



Meeting Date: July 19, 2011

**TOWN OF MORAGA**

**STAFF REPORT**

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

**Unfinished Business**

**Rancho Laguna Park Playground Fundraising - (update)** The task force is scheduled to meet the day of our July Commission meeting. The update will be provided during our meeting. Dick Olsen, Moraga resident and fundraiser extraordinaire has agreed to meet with the task force members as we move forward to reach our goal of \$100,000 by December 2012.

**Themed vs. traditional play structure styles – (update)** The June Commission meeting included a good discussion surrounding styles of play structures, specifically a natural look playground versus a traditional playground. Staff suggested conducting an informal survey during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July in the Commons Park. That survey was completed by forty-five respondents. Twenty-five favored the natural look and twenty favored the traditional look.

**New Business**

**Long term vision for Rancho Laguna Park – (discussion)** In early spring of this year Lamorinda Dogs Inc. provided Town staff with a proposal to accomplish the Town Council request of more spatial separation between dogs and non-dog park users. At the May 11 Joint meeting between the Town Council and Park and Recreation Commission the Town Council requested the Park and Recreation Commission review the proposal. In late spring of this year, the Town identified two play structures at Rancho Laguna Park that needed to be removed due to structural issues. The playgrounds were removed just before Memorial Day. This action put the Lamorinda Dogs Inc. proposal on hold because the spatial separation suggestion fenced the playground area which no longer exists. Callander Associates, a landscape architecture and planning firm has presented conceptual plans for discussion (see attachments) and will attend our July meeting to discuss the various options. The Commission will discuss this issue again in August, hopefully arriving at a single solution to recommend to Town Council this fall.

Also attached is a letter from MPA, our risk management agency, regarding a fencing recommendation as we move forward towards a potential solution.