

City of Newport Beach
Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission
Tuesday, March 4, 2008 - 7pm— City Council Chambers

AGENDA

ORDER AND ROLL CALL

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

- Director Morgan
- Director Harmon
- City Council Actions

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Members of the public are invited to comment on non-agenda items of public interest. Speakers are limited to three minutes.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

All matters listed under **Consent Calendar 1-4** are considered by the Commission to be routine and will all be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. The Commission Members have received detailed staff reports on each of the items recommending approval and there will be no separate discussion of these items prior to the time the Commission votes on the motion unless members of the Commission, staff, or the public request a specific item to be discussed and/or removed from the Consent Calendar for separate action. The City provides a yellow sign-in card for those wishing to address the Commission to assist in the preparation of the minutes. If you do fill out the card please place it in the box at the podium.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. [Minutes of the February 6, 2008 regular meeting](#). Waive reading of subject minutes, approve and order filed.
2. [Park & Operations Division Activity Report](#). Receive/file monthly Activity Report for activities and upcoming projects.
3. [Recreation & Senior Services Activity Report](#). Receive/file monthly Activity Report for activities and upcoming projects.
4. [Picnic Table Donation](#). Approve donation by Muriel Bartick of a picnic table at Peninsula Park.

INFORMATION / DISCUSSION

5. [Sunset Ridge Park Draft Concept Plan](#) - Continuation of public meetings for Sunset Ridge Park design.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- *Park Development* - Allen, Brown, Lugar —
- *Recreation/Senior Activities* - Brown, Lugar
- *Budget* - Garrett, Brown, Lugar — **UPDATE**
- *Ad Hoc* -- Community Service Award - Garrett, Ruzicka
-- Youth Sports Liaison - Ruzicka
- *Other* -- Santa Ana River Vision Plan - Trapp, Garrett
-- 1/1 Memorial Committee - Garrett — **UPDATE**
-- Marina Park - Garrett — **UPDATE**

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - Matters which Commissioners may wish to place on a future agenda or raise for discussion.

ADJOURNED

CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH

Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission

Regular Meeting

February 6, 2008 - 7pm

Convened 7:10pm

ROLL CALL

Present: Debra Allen
Tim Brown, Chair
Bill Garrett
Phillip Lugar

Excused: Marie Marston
Greg Ruzicka
Cristine Trapp

Staff: Mark Harmon, General Services Director
Dan Sereno, Parks & Tree Superintendent
Sean Levin, Recreation Superintendent
Teri Craig, Admin Asst

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD PRESENTATION TO GARY WRIGHT, AYSO 57

Chair Brown presented a Community Service Award plaque to Gary Wright for his work with AYSO 57 and his work on the light installation at Lincoln Field #3.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Superintendent Levin stated that public input was taken regarding Sunset Ridge Park on January 10 and that the next meeting was scheduled for February 11. He noted that Council would be discussing it at the April Study Session. Superintendent Levin reminded the Commission that the grand opening for Mariners was scheduled for March 1 at 10am which coincides with opening day for baseball.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **Minutes of the December 4, 2007 regular meeting.** Waive reading of subject minutes, approve and order filed.
2. **Park & Operations Division Activity Report.** Receive/file monthly Activity Report for activities and upcoming projects.
3. **Recreation & Senior Services Activity Report.** Receive/file monthly Activity Report for activities and upcoming projects.

Motion by Commissioner Allen to accept items 1 - 3 of the Consent Calendar. Motion carried by acclamation.

INFORMATION / DISCUSSION

4. **City Council Policy G-1 — Retention or Removal of City Trees —** City Attorney Clauson stated that she had been asked to write a memo clarifying City Council G-1; as follows (please note that after the Commission meeting additional modifications were made to the memo; the following is the revised memo):

CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

TO : Chair and Members of the Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission

FROM: Robin L. Clauson, City Attorney

RE : Interpretation and Implementation of Reforestation Procedures in Council Policy G-1 (**AMENDED**)

DATE : January 30, 2008



This memo will provide my interpretation of the G-1 Policy with direction for future reforestation requests involving homeowner associations ("HOA's"). It appears that as often happens over a period of years, practice takes over and one loses sight of the basic goals and purposes of the policy. Policy G-1 was adopted by the City Council as direction to staff and the Commission on how to maintain the City's urban forest and provides findings and considerations for making decisions regarding removal or reforestation of City trees.

When interpreting the policy the Commission and staff should be mindful of the policy's goal and purpose:

"Goal of Policy. To establish and maintain appropriate diversity in tree species and age classes to provide a stable and sustainable urban forest within an inventory that the City can reasonably maintain in an healthy and non-hazardous condition. To require that in approving any tree removal or reforestation request, the PB&R Commission shall find that the tree removal request will not adversely impact the overall inventory, diversity and age of the City's urban forest."

"Purpose. The purpose of this policy is to establish definitive standards for the retention, removal, maintenance, reforestation, tree trimming standards and supplement trimming of City trees. City trees are an important part of the character and charm of the entire City and provide environmental benefits as well. Regular care, trimming, root, pruning, maintenance and program replacement are necessary to preserve this charm while at the same time protecting views consistence with Council Policy G-3 and preventing public and private property damage."

The 2004 G-1 Policy revisions succeeded in clarifying the various processes for removing City trees and recognized the need to allow for reforestation of trees under certain circumstances. In areas with legally recognized HOAs it was the City Council's intent to allow for reforestation of City trees of certain species that were not, or are no longer, a designated tree for the area and the natural spread or height of the tree caused an impact to blue water views that could not be improved without excessive municipal trimming.

The revisions also clarified procedures for removal and replacement of trees that were designated special trees, problem trees, trees that were diseased or created a hazardous condition; or trees that had grown to such an extent that the tree roots caused repeated hardscape or structural damage to both above and below ground improvements.

The City Council has not and may not legally delegate decision making authority to any private party or HOA. As a result, it should be clear that the Commission and staff are the only decision makers regarding the City trees unless the matter is appealed to the City Council. With this limitation in mind, Commissioner's Allen's recollection of the intent of G-1 is important as it relates to the City Council's desire to balance the interest of protecting the City's urban forest and the interest of residents in retaining their blue water views.

It is my advice to staff and to the Commission that for future reforestation requests, the Commission make their decisions based upon the following process:

1. Before processing a reforestation request from either a HOA or by petition, staff should confirm and/or be able to report to the Commission the following:
 - i. That the reason for the removal is authorized under G-1 and that the procedures outlined in the request have been followed.
 - ii. Any information related to history of damage cause by the tree; history of repairs or trimming; staff recommendations and the opinion of the Urban Forester, as may be applicable;
2. At the hearing the Commission should consider the following after any testimony is given:
 - i. The Commissioner's own observations, if any, of the site of the tree(s) to be replaced and the stated reasons for the reforestation; *
 - ii. All available information that the G-1 procedures were followed and the conditions for reforestation have been met, including staff analysis. *(Note the G-1 Policy requires that for Reforestation applications by HOAs there must be a resolution of the Board of Directors formally requesting the reforestation with a statement that all members of the community association having their residential views affected, have been officially notified and given an appropriate opportunity to respond before the Board voted on the request.)*
3. If the Commissioners find the procedures were followed and the conditions have been met to reforest the tree for one of the stated, authorized reasons, then the presumption will be that the application may be approved and should not be denied without evidence to rebut the presumption. In other words, opposition alone from others outside the HOA's community is not sufficient for the Commission to deny the application.

* ***when the reason for reforestation is a formal request for reforestation by an HOA based upon impact on the blue water views, the analysis should be limited to whether there is any view impact, not whether an established view impact is reasonable or unreasonable***

Hopefully this will be helpful to the Commission and to Staff for future reforestation requests. I will be available at the Commission meeting on February 6th to answer any questions.

(This memo included added footnote * discussed at meeting on February 6, 2008)

Discussion ensued regarding the absence of three of the commissioners. The City Attorney offered to review the memo with each commissioner.

ACTION

5. **Eastbluff Park** — Superintendent Levin stated that he had received a request from Newport Harbor Baseball Association and the Bat Ray's proposing to run electricity from the restroom facility. Newport Harbor Baseball Association submitted plans for the project which were routed to the Utilities Department for a preliminary review. The review resulted in no suggested changes to the plan. The Bat Ray's program and Newport Harbor Baseball Association propose to fund the project and will be responsible for obtaining all necessary permits and replacement of any landscaping that is damaged as a result of the project. The work should be completed by February/March if approved.

Discussion ensued regarding ownership of equipment and liability.

Motion by Commissioner Lugar to approve the request by Newport Harbor Baseball Association to install electricity for the batting cage. Motion carried by acclamation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS -

Parks - Nothing to report.

RSS - Nothing to report.

Budget - Superintendent Levin requested the committee meet at 5:30pm on March 4 to review the RSS budget.

AD - Hoc

—Youth Sports Liaison - Nothing to report

—Community Services Award - Nothing to report.

Other

—Santa Ana River Vision Plan - Nothing to report.

—1/1 Marine Memorial Committee - Commissioner Garrett stated that fundraising is ongoing and the memorial will be unveiled on Memorial Day at 1pm.

—MarinaPark - The subcommittee is scheduled to meet to discuss use in the Marina.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The following are new or ongoing items to be discussed:

- Fire pit discussion - safety; regulate what is burned
- Possible implementation of Parks & Rec Foundation.
- City Council Policy B-17 - Spring 2008
- Parking Signage at Back Bay View Park
- Dog Park
- Updates on Parks

ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF VIRGINIA HERBERTS - 8:39pm

Submitted by: _____
Teri Craig, Admin Assistant



General Services Department

PB&R Commission Agenda

Item No. 2

March 4, 2008

TO: Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission

FROM: Parks and Trees Maintenance Superintendent and Operations Support Superintendent

SUBJECT: *February, Parks, Trees, and Operations Division Activity Report*

Parks Maintenance Division Activities

1. Parks Maintenance Division staff continues working with the Public Works Department on numerous projects in planning and construction phases.
2. The development of the new Upper Bayview Park in Santa Ana Heights is proceeding on schedule.
3. The Mariners Park/Ball Field Renovation Project was completed on schedule, and the goal to be ready for the Little League Grand Opening on March 1, 2008, was accomplished due to a strong collaborative effort by all staff involved.
4. The Cliff Drive Park Stairway Replacement Project and installation of custom anodized aluminum handrails has been completed. This project provided a nice upgrade to the park site, along with improved public safety.
5. New landscape and irrigation was installed around the new modular building recently installed in front of City Hall. This building will be utilized by the Human Resources Department during recruitment efforts.
6. Several sloped areas below Ensign View Park were recently renovated. The project entailed removing areas of old ice plant that had died back, installing a burlap mesh material called jute for erosion control, and installing ice plant cuttings treated with a rooting compound.



This renovation provided for an improved Park appearance, and once established, the ice plant will thrive with minimal irrigation. A similar slope renovation was also completed on the Corona del Mar bluffs near Marigold Avenue.

7. On February 19, 2008, Pest Control Technician Greg Lewis, Anthony Petrarca and Daniel Tover attended a pesticide training hosted by Target Specialty Products.

Training topics included: Palm diseases, insects in the landscape, pesticide product updates, plant growth regulators, weed control, and laws and regulations.

The Parks Division has an outstanding pesticide safety record, due in part by attending ongoing trainings.

8. On February 19, 2008, Kim Pederson and Brett McCulloch of the Parks Division attended a training regarding athletic field maintenance. Training topics included: soil compaction, fertilization, pest and weed control, dethatching, aerating, seeding versus sod, turf varieties, and coordinating activities with the various sports groups.
9. Parks Division staff members, John Gemme, Harold Link and Daniel Tovar attended **four** trainings sponsored by the Irvine Ranch Water District regarding California Friendly Landscapes. Staff received the following certificates of completion:
 - Irrigation Principles and Adjustments and Repairs
 - Irrigation System Troubleshooting
 - Controller Programming
 - Irrigation Scheduling

Trees Division Activities

During the month of January, 1,248 trees were trimmed, 22 trees planted, 16 trees removed and crews responded to 12 emergency tree calls. The City's tree trimming contractor, West Coast Arborists, is currently pruning trees within the Corona Del Mar area, as part of the City's overall grid trimming schedule. Approximately 252 Ficus trees, 255 Coral trees, and 1,900 palm trees have been pruned throughout the City of Newport Beach in order to mitigate potential limb failure during the storm season.

Crews continue to prune trees in the Newport Coast area as scheduled from October through May, which is part of the maintenance agreement between the City and the Newport Coast Community.

1. Since July 2004, under City Council direction and funding, staff has undertaken an extensive root pruning effort. Combined efforts of staff from the Field Maintenance, Tree Maintenance Division, and West Coast Arborists have resulted in the root pruning of 911 trees to date. This effort will mitigate any potential property damage from City tree roots and provide for tree longevity in the urban forest. The extensive work includes root pruning, root barrier installation, and hardscape repairs at each tree site.
2. The General Services Department will begin a street and sidewalk repair project on 32nd Street between Newport Boulevard and Balboa Boulevard. This will be a joint effort between the Field Maintenance and Parks and Trees Divisions. However, the repairs will require severe root pruning of four City Cajeput trees in order to accommodate the street and sidewalk repairs. Subsequently, this will cause the trees to destabilize and ultimately pose a potential liability. Therefore, the four City Cajeput trees will require removal. The trees will be replaced, and an additional seven tree planting sites will be established by the Field Maintenance Division staff.

3. Based on February's G1 Reforestation presentation by the City Attorney to the Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission, staff has completed the attached Reforestation Check List for your information. The check list was created to assist staff in simplifying, and assuring that all future reforestation requests are complete and submitted in a timely manner to the Commission for review.
4. **Tree City USA Award** – Tree City USA recognizes communities that have proven their commitment to an effective, ongoing community forestry program. Newport Beach is being recognized for the 18th consecutive year for this award.

Tree City USA is sponsored in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters, USDA Forest Service, and the National Arbor Day Foundation.

Growth Award – Newport Beach is recognized for the 13th consecutive year for our efforts in strengthening the local tree care programs. Newport Beach is one of the few California cities receiving this award for 10 or more consecutive years, and is listed as a Sterling Community by the National Arbor Day Foundation.

A Sterling Community city is a city that has gone beyond the standards set by the Tree City USA. There are two cities in the County and five cities in the State that are recognized as a Sterling Community – and Newport Beach is one of the select few.

5. On January 29, 2008, the Urban Forester John Conway responded to a call from a concerned resident regarding City trees that were being removed near her home. The City trees were located in a roadside area that is maintained by the homeowners association (HOA), who authorized the removals as part of their site renovation plans. John Conway contacted the HOA management representative who believed the trees were HOA property since they maintained the landscape. Clarification about ownership was provided by John, and the tree removal activity was stopped.



6. On February 6, 2008, Urban Forester John Conway attended a Pesticide Applicators Professional Association (PAPA) seminar held in San Bernardino. Seminar topics included:
 - Laws and Regulations Update
 - Invasive Insect Control Programs for the Landscape
 - Quantifying the Value of Urban Trees
 - Biology of Gophers and Ground Squirrels

John is a licensed Agricultural Pesticide Advisor, a Certified Arborist, and a Qualified Applicator. John keeps his license and certificates up to date through continuing his education in his field.

7. On February 14, 2008, staff met with West Coast Arborists representatives to discuss several issues related to our tree management program. Included in this discussion were ideas to reduce overall costs, emergency response related to tree issues, high-maintenance areas, and the planting of larger (36") trees when

possible. Our goal is to ensure a cost effective urban forest program while maintaining our current high standards.

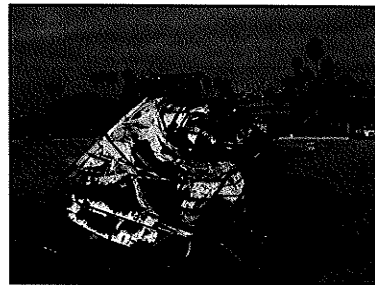
8. In 2005, Soil and Plant Laboratory tested the Olive trees at the Central Library for disease, because the trees were showing signs of decline. Since that time, Parks and Trees Division staff has been in communication with the Library staff and The Irvine Company regarding the health and appearance of the trees. The 55 Olive trees tested positive for both fungal wilt and bacterial leaf scorch diseases, for which there is no known cure.

Recently, staff from the Parks and Trees Maintenance Division and Library, and The Irvine Company toured and inspected the trees. With no improvement to the trees' health, Parks and Trees Maintenance staff presented a list of possible replacements. More discussion is scheduled on the variety of replacement trees, cost estimates, and funding sources.

9. The attached Tree Activity Report summarizes requests and field activities performed during the past month.

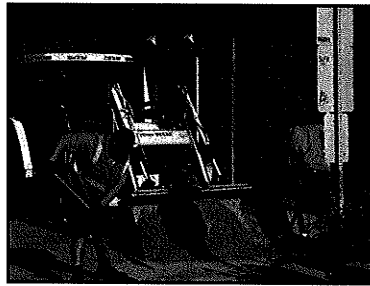
Beach Maintenance Activities

1. During the last week of January, a forty foot cabin cruiser which was moored off of Corona Del Mar Main Beach sank and partially broke apart. The flying bridge of the boat eventually washed into shore, consequently creating a safety hazard for swimmers and beach visitors. Lifeguard dispatch requested the assistance of the Beach Maintenance Division staff to help remove the section of debris, before it broke up any further. A loader and dump truck were immediately dispatched to the scene, and with the experience and expertise of our Beach Maintenance staff, they were able to dispose of the hazard off the beach in a safe and timely manner. Crews typically are called out a few times a year to do such emergency boat debris removal.



2. Although the rains have currently stopped, and the flows from the Santa Ana River and the Back Bay have slowed down, staff continues to work along oceanfront and bay front beaches. Since the clean-up began in mid- January, over 600 tons of debris has been hauled away. Now that the majority of large debris has been cleared from along the shoreline, the City's two mechanical sanitizers can start the deep cleaning process. There is still much hand work to be performed, clearing debris from on top of the groins, in and around the City's pocket beaches on the bay front.

3. Crews have been staying busy cleaning up after strong winds that accompanied late January and early February storms. Strong North and Southerly winds blew on a regular basis, consequently inundating oceanfront walkways, bike trails, and street ends with wind blown sand.



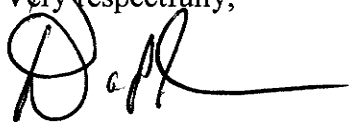
4. Heavy equipment and an outside hauling contractor were used to remove approximately 300 tons of kelp at Corona Del Mar Main Beach and adjacent to the Newport Pier, which had broken loose as a result of strong winds and rough surf.



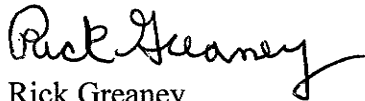
5. Rain totals for the season are just over seven and half inches. Crews continue to do a great job of keeping up with the unpredictable weather conditions, during this most unusual winter.

See attached General Services Department, Activities Report for January 2008.

Very respectfully,



Dan P. Sereno
Parks and Trees Maintenance Superintendent



Rick Greaney
Operations Support Superintendent

Attachments: (A) Tree Activity Report 2007-2008
(B) General Services Department January 2008 Activities Report



General Services Department

Reforestation Check List

	Verified by:	Urban Forester	Parks and Trees Superintendent	General Services Director
<input type="checkbox"/> Legally Established Homeowners Association		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Private Property Owner(s)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Reforestation Application		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> (90) days Reforestation Request Compliance		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Resolution of the Board of Directors, Minutes, Notices (Legally Established Homeowners Association)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Damage/Impact

<input type="checkbox"/> Blue Water View Impact	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Incorrect Tree Species	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Hardscape Damage:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Curb/Gutter			
<input type="checkbox"/> Sidewalk			
<input type="checkbox"/> Utility			

Individual Private Property Owner(s) ONLY

	Verified by:	Urban Forester	Parks and Trees Superintendent	General Services Director
<input type="checkbox"/> Written Agreement by Individual Property Owner(s)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Staff Approved Petition		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Property Owners Signatures Verified		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Meets 60% Reforestation Criteria:		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

#___Property owners notified %___Agreed with removal

Meets **Minimum** Reforestation Requirements: YES ☐ NO ☐

Department Signature:_____

Date:_____

City Attorney Reviewed:_____

Date:_____



General Services Department

Tree Division Reforestation and Tree Removal Activity Report Fiscal Year 2007-2008

	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
Tree Removals	*5	0	0	0	0	0	0						5
Emergency Tree Removals	**6	0	**26	**8	**10	**9	16						75
Claim Related Tree Removals	0	0	0	0	0	2	0						2
Reforestation Tree Removals	3	0	0	***6	0	0	0						9
Problem Tree Removals	0	0	0	1	0	0	0						1
Total Removals													92

Trees Planted	6	8	6	0	38	24	22						104
Reforestation Requests	3	1	1	0	0	0	0						5
Reforestation Approved	3	1	1	0	0	0	0						5
Removal Requests	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0

* City Council approved City project, Mainers Park Improvement Project = Jul

** Dead Trees / Potential Liability = July, Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan

*** 2 Approved reforestation with 6 trees total removed = Oct

CLAIM REMOVALS

Fiscal Year 2007- 2008

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>TREE #</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>July-07</u>	0	
<u>August-07</u>	0	
<u>September-07</u>	0	
<u>October-07</u>	0	
<u>November-07</u>	0	
<u>December-07</u>	1	2000 Dover Drive
	1	425 Riverside Avenue
<u>January-08</u>	0	

PROBLEM TREE REMOVALS

Fiscal Year 2007-2008

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>TREE #</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>July-07</u>	0	
<u>August-07</u>	0	
<u>September-07</u>	0	
<u>October-07</u>	1	1216 East Balboa Blvd
<u>November-07</u>	0	
<u>December-07</u>	0	
<u>January-08</u>	0	

January 2008 General Services Department Activities Report	THIS MONTH	THIS MONTH LAST YEAR	TOTAL TO DATE	TTD LAST YEAR
ASPHALT/CONCRETE				
Street Patching (Tons of Blacktop)	357	469	2,777	2,868
Sidewalk Repaired (sq. ft.)	4,545	3,485	35,016	21,867
Curb & Gutter Replacement (lin. ft.)	282	341	2,380	3,158
Sweeping, Beach Cleaning, Demo Materials (tons)	661	385	2,888	2,519
Asphalt/Concrete Recycled (tons)	244	430	2,654	2,782
SIGNS & TRAFFIC MARKINGS				
Signs Made	124	94	1,208	7,054
Signs Installed	263	201	1,632	1,342
Decals	18	28	877	1,000
Special Purpose Signs/Banners	16	14	541	297
Street Striping (lin. ft.) Added/Replaced	1,217	1,351	440,635	569,071
Pavement Markings (including reflective)	88	33	1,226	1,147
Parking Stalls	0	4	38	178
Curb Painting (lin. ft.)	9,172	19,923	62,260	68,391
Thermoplastic (lin. ft.)	0	0	4	9,614
Sign Posts Installed	54	54	227	251
GRAFFITI				
Graffiti Incidents Removed by Staff	50	178	1,838	1,286
Graffiti Incidents Removed by Contractor	78	65	491	416
REFUSE COLLECTION				
Residential (tons)	3,224	3,112	22,456	22,888
Liquid HazMat Incidents	14	6	91	6
E-Waste Incidents	8	11	220	11
U-Waste Incidents	0	18	63	18
Recyclables (tons)	894	819	6,378	6,673
TREES				
Trimmed by Staff	126	96	1,201	911
Trimmed by Contractor	1,248	1,226	7,093	10,053
Removed	16	11	92	60
Planted	22	14	104	141
Roots Pruned by Contractor	0	0	0	0
Roots Pruned by Staff	13	14	187	145
AUTOMOTIVE				
Repairs	331	342	2,084	2,114
Preventive Maintenance Completed	82	92	542	516
PM Labor Hours	211	184	1,190	1,002
BEACH MAINTENANCE				
Beach Area Refuse (tons)	49	53	613	544
Beach Debris (tons)	558	39	1,016	558
SWEEPING/STORM DRAIN				
Gutter Miles Swept	4,374	4,730	33,180	33,078
Sweeping Debris (cubic yards)	523	627	3,916	3,981
Storm Drain Debris (cubic yards)	24	89	327	423



Recreation & Senior Services Department

To: Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission

From: Wes Morgan, Recreation & Senior Services Director

Re: Recreation and Senior Services Division Monthly Activities Report

The following information is enclosed:

- Page 2 — Reports on the activities of the Recreation Division.
- Page 6 — Reports on the activities of the Senior Services Division.

RECREATION SERVICES

To: Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission

From: Sean Levin, Recreation Superintendent

Re: Recreation Division Monthly Activities Report

SPECIAL EVENTS

Mariners Park Re-Dedication	Saturday, March 1	11am	Mariners Park
Special Olympics	Saturday, March 8	9am-1pm	CdM High School
Flashlight Egg Hunt	Friday, March 14	6-9pm	Bonita Creek Park
Youth Government Day	Thursday, March 20	8am-1pm	City Hall
City Track Meet	Friday, April 18	4-10pm	NHHS
SCMAF Track Meet	Saturday, May 10	All Day	TBA
27 th Annual CdM Scenic 5k	Saturday, June 7	8am-11am	Ocean Blvd

ADULT SPORTS

BASKETBALL - The 2008 winter hoops leagues will wrap up play on March 26. The winners from the 12 (eight-seven total teams!) leagues will receive impressive glass sports mugs, along with a team sponsor plaque. Recreation will have an all-time City of Newport Beach record 13 leagues available for teams to play during the spring season. Thanks to the beautiful Newport Coast Community Center and the Eastbluff Boys and Girls Club, more spots are available for teams to register for leagues than ever before!

SOFTBALL - The 2008 spring Adult Slow Pitch Softball leagues swung into action the week of February 4 with a total of 77 teams registered for league play. Seventeen games were rained out during the month of February! All rained out games were rescheduled on the tail end of the season. Panning is underway for the summer Softball program. The summer league typically features 120 teams, making it the single largest program for Newport Beach Adult Sports. Packets have been emailed or mailed out to all returning teams. The registration deadline is April 16, with leagues beginning the week of May 12. The Stockbrokers league is unique to the Summer Adult Softball program, with up to 10 different brokerage firms competing in the league. All games are held at 4:45pm at Bonita Creek Park.

SOCCER - The City is excited to operate the popular 11-person adult coed soccer league in-house beginning in the spring. The City has assumed responsibility for scheduling, officials, and administration of the popular league. Over 35 teams are expected to begin play during the week of March 10.

YOUTH SPORTS



WINTER BASKETBALL - Winter Hoops at NCCC will be coming to a close March 10 with medals distributed to all participants for their great team work and effort! This was a very popular program and due to the great demand additional timeslots will be offered next year.

TRACK & FIELD - Registration for the *Frank E. Anderson Youth Track & Field Meet* held on April 18, 2008 has begun. This event brings over 200 children of all ages to Davidson Stadium at Newport Harbor high school. Participants will compete in many events, including the high jump, long jump, softball throw, and running events. The winner in each age group will have a chance to advance to the SCMAF Orange County Championship Meet.

TEEN PROGRAMS

YOUTH GOVERNMENT DAY — Youth Government Day will be March 20. All Department Heads received an information packet outlining the one day internship, the mock Council Meeting and of course, lunch! The Youth Council and the high school students are always excited to learn how government works in real time.

FACILITIES USE AND REPAIRS

Facility Rentals

During the period of Jan 16, 2008 - Feb 15, 2008 there were:

- 14 Picnic/Park Area Rentals
- 28 Room Rentals
- 8 Field Rentals
- 12 Gym Rentals

There were total of (1) wedding reservation rentals for this period:

Inspiration Point- Jan 20, 2008 Attendance: 19 people

PARK PATROL

Requested calls are assigned visits by staff or schedule or phone requests. Customer Contacts are the number of times they stopped and spoke to customers other than requested calls. Due to the timing of the meeting, these monthly summaries will be two months behind (i.e. in June you will receive April summary)

During the month of Jan Park Patrol had the following contacts:

1. Requested Calls

- 63 with Youth Sports Groups
- 47 Field related issues/checks- monitored use of fields by Youth Sports organizations and club teams, turned on/off field lights, reported goal posts still present at Peninsula, closed fields on numerous days due to large amounts of rain, stopped golfing at Irvine Terrace field.
- 10 Picnic/reservation issues/checks: monitored scheduled picnic reservations at various parks. Monitored small wedding at Inspiration Point, monitored a Laser Tag event at BCSP.
- 135 Community Center issues/checks: unlocked and locked various community center rooms/gyms, checked on weekly meetings at community rooms, continued to assist Library staff with preventing disruptive juveniles from loitering in front of Mariners Library. Reported problem with gym lights at West Newport, advised man at Bonita Canyon SP not to provide private lessons on tennis courts, stopped skateboarders on gazebo at Peninsula Park, assisted NJB with a stuck backboard at West Newport Gym,
- 4 Playground checks - checked all playgrounds for safety issues and vandalism, removed alcohol bottles from playground at Channel Place and Irvine Terrace Park playgrounds.
- 14 other - checked and monitored film permit activities, moved fallen tree branch from Eastbluff Park sidewalk, stopped basketball after dark at 38th Street Park, enforced leash laws for dogs at 38th Street Park. advised a man not to fly a remote controlled plane at CYC, advised a company detailing cars in the parking lot at CYC to leave, assisted with interviews for the Park Patrol position, stopped an un-permitted film shot at Little Corona Beach, reported tire track damage to NBPD at BCSP, assisted a b-day party and city class with sharing Carroll Beek after a scheduling mistake there.
- 2 Pre-event check
- 1 Post-event checks

2. Public Contacts

- 35 education
- 6 alcohol

- 20 dog related

Written Warnings Issued- 0

Citations Issued- 0

Additional Information: During this month, we continued to assist the Mariners Library staff with monitoring and preventing disruptive youths from loitering in front of the library. We received a lot of rain during this month resulting in numerous field closures.

SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS

As of Jan 15, 2008, there were 32 Special Event Permits processed and issued for the year. Those events of note for this period are:

Hal Rossoff Kayak Race - Newport Aquatic Center - Feb 9, 2008 - Attendance: 80

RECREATION EVENTS / PROJECTS

Mariners Park - Saturday, March 1st was a great day at Mariners Park with the re-dedication of the park and Newport Harbor Baseball Associations Opening Day Celebration. The redesigned park includes a multi-purpose baseball/soccer field, basketball court, seat walls, pavers, landscaping and new tot lots. The project was completed on time with the field establishing itself prior to the March 1 opening day. Many thanks to Public Works for coordinating weekly meetings that included the contractor, Environmental Design, Parks staff and Recreation staff. Newport Harbor Baseball Association and AYSO 97 are excited to have a new facility to help them serve their players and parents!



SUNSET RIDGE PARK - Public Works and Recreation staff have been working with the community and EPT Design to develop a concept plan for Sunset Ridge Park. The second community outreach meeting was held February 11. On March 4 the PB&R Commission continue to take public input. All interested parties are encouraged to attend and provide input.

NEWPORT THEATRE ARTS CENTER - Staff has been working closely with the Public Works Department to move the lobby and restroom renovation project forward. The project is now on track and is scheduled to be done by the end of May. Additionally, Recreation staff has been working on a project to address a water leakage issue at the NTAC that involved replacing windows and repairing a wall that has been damaged as a result of the leakage.

TRAINING -

CPRS CONFERENCE - Staff attended the California Parks and Recreation Conference in Long Beach February 26th -29th. This year's conference theme was "Building the Brand, Parks and Recreation as an Essential Community Service." The conference featured 4-days of educational sessions as well as an extensive vendor's exhibit hall. Public Works staff joined us for a few hours at the conference to attend the vendor's exhibit hall to see a variety of construction materials up close and personal. PBR Commission Chair, Tim Brown hosted a session entitled "Meeting the Meeting Challenge for Commissioners & Board Members". The session included a discussion of *Roberts Rules of Order*, The Brown Act and an analysis of procedural issues arising in public meetings.

SPECIAL EVENTS

SPECIAL OLYMPICS - Partnering with the Orange County Special Olympics, the City of Newport Beach Recreation Division is proud to host the 2008 Orange County Special Olympics Basketball Tournament on Saturday, March 8. This year marks the 18th consecutive year Newport Beach has hosted this event at Corona del Mar High School.

The Orange Coast District Elks Club organizes a fun free-throw "Hoop Shoot" beginning at 9am in the Boys gym for all teams, with full-court games scheduled from 10am through 2pm. The Elks club also provides T-shirts and medals to all participants.



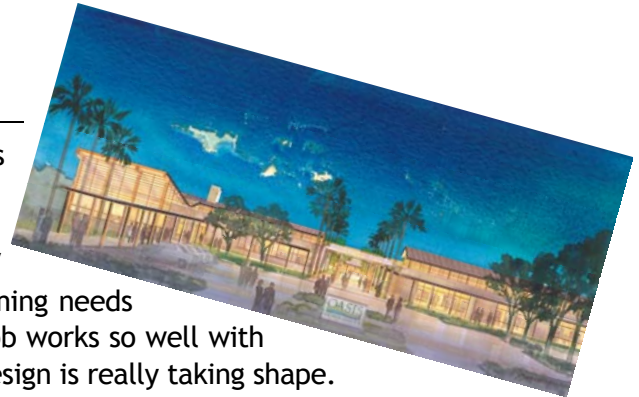
Recreation & Senior Services Department

To: Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission

From: Celeste Jardine-Haug, Senior Services Manager

Re: Senior Services Division Monthly Activities Report

New Building - The building project has been very active this month. Bob Coffee, the architect, has had several meetings with staff and key people to detail the various spaces in the new facility. Next week, we will be meeting with the AV consultant and the Landscape architect to go over programming needs in relationship to AV requirements and landscape design. Bob works so well with staff and seniors which makes this process so smooth. The design is really taking shape.



Relocation - Senior Services Staff has been busy working in conjunction with the Recreation staff to secure space for our senior classes and activities to be housed while our facility is under construction. We are making great strides and should be able to accommodate at least 80% of the activities. As soon as the plans are finalized, we will begin to speak to the groups to ensure that our plans will work for them. We are also in the process of looking for office space for staff and the Friends of OASIS.

Classes - The Emeritus college classes are back in session both at OASIS and at Newport Coast Community Center. We offer 15 classes from Coastline College at the OASIS Center. These classes range from exercise to fine art classes and are all free of charge. At Newport Coast we have had to switch to Irvine Valley College because NCCC is in their district. Staff has been working with the college and the seniors to insure a smooth transition. The classes at NCCC are going well as far as number of students. The classes offered through IVC include ballroom dancing, creative writing, cooking for one, oil painting and senior fitness.

Valentines Dance - The OASIS Band held a valentines dance on Friday, February 15th. The Band played all the old songs that the older generation loves to dance to. Dances are held once a month on the 3rd Friday of the month and are supported by funding from the Friends of OASIS.

Tax Aid - The tax program began at the first of this month with a full house of appointments. This program is brought to us through AARP Tax Aide program who, in conjunction with the IRS, train volunteers to prepare tax returns. The program is open to people of all ages who have an income of less than \$60,000. The program is now fully automated with 8 volunteer counselors using computers and e-filing the returns. Things have come a long way with technology.

Special Event - The Center held a special luncheon this week called the Fabulous February Lunch. The food was great and the entertainment was even better.

Donations - The Building fund executive committee and Neztel and Associates have been working hard this month doing solicitations and setting up interviews in hopes of building up the capital campaign fund. They are beginning with the Friends Board of Directors and the Building Fund Committee before branching out to the community. A grant letter will be going out to the Crean Foundation as well.

PARTICIPANTS ATTENDING

#REF! CUSTOMERS

RECREATIONAL CLASSES

3,146 CUSTOMERS

PERSONALIZED SERVICES PROVIDED

1,683 CUSTOMERS

Includes:

Blood Pressure		Housing counseling	35
Braille	0	Information/Referral	970
Counseling-persons	45	Legal Assistance	5
Eldercare	5	Senior Assessment(hrs)	50
Employment	25	Telephone Reassurance	336
HICAP	7	Visual Screening	5
Tax	0	Transportation Info	200

SENIORS RECEIVING TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Care-A-Van/Shuttle

1,200 CUSTOMERS

CUSTOMERS RECEIVING NOON MEALS AT THE CENTER

1,868 CUSTOMERS

VOLUNTEER HRS. OF SERVICES PROVIDED AT THE CENTER

1,177.00 HOURS

Includes:	Kitchen & Home Delivered Meals	(*equiv. to 9 full-time employees)
Front Office	Travel Office	
Gift Shop	Library	
Instructors	President	
Treasurer	Vice President	
Bookkeeper	Taxes	

PARTICIPANTS IN FRIENDS OF OASIS TRAVEL PROGRAMS

#REF! CUSTOMERS

Day Trips

Autry National Center 19

SPECIAL EVENTS/SCREENINGS/LECTURES

Computer Friends 52

Over 80's Birthday Party 160

Sexual Health 48

UCI Lecture 110

Carfit 12

Movie - Hairspray 45

Long Trips

Riverside Resort and Casino 43

624 PERSONS

OASIS Golfers 111

Sunday Movies-

Chariots of Fire 26

The Strange Love of Martha Ivers 15

Vivacious Lady 18

None But the Lonely Heart 27



General Services Department

PB&R Commission Agenda

Item No. 4

March 4, 2008

TO: Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission
FROM: General Services Director
SUBJECT: *Picnic Table Donation Request*

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission consider the picnic table donation request for Peninsula Park.

Discussion

City Council Policy B-17 establishes criteria for parks, facilities, and recreation program donations within the City. The policy is structured to establish a fair and uniform procedure for making gifts to the City, and to make the donation process easier for staff and donors.

The City has received a request from Ms. Bartick (Attachment A) to donate a picnic table at Peninsula Park. The picnic table will match two previously donated picnic tables at this site (Attachment B).

Since the value of the picnic table is \$1,000.00, the donation is eligible to receive a dedicatory plaque. The submitted plaque verbiage, which complies with City Council Policy B-17, is "Donated by Muriel J. Bartick".

Ms. Bartick, Council Member Michael F. Henn, Balboa Village Business Improvement District, and the Balboa Peninsula Point Association have received a copy of this report and a notice of the Commission meeting.

Very respectfully,

Mark Harmon

Attachments: (A) Ms. Bartick's Gifts for Tomorrow Order Request Form
(B) Picture of proposed picnic table style



Gifts for Tomorrow Order Request Form

Item # Description
103 Picnic TABLE



Contact Information

MURIEL BARTICK

Name

15752 Butterfield

Mailing Address

Westminster, CA 92683



714-531-4134

Phone



Muriel J Bartick

Signature

DEDICATION PLAQUE INFO

Donors may elect to provide a dedicatory plaque if the value of the donation is greater than \$1,000.

Contact city staff for more information.

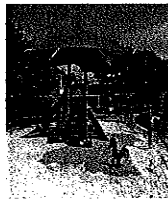
☒ Yes, I am interested in dedicatory plaque for my donation.

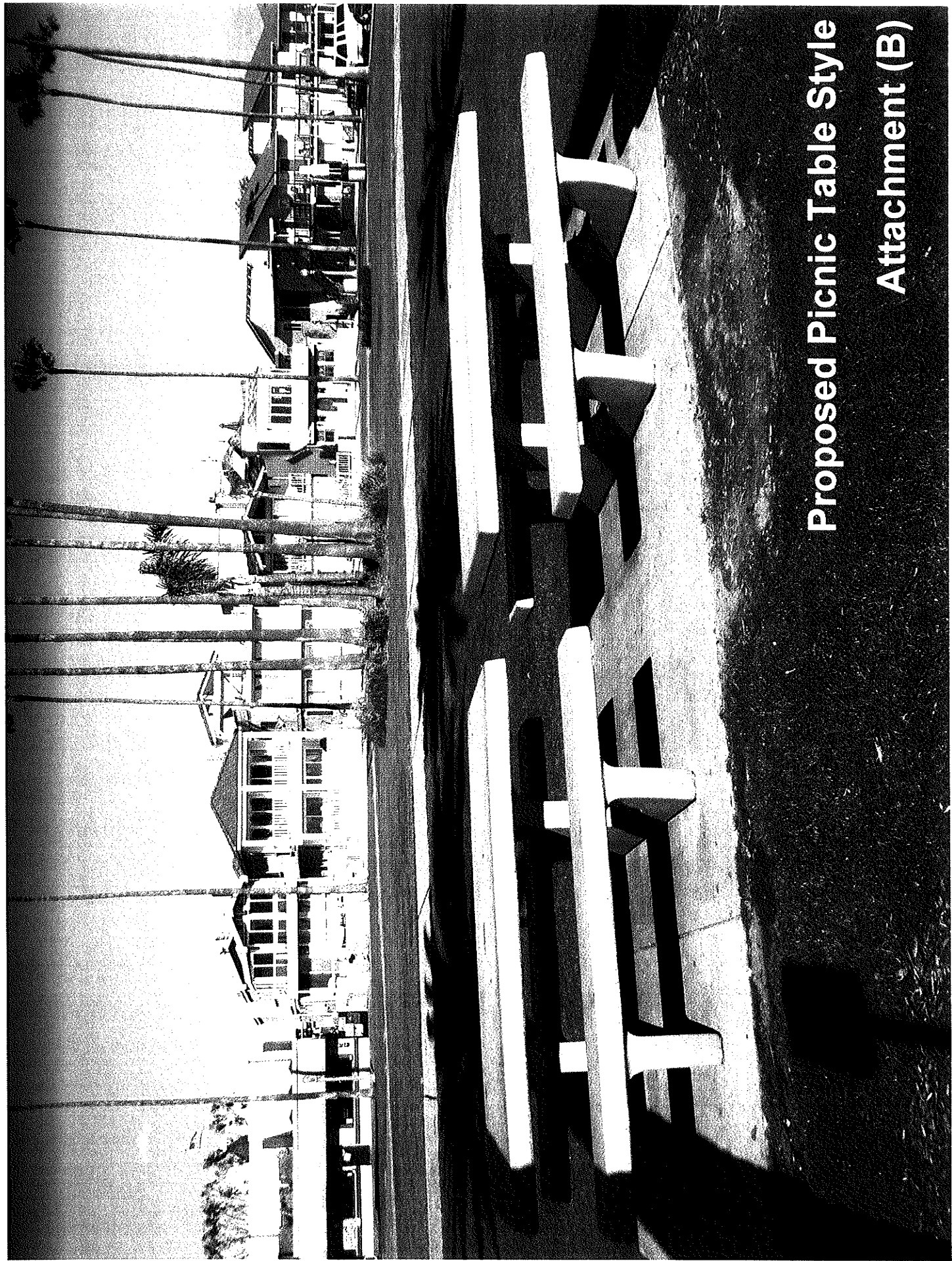
Plaque is donated for, DONATED BY
MURIEL J. BARTICK

First Name

Last Name

I want this placed at the small park at the Base of Balboa Pier - the same park as my husband's. Thank you.





**Proposed Picnic Table Style
Attachment (B)**



Recreation & Senior Services Department

To: Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission

From: Wes Morgan, Recreation & Senior Services Director

Re: Sunset Ridge Park Draft Concept Plan

The *General Plan* designates the 12-acre Sunset Ridge property as open space-active. The draft concept plan for Sunset Ridge Park proposes an active sports park which will include the following:

1. One baseball field
2. Two soccer fields
3. A tot lot playground
4. Restroom
5. Parking Lot
6. Vista Points
7. Walkways

The design process for Sunset Ridge Park is progressing through the community outreach phase. To date there have been two community outreach meetings and a PB&R Park Development meeting conducted in order to receive community input on the draft concept plan. It is now appropriate for the PB&R Commission to conduct a public meeting and gather input on this plan. Following the Commission's review, the plan will be reviewed by City Council.

Attachments:

1. Notices & Agendas from previous outreach meetings.
2. Numerous communications received regarding Sunset Ridge Park.
3. Notes from previous meetings.

PARKS, BEACHES AND RECREATION COMMISSION

PARK DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

MONDAY, October 8, 2007 @ 8:30AM

CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comments
Members of the public are invited to comment on non-agenda items of public interest. Speakers are limited to three minutes.
3. Committee Comments
4. Discussion of Park Development Projects
- Outreach for Sunset Ridge
5. Adjourn

Distribution:

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City of Newport Beach Sunset Ridge Public Outreach Meeting

Thursday, November 8, 2007 – 7:00PM
Newport Beach City Council Chambers

I. Introductions and Background

- Mayor Steve Rosansky
- Wes Morgan, Recreation & Senior Services Director
- Sean Levin, Recreation Superintendent

II. Discussion/Information gathering for Sunset Ridge Park site layout

- Ric Vanderwood
- Carrie Rybczynski

III. Discussion of the process and next steps

IV. Adjourn



**CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH
PUBLIC WORKS & RECREATION/SENIOR SERVICES DEPARTMENTS**

Sunset Ridge Park Community Outreach Meeting

**DATE: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2007
7:00PM**

**Location: City of Newport Beach
Council Chambers
3300 Newport Boulevard
Newport Beach, CA 92663**

Community outreach on the development of Sunset Ridge Park. The Park is located on the corner of Superior Avenue and Pacific Coast Highway. For more information, please call 949-644-3151.



PARKS, BEACHES AND RECREATION COMMISSION

PARK DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, January 10, 2008 @ 4:30PM

CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comments
Members of the public are invited to comment on non-agenda items of public interest. Speakers are limited to three minutes.
3. Committee Comments
4. Discussion of Park Development Projects
 - Sunset Ridge Park
 - OASIS Senior Center
 - Coastal Peak Park
 - Dog Park
 - CYC Master Plan
 - ADA Playground Project
5. Adjourn

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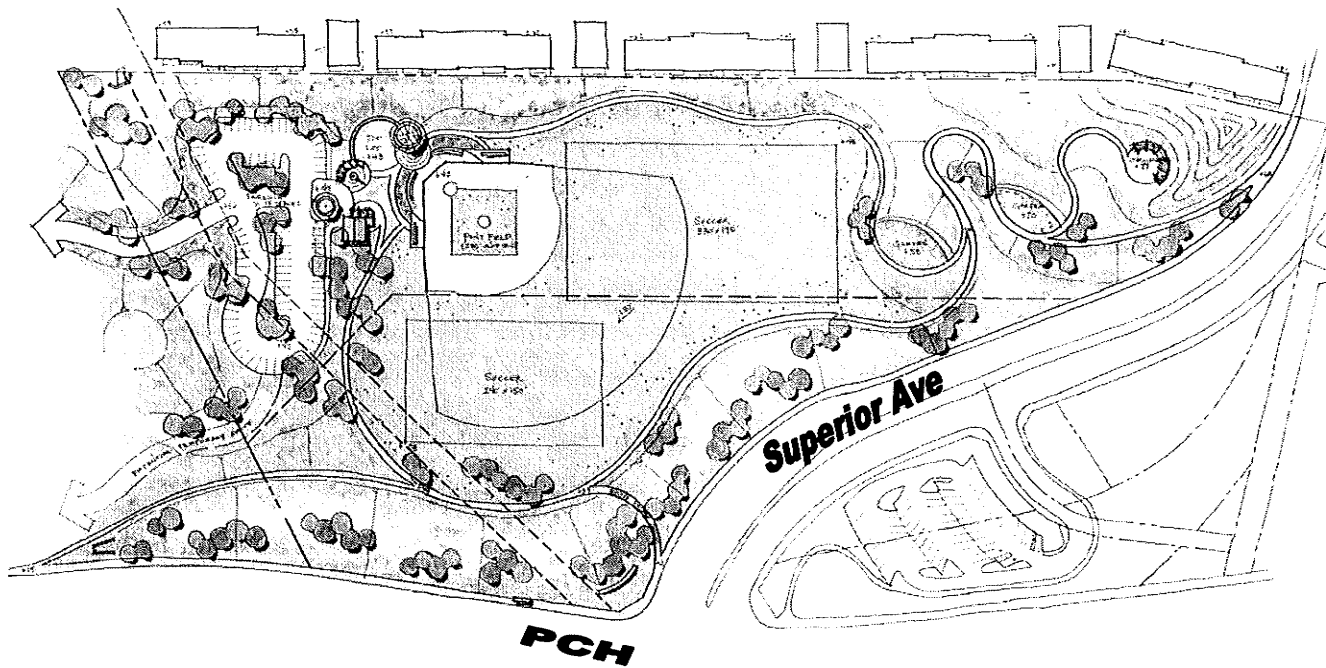
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City of Newport Beach Sunset Ridge Public Outreach Meeting

Monday, February 11, 2008 — 6:30PM
Newport Beach City Council Chambers

- I. Welcome / Introductions
- II. Project Update
- III. Project Presentation
- IV. Public Comments
- V. Next Steps in the Process
- VI. Adjourn

SUNSET RIDGE PARK



Concept Plan

Sunset Ridge Park
Newport Beach, California

Prepared for:
The City of Newport Beach
20 December 2007

EPT DESIGN



The City of Newport Beach has purchased 12 acres of property from the State of California. This property is located at Superior & PCH. This parcel is designated as open space-active in the City's *General Plan*. The City is now beginning the process to plan an active park on this property. Above is the 1st draft of this concept plan.

The next public outreach meeting in this process is Monday, February 11 at 6:30pm in the City Council Chambers at City Hall.

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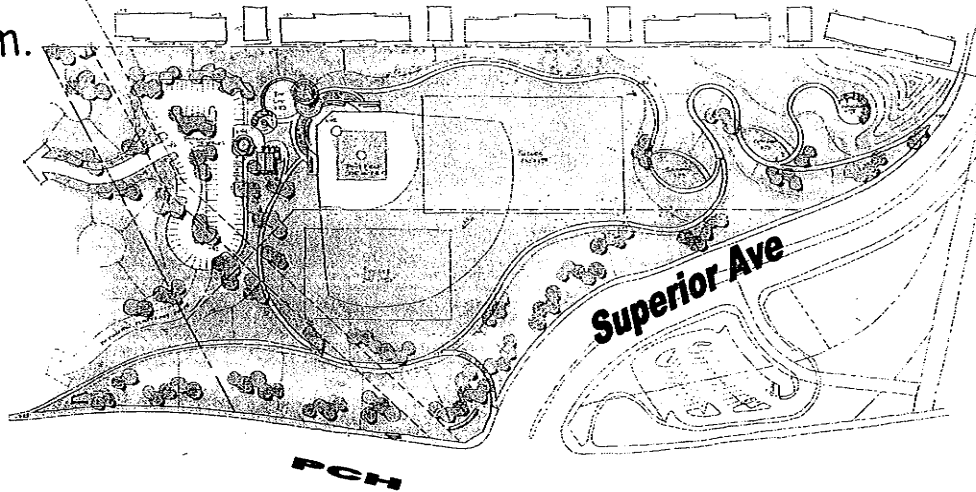
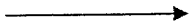
SUNSET RIDGE PARK - PB&R Commission

TUESDAY, March 4, 2008 — 7pm

City Council Chambers - 3300 Newport Boulevard

The next public meeting regarding the design of Sunset Ridge Park will be held at the PB&R Commission meeting on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at 7pm.

Draft
Concept Plan



Attachment 2

Morgan, Wes

From: parahdigm@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, January 15, 2008 6:06 AM
To: karengarfield@roadrunner.com
Cc: Morgan, Wes
Subject: Re: SUNSET RIDGE PARK -PLEASE PLEASE READ

Hi Karen:

Thank you for your comments on the proposed design for the new Sunset Ridge Park. I am assuming you are commenting on the design proposal that was recently completed by the design firm. I am copying Parks Director Wes Morgagn on this letter so that he can forward your comments to the design team.

Our next outreach meeting will be held on Monday, February 11. I hope you can attend this meeting to discuss these items and any other concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

Steve Rosansky
Councilman-District 2

-----Original Message-----

From: Karen Garfield <karengarfield@roadrunner.com>
To: parahdigm@aol.com
Cc: karengarfield@roadrunner.com
Sent: Sun, 13 Jan 2008 9:02 pm
Subject: SUNSET RIDGE PARK -PLEASE PLEASE READ

Hi Steve,

My name is Karen Garfield and I live at 18 Ima Loa Court in Newport Crest (front line view). I have three children under the age of seven and will obviously benefit from any park that is developed in front of Newport Crest. That is not to say I am happy about listening to screaming kids and adults all day long. I understand that a park will be put in whether we like it or not so I would at least like to have a say in how it is developed. My greatest concern is that Ima Loa Court seems to be getting the worst end of the whole deal. It is bad enough that we will have a parking lot in our front yard (we are taxpayers too) but we also get a restroom and a tot lot. Why can't these things be spread out? I acknowledge that it is easier for parents at the tot lot to be close to a restroom but then again they don't have to live with it 100 feet from their kitchen table. Maybe relocating it and having people walk a little further distance would be a small price to pay to make everyone happy. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE at least give Ima Loa Court a reason to want this park. At this point it doesn't look all that appealing to me. I am under the impression that we are all suppose to work together and compromise, so please give us a break and spread these things out.

Thank you,

1/15/2008

Karen Garfield

More new features than ever. Check out the new AOL Mail!

Morgan, Wes

From: Jane Drew [janedrew@roadrunner.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2008 10:16 AM
To: Morgan, Wes
Subject: Passive Park for Sunset Ridge!!!

Hello Mr. Morgan,

I am a resident of Newport Crest. **I strongly believe that the proposed Sunset Ridge Park should be a passive park.** I believe this is a quality-of-life issue for the residents. I live three houses in from the park and the noise from an active park would greatly negatively impact my life. I am a writer who needs quiet to perform my job. The reason I bought in the Crest was because it was a quiet neighborhood. I also believe that our properties values will go down.

I am well aware that children need active parks. I don't doubt or debate this. It's just a matter of where such a park could be located. I strongly believe that Newport Crest is not the place. It's one thing when I person or family moves into a neighborhood where's there's an existing active park nearby. Then it's their choice. It's very different when a park is placed into a quiet neighborhood.

The plan has been for years that this property would be for a passive park. That was the understanding I had when I moved here.

I believe there are environmental factors to be considered as well. I believe an environmental impact study needs to be done; this study should include soil conditions, noise pollution, light pollution, traffic and safety considerations. Safety is another factor. With outdoor bathrooms, vagrancy and crime most likely will increase.

The park is right off an extremely busy intersection where there have been numerous accidents. I know this all too well. My roommate, Thomas Gregory, was hit by a car when riding down that hill on a bicycle about six years ago. He is now a quadriplegic.

Please listen to the people. We want a passive park, not as active one. We have a right to quality-of-life and the preservation of our property values.

Jane Drew

Jane Myers Drew, Ph.D.
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janedrew@roadrunner.com
www.janedrew.com
www.LetsConnectGame.com

Jill M. Spencer
17 Landfall Ct.
Newport Beach, CA 92663

January 30, 2008

Dear Newport Beach Commissioners,

I am writing to you today to express my concern regarding the proposed active park – **Sunset Ridge Park**. The Resident's of Newport Crest enjoy an unusually quiet and safe neighborhood. We are located on a bluff without access; this protects us from noise and theft. We do not have yards, our yard is the bluff and our sense of space is the field. We do not have air-conditioning – our windows are open to the ocean breeze. We are not a gated community, so we must enforce parking restrictions, yet our limited access keeps us shielded.

I am deeply concerned over the quality of life changing for all of us in Newport Crest and the surrounding developments. The proposed playing fields, parking and lighting impose upon our safety net and peacefulness. The noise from the games will be insurmountable. Our safety will be challenged by those who may jump the wall to the bluff. Our current parking enforcement expense will increase. Our views will be obstructed. Our land values will decrease. Our quality of life will be shattered.

Park percentage studies fail to recognize that West Newport Beach's largest active park is the beach where thousands enjoy surfing, volleyball, kayaking, swimming, biking, roller-blading, other ocean sports and jogging.

I urge you to stop by our neighborhood on a Saturday afternoon and experience the quiet we enjoy, our "space" (the bluff/field) and our unique community. Only then, can you fully appreciate how the proposed active park will dramatically impact the quality of our lives, quality that we've enjoyed since the 1970s.

Sincerely,
Jill

Jill M Spencer

Morgan, Wes

From: Spencer, Jill [JSpencer@cci.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2008 9:35 AM
To: Morgan, Wes
Subject: Sunset Ridge Park

Hello Mr. Morgan,

It is my understanding that you are willing to assist some of the Newport Beach residents that are concerned about Sunset Ridge becoming an active park by passing on our concerns to the Commissioners.

I would truly appreciate any assistance you can provide – see enclosure.

Sincerely,
Jill M. Spencer

1/30/2008

February 4, 2008

Mr. Steve Rosanski
And The Park Planning Group
City of Newport Beach
3300 Newport Blvd.
Newport Beach, CA 92663

RE: Sunset Ridge Park Concept Plan dated January 10, 2008 Comments by a Local Resident

To All,

I have received a copy of the park development concept plan dated January 10, 2008 and I have a few concerns. I believe that this property deserves a much higher level of design, this property cost over five million and it is worth much more than that, we should not settle for an ordinary park. I think that this land deserves an inspired design equivalent to the importance of this site, this community and the amount of money already spent here.

The design as I see it is a simple park that might be similar to ordinary parks in any city. We should require an inspired design befitting this important public space. Shouldn't the design draw from its land, its proximity to places nearby, the community or some other inspiration. Curvy walks, a backstop and a small play area are far too simple. The design should draw from the adjacent Banning Ranch open space some threads of meaning and inspiration. The end of the Santa Ana River was historically a few hundred feet from this site this could provide some context. Even the Hoag Hospital structures have given some thought to the importance of proximity to provide character and interest to their projects (porpoise parking structure sculptures).

The designers surely have more to offer, can we see some inspiration, some art, some sense of place in their designs. I would suggest they start at the near by natural landscapes, the hills, the cliffs, the slough, the beach. And also look at local architectural elements, the ferry building, boats, the city entry signs and other significant structures. Palm trees, birds, shells and all manner of flora and fauna should also be considered. Art work like Cliff Drive Parks' artistic waves could add beauty and interest for this important park. This is not Bonita Canyon, a park hidden away from view; there must be more of a statement on this important corner.

Another comment I have is related to the considerations made to accommodate the views from the homes above the park. I believe these should be carefully considered, documented and analyzed. Where ever possible they should be maintained, though not at the expense of any opportunities the rest of the community might have at getting a great park on this site. This multi million dollar site belongs to the whole community. The homes above the park could have been looking at hundreds of houses if this land didn't become a park. Some loss of views if necessary should be tolerable; after all they will now be able to look over our beautiful new park landscape.

Mr. Steve Rosanski
And The Park Planning Group
February 4, 2008

- I would not support tearing down any hill or prominent point that could be vantage points for park users. Likewise because of the large investment in the land any buffer to the resident's property line should be design appropriately, but kept to the very minimum in size and scope. And, I believe that lighting for night use of the park is appropriate in order to get the most of our investment. Walkways and open area lighting should encourage safe and appropriate community use. I would also support low level ball field lights for kid's practices in the evening.

Specific Recommendations:

1. The ball fields should be realigned for optimum sun orientation. Soccer should have north and south goals. Baseball northwest or southwest alignment (home base to centerfield).
2. Laying back the slopes as shown will take up acres of land. Retaining walls should be considered as a land value trade off. Any walls could be made to look like rocks or cliffs, think of the cliffs to the north near the oil wells or the cliffs and rocks at other locations in town.
3. Mr. Rosanski stated that if he could be shown a pedestrian bridge that does not block the ocean view from the top of Superior he could support it. Has an analysis been done along this road? I believe it is possible to jump across the road from the high side of the parking lot to the mid level of the main park with out sacrificing any ocean view. In fact, it may screen the views to the roof tops and the wall along PCH.
4. Take down the hill above the south of Superior parking lot and develop a green space related to the linier park that connects to Hoag.
5. Do not grade down the high plateau; allow for seating views and shade trees and non programmed open turf.
6. The parks middle level should be devoted to the sports fields with surrounding walks and support facilities. Build retaining walls to minimize slope areas around the fields above PCH and the parking lot (this land is very valuable).
7. The PCH edge, especially the northern area, should be graded and opened up to views in to the park from PCH. The land could be rolling terraces with picnic shelters, small open turf areas. Walkways and some interesting art or play pieces. Be creative here!
8. Move the bus shelter and make it an interesting and integral part of the envisioned scenic corridor along PCH.

Mr. Steve Rosanski
And The Park Planning Group
February 4, 2008

9. More than a simple sidewalk should be built to connect this park to the Newport Beach neighborhoods to the north along PCH. How about a Class A bike trail and a sidewalk with adjacent running path.

10. Again, this park deserves a creative, dynamic and engaging solution! This should not be an ordinary park!

Thank you for considering my ideas. I am looking forward to participating in the future of this design process.

I would be happy to answer any questions or inquiries.

Sincerely,

David Volz
203 Canal Street
Newport Beach, Ca

(949) 722-8028
dvolz@dvolzdesign.com

Morgan, Wes

From: MClark@jitsupply.com
Sent: Thursday, February 07, 2008 1:15 PM
To: Morgan, Wes
Subject: FW: Sunset Ridge Park

Dear Wes,

Would you please see that the commissioners receive a copy of this letter.

Thanks,
Mike Clark

For nineteen years I lived at the corner of 53rd and River, when I decided to buy a home I stayed away from parks and schools as I'd had enough of traffic, trash and noise which comes with living in that part of Newport. After a year of looking, I bought a condo in Newport Crest. As you know, what they call the front line of condos in the Crest has a fabulous view and is also free of traffic, trash and noise - now you want to bring all of that to The Crest. I don't know where you live but just imagine the city of Newport exercising emanate domain and taking your back yard and putting the type of park you are proposing ten feet from your living room, kitchen and bedroom. I think you would be jumping up and down, but not for joy. What you are proposing to do will greatly alter the life style in the Crest and destroy the property value.

This is an awkward parcel of land - its size and location are not conducive to what you propose. Parking - is seventy-five parking spaces adequate - how many will be taken by parents and how many will be used by beach goers? When parents can't find a place to park in the lot, where will they go..... to the Crest? G & W Towing will be busy.

The cost to develop this park is said to be around \$8.5 million plus the cost of maintaining it, while the cost and maintenance of a passive park would be next to nothing. I think the money would be put to better use in finishing the back bay project with it's \$12 million short fall.

Safety - this intersection is one of, if not the most dangerous in Newport. Not all of the children using this park will be driven there by their parents - they will ride their bikes, skateboards or walk. I hope I'm wrong but I feel it's just a matter of time until a child gets seriously injured or worse. If you seriously look at this proposed project objectively, give it some individual thought not what is being shoved at you. You'll see that this parcel is not practical for this proposed park. The cost of trying to put too much in a small area in an unsafe location and the degrading of the life style and property value of the Crest. If you must do something with this land, the only thing reasonable would be a passive park.

Respectfully,
Mike & Laura Clark
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949-631-3115

Morgan, Wes

From: parahdigm@aol.com
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 10:05 PM
To: GRAVYTRAIN1@adelphia.net
Cc: Morgan, Wes
Subject: Re: Sunset Ridge Park

Dear Mr. Proccacino:

Thank you for your comments on the proposed Sunset Ridge Park. I am forwarding your comments to our design team for their review. I can appreciate your desire for a more passive environment at the park; however, currently the most demand for park space is for active parks. The proposed plan will be heard by the Parks Commission in early March. I encourage you to attend the meeting to express your views.

Sincerely,

Steven Rosansky

-----Original Message-----

From: G.Proc <GRAVYTRAIN1@adelphia.net>
To: parahdigm@aol.com
Sent: Mon, 11 Feb 2008 4:41 pm
Subject: Sunset Ridge Park

Hello Mr. Rosansky,

I cannot attend tonight's meeting, 2/11/08, so I thought I would contact you with my thoughts. I have resided in Newport Beach for 37 years (5105 Lido Sands Dr.). I am originally

from New England and certainly appreciate open space. I had a mild culture shock when I saw how people in Southern California, relatively, live on top of each other. Having said

this I am excited about public open space in the West Newport area. What I am concerned about is why clutter this rare project with a baseball field and "UGH" parking for

motorized vehicles, not to mention the cost of it's upkeep. I vision this prime open space opportunity as just that open space, trees, ponds, bike paths, trees, walking paths, hiking

trails, trees, green areas, picnic areas, playground for kids, and more trees. I think we can all agree that the parking lot will be abused with beach parkers. The parking lot and

baseball field take up a lot of open space, will be noisy and used by only those who play the game. A more subdued "Park", I think, would be more desirable and beneficial to

Newport Beach and surrounding communities.

2/12/2008

Please share my thoughts with your fellow council persons. Please acknowledge receipt of this note. Thank you.

Respectfully, Gerard Proccacino

More new features than ever. Check out the new AOL Mail!

Morgan, Wes

From: Soccer Families 4 Newport Fields [info@soccerfamilies4fields.com]
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 10:04 AM
To: info@soccerfamilies4fields.com
Subject: Sunset Ridge Park Meeting Reminder
Importance: High

Dear SF4NF member:

A quick calendar reminder:

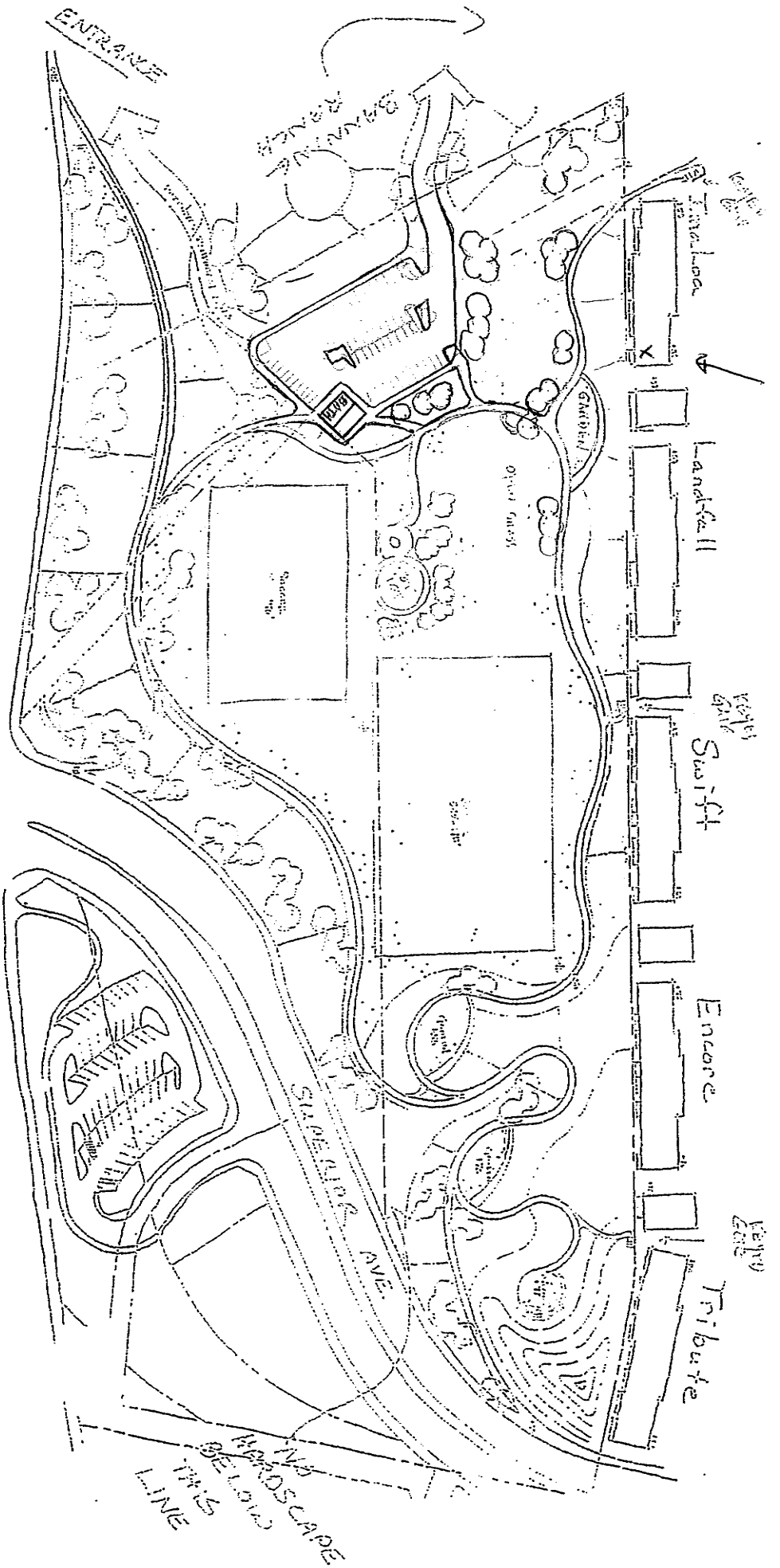
**Sunset Ridge Park Concept Plan
Community Input Meeting
Tonight (Feb. 11) - 6:30 p.m.
Council Chambers
Newport Beach City Hall**

Your attendance is important to help ensure that the City of Newport Beach develops Sunset Ridge Park to allow for Fall AND Spring soccer play.

See you there!



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Milton Eisenhower's
 18 June 1945

SCALE
 1" = 20'

CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH

Town Hall Meeting — Sunset Ridge Park
November 8, 2007 — 7pm

Convened 7:10pm

Mayor Rosansky welcomed the audience to the first of many public meetings to discuss the Sunset Ridge Park. He stated that it was not the official name but was the working title of the park for many years. He stated that about 4 years ago he and others went about trying to acquire the land. He stated that the 12 acres on west side and the 2 acres on east side was deeded and sold to the City for \$5,180,000. Because of the Coastal Commission there are some reserved scenic view corridor restrictions. The Mayor then announced that the City was looking to the public for some vision as the park is slated for 4 active parks with no lights. He stated that this park is one of the 4 major CIP projects for the City.

Mayor Rosansky stated that one of the major problems of the parks is access and that there are ongoing discussions with Banning Ranch for some easements. He introduced Rick Vanderwood from EPT and then opened up the discussion with the public.

The following suggestions, concerns or questions were made:

- Suggested a pedestrian bridge be built for better access.
- Concerns with carbon monoxide if the parking lot was built along the back edge of the homes and that if the park contained restrooms that it would bring the wrong type of people to the park
- Louise Greely should be commended publicly for her efforts.
- Dog Park
- Toddler Park - more youth type areas
- Walk & Bike Trails
- View areas within the park
- Parking - where will it be located
- Will access to Newport Crest be effected
- Should just be a community park where people can walk to it.
- The park should be names Sunset Ridge Park
- What is the definitions of permanent structures and what are the limitations
- 12 acres is quite small - is it a problem for baseballs
- Liability for homeowners if balls become a problem
- How and why was it determined that there should be ball fields
- Who will get to use the park
- Whose decision is it regarding the park facilities
- Banning Ranch should be incorporated as a solution for access and use of the park
- Newport Crest homes have master bedrooms that over look the park and would be affected by the noise, lights and the smell from the BBQ's and restrooms.
- Should not be an active sports park but rather a balance between active and passive.
- When was it decided that it would be an active park
- No need to have a passive park on their doorstep that will not be used.
- 4th of July would be a nightmare

Mayor Rosansky thanked everyone for their comments and stated that in a couple of years that there will be a park.

He made the following comments:

- A pedestrian bridge could impact views.
- Decision has not be made on where parking will be located.
- General Plan states that the park will be active -- If it is active there will be restrooms. City Council will decide whether it will be active or passive.
- We are not going to build a park that no one will use.
- Funding Priority - West Newport is definitely under parked.
- Banning Ranch could be very expensive but there is a 30 acre area but could take years for it to be sorted out - it could be connected if there is an Orange River Park Trail

Adjourned at 9pm.

CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH

Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission
Park Development Committee
January 10, 2008

NOTES

ROLL CALL

Present: Debra Allen
Phillip Lugar
Tim Brown

Staff: Wes Morgan, RSS Director
Dan Sereno, Parks & Tree Superintendent
Sean Levin, Recreation Superintendent
Randy Kearns, Parks Maintenance Supervisor
Michael Sinacori, Principal Civil Engineer
Christine Stempleski, Recreation Manager
Matt Lohr, Recreation Manager
Teri Craig, Admin Asst

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jeff Braun, AYSO 97 commented that lit fields are in need on the west side of town and urged the Commission to keep that in mind as development of this and possibly Banning Ranch come online.

SUNSET RIDGE PARK

Jenny Lombardi
Jeff Braun
Ted Barry
Christy Flesvig
Bill Lombardi
Ed Davenport
Robert Snyder
Bill Hofffeldt

The following comments were made:

- Should be a passive park
- Car and foot traffic will increase
- Noise level
- Property values will decrease
- View - because of back stop
- Walking & bike trails should be included
- Parking lot is too close to homes
- Soccer fields would be less intrusive
- Having a baseball field will decrease the use for soccer - recommends soccer fields for the park
- Will work hard with coaches regarding whistles - want to be good neighbors
- Tot lot is located too close to homes
- Why do we need a tot lot
- Recommend that Committee come to the Lombardi house to view the park from their vantage point
- Will games be scheduled for Sundays - ***NO - Monday - Friday; 4pm to dusk; Sat 8am to dusk***
- 8am is unacceptable
- Did not move there to listen to kids playing
- Consideration of wild life should be given - ***Coastal Commission has edicts regarding native vegetation and a mitigated negative EIR will still need to be done.***

- Wondered if this park would change from an active park should Banning Ranch come to fruition.

Parks Development Committee made the following comments:

- Important to understand that the park will be active and that staff can work at mitigating some the problems.
- Regarding Banning Ranch - too difficult to speculate if it will ever come on board.
- Thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and that another meeting will be scheduled for February before going to Council.

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Submitted by: _____
Teri Craig, Admin Assistant

CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH

Sunset Ridge Park Public Meeting
February 11, 2008

NOTES

Director Morgan made brief introductions and discussed future meetings and dates.

Ric Vanderwood, EPT provided a PowerPoint presentation on the conceptual design of the park.

THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE MADE COMMENTS AT THE MEETING

Matt Irwin

Patty Lombardi

Bill Bennett

Byron del Arakal

Ted Berry

Darcy Gassell

Moe

Jim Karris

Mark Gonzales

Mark Arblaster

Dave Schultz

Renee Rominger

Jim Gabriel

The following comments were made:

- Concern about losing the ocean vista
- Suggest walking bridges from Villa Balboa
- Noise concern
- Access and traffic congestion
- Concern of people entering Newport Crest looking for access and or parking
- Ima Loa will have the most impact
- Property values - will the City compensate Newport Crest for that loss
- Security and parking enforcement are major concerns
- Hoag is covering costs for replacing windows because of the noise levels - with the City be willing to do that for Newport Crest - specifically the first several blocks that will carry the biggest part of the burden
- When will a noise study be done
- The park should be a passive park - when was it decided that it would be an active park
- Why doesn't the City schedule games on Sunday - then this park would be needed less.
- Can permanent structures be built on easement
- Invite anyone to view the park from the Lombardi House.
- Soccer families are very excited about the park
- Suggest that a baseball field not be located at this park because of the back stop
- Soccer promises to be good partner to the residents
- Resident does not want to live next to a playground
- Would like more of an active park and suggest a skate park for the area
- Concern about the plumes from the power plant and suggests that this park is not a good location for active play
- Will non-residents be using our park
- Move the tot lot and bathroom away from homes
- Everyone must share the burden of parks
- Remind Newport Crest that they are lucky to have a park it could have been apartments
- Downgrade baseball to a younger age so it is less intrusive
- Would parking lot be locked at night

Next meeting to discuss Sunset Ridge will be at the March 4th PB&R Commission meeting.

ADJOURNED

Submitted by:

Teri Craig, Admin Assistant