



Meeting Date: May 18, 2010

TOWN OF MORAGA

STAFF REPORT

To: Parks and Recreation Commission

From: Jay Ingram, Parks and Recreation Director

Subject: May Agenda Items

Unfinished Business

Bocce Ball Courts at Rancho Laguna Park (discussion/action) – For several months the Bocce Ball group has expressed a need for additional bocce ball courts and a desire to fund their installation. After viewing many potential locations, Staff believes there is a win-win solution for providing these additions in Moraga. Because of the concentrated usage of the Commons Parks, Staff considered the possibility of establishing four courts that would be located on the northern portion of Rancho Laguna Park. Dom Sidari, Bocce Ball League organizer as well as other bocce ball players were in favor of this designated site. After conversations with key stakeholders of off-leash dogs who frequent Rancho Laguna Park they indicated to Staff their willingness to share the area with other users.

The Commission should consider this item as it pertains to the Parks and Recreation Master Plan for bocce ball courts. Currently, the Plan recommends a new site master plan for each park and provides potential suggestions at each location. One option in addressing the matter would be to relocate the Commons Parks bocce ball courts and horseshoe pits to a more central area near other small-scale sports facilities. However, removal of one or possibly two walnut trees will occur if this proposed location is selected.

Next Steps

- 1) discuss proposed location
- 2) recommend location
- 3) If appropriate, provide motion to Town Council recommending they authorize a privately funded design that would include four bocce ball courts.



New Business

Re-cap joint meeting with Town Council – (discussion)

Hacienda Business Plan Implementation – The Town Council was in support of the efforts of the Hacienda Foundation. Topics discussed were:

- More/better parking
- Increased use of the Pavilion – flooding issue
- Reconfigure La Sala
- Foundations role is not infrastructure
- Facility Master Plan
- Revisit Hacienda Business Plan
- Address the inadequate electrical
- Semi-permanent structure (2-3 year plan)
- Commission goal should be to program the Hacienda and Foundations role for fund improvements

Partner with Saint Mary’s College to Enhance Public Recreation in Moraga – Feedback was to continue reaching out to SMC in grassroots fashion and consider sharing facilities whenever and wherever possible. No need to pursue the emergency operations issue and a JUA. The Commission is on the right track.

Bench Donation by Moraga Women’s Society (discussion/action) – The Moraga Women’s Society is interested in funding the purchase and installation of a bench that would be adjacent to the tot play structure in the Commons Park, next to the sand box area (see picture below). The Town of Moraga Memorial and Donation policy has a section titled “other donations.” This section states that the Town may bring any donation proposal to the Park and Recreation Commission for review and approval. The Town may accept those donations subject to a review by the Park and Recreation Commission. This is your opportunity to review the proposed project.

If the Commission approves this project, Town staff will work with the Women’s Society to secure all necessary funding and ensure the bench is purchased and installed in a timely manner.

Staff recommends the Commission review and approve the Women’s Society proposal assuming all funds will be provided by the Moraga Women’s Society.

