



Meeting Date: June 21, 2011

TOWN OF MORAGA

STAFF REPORT

To: Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Jay Ingram, Parks and Recreation Director
Subject: June Agenda Items

Unfinished Business

Rancho Laguna Park Playground Fundraising - (discussion/action) The fundraising task force met on Monday, June 6 to address replacement playground equipment. On May 25-27 the two Timberform play structures were demolished leaving only the train play structure on the north side and two spring toys on the south side, adjacent to the restrooms. The task force discussed the following items:

1. Fundraise goal \$100,000 by January 2012
2. June Commission Meeting – share task force discussions and invite Kit Steven from Miracle Playsystems to present a conceptual “nature style” design for new play structures.
3. July Commission Meeting – Discuss potential layout options for entire park
4. August Commission Meeting – Continuation from July meeting
5. November/December Commission Meeting – Discuss recommendation on remaining WW funds
6. Playground(s) installed by June 1, 2012

The task force also discussed installing the play structures on one side. They favored moving the play structure over to the south side and if fencing is required, they recommended ranch style.

Currently, the proposed bocce ball courts once planned for Rancho Laguna Park have been re-directed to a location in the Commons Park. The Commission should proceed with the assumption that a location for bocce will be found in the Commons Park. The recent Lamorinda Dogs Inc. proposal is currently on hold due to the removal of the play/exercise equipment. They look forward to working with the Commission to achieve a multi-use park design.

On Tuesday, June 14 the Moraga Park Foundation Board of Directors voted to accept community donations for play structure(s) through the Moraga Park Foundation.

Interested individuals, groups and corporations will be able to donate to the Moraga Park Foundation, receiving a tax deductible donation.

Requested Action: Through a motion, establish the fundraising goal, review and comment on items 1-6 listed above, provide further direction to the task force.

New Business

Presentation from Miracle Playsystems – (discussion/action) Kit Steven, the East Bay Region Representative for Miracle Playsystems was asked to present a conceptual playground rendering on the parks south side. This side was chosen due to its proximity to the restroom.

The intention of this exercise will be to begin a discussion of play structure style/theme in order to assist the Park and Recreation Commission on a potential playground “look.” There are many different playground manufactures with many different options and looks. The sooner the Commission agrees on a style/theme of play structures, the sooner the Town can have something visual to show potential donors.

The style/theme that Kit Steven was asked to present was a line of play equipment called “Cre8play.” In preparation for the meeting, please take time to preview this product line by going to www.cre8play.com. Other play equipment brochures are available for your review in the Parks and Recreation office. Feel free to stop by and review our various publications. This research can also be done online. There are many play structure sites you can visit such as www.kompan.com and www.playworldsystems.com

Requested Action: Provide feedback to staff on style/theme of play structure(s) to assist in the fundraising phase. The sooner the Commission identifies a style/theme, the sooner the task force can provide additional input and establish additional fundraising details.