

**MORAGA PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2013 - 7:00 p.m.

Hacienda de las Flores, Mosaic Room
2100 Donald Drive, Moraga, California 94556

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** 7:04pm
ROLL CALL: Chair Reed
Commissioners: Crosby (7:05pm), Haffner, Khanna,
Lucacher (7:15pm), and Ryan

Absent: Faoro

- II. **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS** – Time reserved for those in the audience who wish to address the Park and Recreation Commission. The audience should be aware that the Commission may not discuss details or vote on non-agenda items. Your concerns may be referred to staff or placed on a future agenda. Note: Public input will also be taken during each agenda item.

1) None

III. **ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Minutes from January 15, 2013

M/S – Commissioners Khanna/Haffner to approve the special meeting minutes of January 15, 2013 as presented, Unanimous.

IV. **ADOPTION OF MEETING AGENDA**

M/S – Commissioners Haffner/Ryan to approve meeting agenda as presented, Unanimous.

V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE**

Staff announced the 7th Annual Triathlon flyers and requested distribution.

VI. **PARK FOUNDATION LIAISON REPORT**

Commissioner Khanna reported: 1) Foundation won CPRS Statewide Champion of the Community Award, 2) Purchased new concert speakers, 3) Purchased new BBQ's

VII. **HACIENDA FOUNDATION LIAISON REPORT**

Staff reported 1) Strategic Plan for Foundation Board is in process, 2) Pavilion restroom renovation/ADA access improvements going to Town Council on 2/27 for approval.

VIII. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Conceptual Park Plan for the Camino Ricardo Subdivision** –
(discussion/action)

No action was taken. Planning Director Brekke-Read provided an introduction. Denise Cunningham, Director of Development for SummerHill Homes provided and additional verbal report. Commission discussed topic of taking the impact fees vs. having developer provide parkland.

Public Comment included:

Stacia Levenfeld (Planning Commission Chair) – Cluster development on west side was better in her view because if not clustered homes could be across the entire development, leaving no space for parkland

Jim Kline (Planning Commissioner) wasn't enthused with the development, doesn't comply with Specific Plan. Residents don't want a park behind their house and parking is only allowed on one side of the main street into and through the development.

David Shapiro The goal of the Park and Recreation Commission should be to never give up parkland. In favor of more parks. Potential problems: 1) Figure out what will happen with MSCP land to the south, 2) what is going to happen with the larger Town owned parcel, 3) need to have some parking closer than existing Commons parking.

Ree Anne Hardy Speaking on behalf of two neighbors that wrote letters to the Commission, she too is not in favor of this park, concerned with safety and security

Larry Beans Liked the idea of a park. If we do a park, parking is a must

Bill Carman Get more parkland if possible, use the Town parcel, need to consider the 700+/- residents that will be in the MSCP area just to the south.

Public Comment Closed

Chair Reed – need to address parking if a park is to go in proposed location

Commissioner Ryan Was park on the Camino Ricardo end discussed?

Commissioner Haffner Looking to develop this site, that said 10-20 years from now there will be a lot of congestion after MSCP gets built-out. Would like to use this park parcel as open space, not necessarily a playground. Safety and security need to be addressed if park is developed.

Commissioner Ryan Maybe leave it as trails and open space?

Staff requested the Commission at least comment on whether they would prefer park impact fees or parkland. It was general consensus that parkland was preferred.

Commissioner Crosby made a motion to appoint a Subcommittee to walk the land to visualize the parcel, consisting of Vice Chair Lucacher and Commissioners Khanna and Ryan. Motion was seconded by John Haffner. Motion carried unanimously.

Subcommittee, staff and consultants will try to meet at the park site within the next two week.

B. Assessment Process for Commons Park – (discussion)

Staff provided brief report. 1) suggesting Commission consider a subcommittee to work on questions when we receive them. Chair Reed and Commissioners Haffner and Crosby agreed to assist staff with this task. Staff also asked for assistance with focus groups, Commissioner Ryan suggested Scout troops and PTA's.

Public Comment

William Carman, Ask open ended questions in your survey. What do you like in a park? What is our favorite park and why?

IX. REPORTS

A. Commission Members

- A. School – Crosby/Faoro – No report
- B. Natural Resources/Environmental Sustainability – No report
- C. Sports Alliance – No report
- D. Lamorinda Commissions – Hasn't met since the January P&R Commission Meeting.
- E. Other Reports – No report
- F. Trails Report – Staff reported that contact was made with Lane Powell a maps person with EBRPD. Mr. Powell did not return staff phone calls so staff will try another approach to contact EBRPD

- B. Staff** – Announced that Mr. William Carman will be joining us as the new 2013-14 Parks and Recreation Commissioner.

X. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Camino Ricardo Subdivision Park and Assessment Process for Commons Park**

- XI. ADJOURNMENT** – Meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm