

POMONA PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

MINUTES
June 13, 1968

PRESENT

Jean Weddle, Vice Chairman; Ralph Rieger; Charlotte Wescott; Dale Coons; Jack Hoxsey, Director of Parks and Recreation; Pauline Langston, Superintendent of Recreation and Harold Greek, Superintendent of Parks.

Meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Weddle at 7:30 p.m., in the Commission Hearing Room, City Hall.

MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Hoxsey read "thank you" letters from the Women's Auxiliary - Pomona Valley Community Hospital for use of plants for their May breakfast and the Pomona Cemetery Association for use of the Pomona Concert Band, benches and speaker system.

Mr. Hoxsey discussed correspondence from Robert Gustaveson; and Russell Porter, State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation regarding the realignment of White Avenue through Ganesha Park. It was determined that the Ganesha Park plans should go out to bid since to hold off or change the plan would jeopardize our application for State monies.

REPORT OF
CITIZENS
COMMITTEE

Mr. E. L. "Jim" Riley, Chairman of the Citizens Evaluation Committee gave a report to the Commission. The Committee feels:

1. There is a need for moving ahead.
2. That no recommendation has been made on the Phillips Ranch.
3. That the area along McKinley Avenue may not be needed.
4. That Lexington Park should be increased in size.
5. That the price of landlocked property adjacent to Washington Park is out of line (for this amount the frontage along San Antonio could be purchased.
6. Agreed that three more swimming pools are necessary at the high schools and that (7) a stadium has priority and should be one of the main features of the program.

Mr. Riley also mentioned that the main purpose of the study which is involvement of people and support for a future financing program seemed to be progressing nicely.

LEXINGTON
PARK

Discussion was held regarding the renaming and increasing of size for Lexington Park. A group of citizens understood the reasons for the policy of schools and parks being similarly named but were desirous of renaming Lexington Park in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. It was decided that the Commission would take the situation under advisement by making contact with the school board. (Regarding the changing of the name of the school to Martin Luther King, Jr.)

The Commission requested Mr. Hoxsey to check into the possibility of increasing the size of the park by obtaining additional acreage to the south (making a total of seven acres). A full report to be made at the next regular Commission meeting.

Names of those attending:

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| T.R. Frye | Mrs. Juanita Duffy |
| Arthur Brown | J. Frederick Givens |
| Waldo White | Henry Avery |
| Mrs. Marie Arcengaux | Thomas Harrell |
| Manual A. Canton | Mrs. Eleanor Harrell |
| Walter West | Orlan Staten |
| Mary Ann Williams | F. A. Jackson |
| Don Donerson | |

GANESHA
BLVD.
NATURAL AREA

Mr. Hoxsey indicated that the original amount of land for the natural area was being looked into for commercial development.

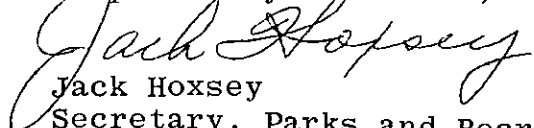
GANESHA
PLANS

Mr. Hoxsey reported that Cornell, Bridgers and Troller is proceeding with final plans and that the staff has recommended some minor changes.

WESTERN ORBIS
AGREEMENT

The agreement with Western Orbis has been approved by the City Council. It includes six parks - five elementary school parksites; and one community-center park. The agreement includes the donation of approximately 200 acres of hillside open space to the City of Pomona.

Respectfully submitted,


Jack Hoxsey
Secretary, Parks and Recreation
Commission

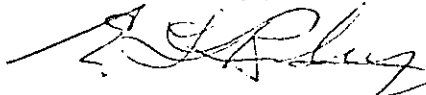
Citizens Advisory Committee - Parks and Recreation

Dear Member:

The Executive Board of the Citizens Committee on Parks and Recreation have been busy with their subcommittee evaluations. The minutes and reports of their studies are enclosed in order that we keep everyone up to date on all phases of this important review.

Please read the attached reports to keep abreast and if you feel the urge to participate more, let me know or call the subcommittee chairman.

Sincerely,



E. L. "Jim" Riley
Chairman, Citizens Committee
Parks and Recreation

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REPORTS OF SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

LAND ACQUISITION-NEEDS-----Julian Van Kummer

Agreements:

1. Madison Park-----2 acres to west
2. Weber Street Park-----2 acres north and south
3. Philadelphia Park-----2 acres to west

Questions:

1. Ganesha Park on McKinley from Paige Drive to Canyon Way.
2. Washington Park, Park Yards and Nursery expansion.
3. Agreement on Phillips Ranch sites and price.

Additional Considerations:

1. Should Lexington Park be larger?
2. Special interest groups proposal for Elephant Hill recreation area.

LAND ACQUISITION-COSTS-----E. L. "Jim" Riley

Agreements:

1. Madison Park
2. Weber Park
3. Philadelphia Park
4. Ganesha Park

Questions:

1. Washington Park, Park Yards and Nursery expansion.
2. Phillips Ranch Sites and Price Agreement.

Discussion:

1. Needs Committee questions the use of, services of, and reasons for the additional to Ganesha Park.

- (a) How is this to be used?
- (b) Where will people park?
- (c) Why is it needed since it does not connect to the park?

(Decision-to look further into this proposal before recommendation.)

2. Needs Committee does not understand how the land is to be used at Washington Park, Park Yards and Nursery. The Costs Committee is of the opinion that the price of just the land locked area is high.

(Decision - to look further into this proposal and see if additional land could not be purchased in order that frontage for the park and access for the yards and nursery be secured. The estimated costs would then be about right for acquisitions but would not include development.)

3. The Needs and Costs Committee both questioned the agreement for Phillips Ranch sites and price.

(Decision - to await the appraisals by the City and Western Orbis before any determination could be made.)

BUILDINGS COMMITTEE-COSTS-----Grenville Whyte

Agreements:

1. Community Center Buildings (Lexington Park, Kennedy Park and Washington Park).
2. Rest Room-Storage Building - North San Antonio
3. Rest Room-Meeting Room - Harrison Park

Questions:

1. Rest Room-Storage Buildings at Madison, Weber and Kellogg Parks.
2. Rest Room-Lodge at Ganesha Pine Hill.
3. Park Yard's Storage Building.
4. Baseball Bleachers, Rest Rooms, Concession Stands at Ralph Welch Park.

Discussion:

1. Is it possible to design and construct similar facilities at Madison, Weber and Kellogg and save money both in design and building costs?

(Decision - to further look into this possibility and reevaluate the costs.)

2. The committee questioned the estimated cost of the Lodge-Rest Room facility in Ganesha Park.

(Decision - to see how much building furniture cost is estimated in this figure.)

3. The committee was of the opinion that the square footage estimate for a strictly storage building was high.

(Decision - to evaluate the amount of heated area needed for work space and determine this cost.)

4. The committee questioned its ability to determine bleacher, rest room and concession facilities in conjunction with the lighted baseball field without comparable current examples.

(Decision - to take time)

BUILDINGS - NEEDS-----Ben Ochoa

Written report submitted by Chairman.

Member of the Executive Group of the Citizens Committee for Parks and Recreation.

Mr. Chairman:

A Building Committee meeting was held April 18, 1968, at 7:30 p.m., at my home to evaluate the need for the various buildings proposed in the Park and Recreation Master Work Copy.

Members Present: Mr. Dale Garges
Mrs. Nadine Newton
Mrs. Moyne Kelly
Mr. Ben Ochoa

Members Absent: Mr. Sandy Hernandez

Mrs. Lona Lawson, Parks and Recreation employee was our invited guest.

The meeting progress with discussion in detail relative to the needs for the recommended buildings with our questions adequately answered by Mrs. Lawson.

The consensus of the committee is that the entire building proposal is necessary for our community and we therefore, recommend that as such be made a part of the final Parks and Recreation Master Plan proposal. However, it was felt that if a cut were to be made, our recommendation is that the Harrison Meeting Room Building and the Ganesha Rest Room-Lodge Building be the first to be removed from the building proposal.

The members also recommended that the new buildings be designed with large doors and permanent or portable ramps to provide for the handicapped in wheelchairs.

It is my pleasure to report that our committee members displayed good participation and interest in our meeting and were objective in their analysis of the building needs.

Respectfully submitted,

Ben Ochoa Sr.

Ben Ochoa, Sr.
Building Committee Chairman

POOL-NEEDS-----June Hyman

Agreements:

1. The committee determined that at least three pools are needed for geographical coverage of the City for recreation purposes.
2. That the high schools are the preferred locations in addition to the two pools now provided.
3. That the three high school pools should be designed for year around use.
4. That a deep center pool should be given consideration in design.

Question:

1. How to design the pools to serve all needs (i.e., instruction, competition, recreation, diving, etc.)?

Discussion:

The committee was of the opinion that it needed much more time to meet with school, community, city and consultant representatives to discuss pool design to meet multi-needs.

POOL-COSTS-----Jeanne Lessard

Agreement:

1. That estimates seem in line with comparable multi-use pools recently built in surrounding areas providing similar facilities (i.e. pool, public dressing rooms, rest rooms, clothing storage, water heater, windbreak, large deck area, lights, etc.)

Question:

1. Is the school district still in a position to equally share the building costs for three pools?

Discussion:

1. The committee has made some comparable cost estimates with surrounding areas but would like more time to talk with consultants and others now contemplating construction.
2. Since a greater share of the top limit of the school-community services tax is now being used by the school district, a meeting is necessary with school officials to clarify commitments and reevaluate time schedules for the possible construction of pools.

LANDSCAPING-NEEDS-----Fred Freehling

Written report submitted.

PARKS AND RECREATION CITIZENS COMMITTEE

(Landscaping)

MINUTES

April 25, 1968

PRESENT: Mr. and Mrs. Warner Marti, Mrs. Martin Kraner, Mr. John Cook, and Dr. Ivan Smith. Also present was the Superintendent of Parks, Harold Greek. Absent was - Mr. and Mrs. Myron Jenung and Mrs. Flo Day.

DISCUSSION:

Before the discussion really got under way, a slide presentation was made showing every park in the Pomona area. This was done because some of the members of the Landscaping Committee did not enjoy the tour of the parks that the Parks and Recreation Department made available to the section chairman. Following the slide presentation formal discussion was opened and the parks proposed improvements were discussed. The following decisions were made:

Area lighting is necessary where the Parks and Recreation Department have proposed.

Shuffleboard courts are necessary where the Department has proposed.

Automatic sprinkler systems are necessary and should be installed in the proposed parks.

Picnic areas, walks, and trails are necessary where proposed.

Landscaping is definitely necessary where proposed. Especially those parks where there is no landscaping at all now such as Harrison, Kellogg, Lexington, and North San Antonio parks. Lands to be purchased later for parks will need landscaping also. Namely, Philadelphia, Weber, Madison, and Washington Parks.

Fencing proposals are reasonable where proposed.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The committee on Landscaping did have some recommendations just to show that we are not a white-wash committee. We felt that the covering of the wash could be handled in a manner to include the wash as a part of the park and not be so expensive to cover, as perhaps to build little walking bridges over the wash or to build rock walls to match the wash.

The parking lot at Kellogg Park should be kept at an absolute minimum because of the acreage involved. (2 acres)

The tennis courts at Palomares Park very good but at least two more are needed. Perhaps these can be built on the existing building site there now. Lights for the courts are a must. . . .

The tennis courts are not in too good shape at Washington Park and should be given attention at a future date. New lighting should be included also.

Last but not least, the Landscaping Committee would like to see themes set for each park. This would encourage people to travel from park to park and to possible even use the parks more.

Our committee tried to look at the mission given to us solely and not become involved with the cost factor which is handled by another committee but I will have to admit our eyes did stray to the right hand column from time to time.

Generally speaking, the committee has approved the plan as presented by the Parks and Recreation Departments and support the proposals.

Submitted:

Fred W. Freehling
Fred W. Freehling
Vice Chairman

LANDSCAPING-COSTS-----Dr. Ivan Smith

Discussion:

1. Costs are in line with contractor estimates but since the committee has not been able to consolidate a written report a request for additional time was made.
2. Meeting set for Tuesday, May 21 at new City Hall.

STADIUM NEEDS AND COSTS-----Dr. Clark Stillinger

Agreements:

1. Unanimous feeling of the committee on need.
2. Electrical companies are assisting with cost estimates.
3. We will soon be eliminated from Mt. San Antonio Stadium by the number of new high schools in the district. (14 to 16 high schools now.)
4. Safety of children who have to travel is a factor.
5. More parents will attend within the City - more spirit.

6. Injuries will be handled quicker because of proximity to the hospital and better police protection by our own City police.
7. Concessions can be run by school clubs.

LIGHTED BASEBALL FIELD

1. Need for facilities to be used more hours of the day.
2. Tournaments can be held that now cannot be held.
3. Should be sold on benefits but some income can accrue by charges, concessions, etc.

Discussion:

1. The item of combining the stadium and lighted baseball facility was discussed and it was felt that lighting two already existing facilities would be the most economical and satisfactory solution.
2. Cost of maintenance of the stadium needs to be studied.
3. Should the stadium be an entirely City responsibility?

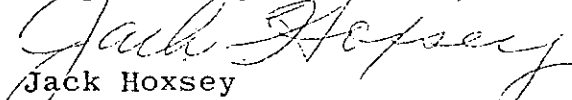
It was determined that many, many, questions are as yet unanswered and more time is necessary for study and review before any report can be made to the entire committee.

It was determined that a progress report of sub-committee action be sent all members of the committee.

It was determined that all sub-committees will continue their work and that another executive committee meeting would be called in about one month. It was planned that a report would then be given to the entire committee for reaction.

If the general committee favorably receives the report then a program of study for how, when, budget, etc., of campaign would be handled.

Respectfully submitted,


Jack Hoxsey
Secretary, Citizens Committee

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