Village Committee would like to see a space designated for a tree structure that can be installed during the holiday season and removed for the remainder of the year.
 - The existing tree used during the Christmas in the Village is beloved but is not a real Christmas Tree shape.

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- C. Provide an area that can stage the Community Christmas Tree during the holiday season and transform into a fountain or other activity during other times of the year.
- D. The rose garden brings the focus on the Community Clubhouse.
- E. Likes the relocation of the off-street parking at the Community Clubhouse to the street.
- F. Likes that the plans preserve most of the existing trees.
- G. Prefers the curved paths of this alternative to the straight paths of Alternative #2.
- H. Prefers the design of Plaza Park in this alternative.

3. Suggested Improvements to Concept Plan Alternative #1

- A. Remove off-street parking lot north of the Arts and Crafts Room.
- B. Central green space at Plaza Park shouldn't be raised.
- C. Remove terraced green space in front of the band shell. Will be difficult for elderly to access.
- D. Make sure we address the views at the corner of Fair Oaks Blvd and California Avenue.
- E. Incorporate a central formal fountain or build structure as a focal point in Plaza Park.
- F. Incorporate an interactive splash fountain near the kid's playground in Village Park.
- G. Replace the gazebo at the corner of Temescal Street and California Avenue with a fountain or art piece.
- H. Include history and public information into a kiosk in the garden in front of the Clubhouse.

4. Positive Comments on Concept Plan Alternative #2

- A. Prefers this alternative's raised plaza space in front of the amphitheater future entry.
- B. Likes the plaza space in front of the amphitheater along California Avenue.
- C. Formal rose garden brings the focus on the Community Clubhouse.
- D. Likes that the paths cross and provide direct access to the amenities.
- E. Likes the layout of the asphalt parking lot between the commercial building and the Community Clubhouse.

- F. Likes that the restroom building will be remodeled and expanded.
- G. Prefers the design of Village Park in this Alternative.

5. Suggested Improvements to Concept Plan Alternative #2

- A. Concerned that the property owner adjacent to the Amphitheater won't want the proposed plaza space.
- B. Remove the proposed restroom at the corner of Main Street and Park Drive.
- C. Doesn't like that the paths cross and prefers a more formal, traditional layout of paths.
- D. Remove the 6' wide path that bisects the village green space at Village Park.

6. Additional Comments to the Concept Plan Alternatives #1 and #2

- A. Master Plan document should quantify the amount of park land loss and gained due to the parking design.
- B. Do we know what the signage concept will look like yet?
- C. Provide a count of how many parking spaces are lost/gained in front of the clubhouse.
- D. Include benches and picnic tables along the perimeter path thought out both parks.

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

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cc: All attendees