



Meeting Date: January 15, 2013

**TOWN OF MORAGA**

**STAFF REPORT**

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

**New Business**

**Item VIII. A. Assessment Process for Commons Park – (discussion)**

Shortly after the December Commission meeting staff met with Dr. Chris Chamberlain, Professor from Cal State University East Bay (CSUEB), Department of Hospitality/Recreation and Tourism on Thursday, December 13 to discuss details of a community based assessment for the Commons Park. CSUEB is interested in assisting with this project. Items discussed with Dr. Chamberlain included feasibility, timeline and deliverables.

Feasibility – At our meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> Dr. Chamberlain already had a couple graduate students and a few local undergraduate students in mind for this project. However, since the students were finishing finals, getting ready to leave for the holidays and not returning until after the first of the year, we needed to wait until the middle/end of January for final proposal details. With that stated, this is a project they would like to work on and have done similar research projects in the past.

Timeline – Based on the December Commission meeting discussion staff asked that the research and community outreach take place this spring and early summer. Ideally this project would be completed by September of this year.

Deliverables – Staff's request was to have CSUEB provide the Park and Recreation Commission with a recommendation at the August meeting. However, in recent years staff has cancelled the August Commission meeting since the Town Council also takes a meeting break the entire month of August. A possible solution could be for CSUEB to provide a final report to the Park and Recreation Commission in September with the Commission providing a recommendation to the Town Council for their first meeting in October. Details of the deliverable will be discussed at the February Commission meeting since there will be a full proposal available for review and comment.

## **Item VIII. B. Summary Report of Parks and Recreation Items from Town Council January 12, 2013 Goals Workshop – (report)**

The posted agenda for the Town Goals Workshop included many goals, some of them will likely change as Town Council discusses each one (including those requested/suggested by the public) in more detail at the Workshop. In summary the Parks and Recreation related goals/ongoing programs or activities known to be discussed include:

- Create bicycle/pedestrian pathways between commercial centers and public parks consistent with Transportation for Livable Communities Grant and AB1358.
- Complete Lamorinda Skatepark Parking Lot.
- Manage ADA ramp and bathroom remodel at Pavilion.
- Continue to manage and coordinate community events: Mom/Son Dinner Dance, Casino Night Fundraiser (with Moraga Movers), Mother/Daughter Tea, Moraga Beautiful, 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Triathlon, Senior Health Fair, MYIC Movie Night, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Pear and Wine Festival, Holiday Tree Lighting, Breakfast with Santa, Santa Visits Moraga and over 20 different summer youth enrichment offerings, etc.
- Acquire parkland through new development projects.
- Update Moraga Commons Site Plan.
- Support Hacienda Foundation by assisting with facility improvements and partnering with their strategic planning efforts.
- Continue to partner with the Moraga Park Foundation to support the free summer concert series.
- Continue to partner with Saint Mary's College and school districts to enhance benefits to community through shared facilities and develop cost neutral programs.
- Work to improve access and enhance community programming at The New Rheem Theatre.

The mayors proposed Parks and Recreation related goals as explained at the December 12, 2012 Town Council meeting and included in the January 12, 2013 Town Council Goals Workshop Staff Report include:

### **Outreach and partner with Moraga School District (MSD) Board on matters of common interest.**

- Reach new long-term joint use agreement or understanding of use of existing facilities.
- Renew planning dialogue with MSD for sports fields and recreational facilities at JM.

**Complete Laguna Creek storm drain damage repairs project at the Hacienda.**

- Protect the Pavilion from flooding again. Completing this will help facilitate Hacienda Foundation's important fundraising efforts.

For the benefit of the Commission, staff will provide a verbal summary of changes/additions/deletions that resulted from the Town Council Goals Workshop on January 12. The Goals discussion is currently scheduled to be summarized and presented for formal adoption at the January 23, 2013 Town Council meeting.