

**MORAGA PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

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

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

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** 7:02pm
ROLL CALL: Chair Reed
Commissioners: Crosby, Faoro, Haffner, Khanna, Lucacher
(7:15pm), and Ryan (8:09pm)

Absent: None

II. **PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Appreciation for Commissioners ending service – Staff and Commission thanks Faoro for her service
B. Swearing in of 2013-2015 Commission – Staff swore in Commissioner Carman

- III. **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) Ferenc Kovac – the Town needs to improve its trails system, reference the gentleman on the electric scooter traveling along Moraga Road, with traffic.

IV. **ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Minutes from February 19, 2013

M/S – Commissioner Haffner/Vice-Chair Lucacher to approve the meeting minutes of 19, 2013 as presented, Unanimous.

IV. **ADOPTION OF MEETING AGENDA**

M/S – Vice-Chair Lucacher/Commissioner Khanna to approve meeting agenda as presented, Unanimous.

V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE**

Staff announced: Lamorinda Skatepark parking lot update, Pavilion Project update, Casino Night, Chair and Vice-Chair selection next month, Moraga Commons Park Award from Lamorinda Mom's Club.

VI. **PARK FOUNDATION LIAISON REPORT**

Commissioner Khanna reported: 1) Foundation won CPRS Statewide Champion of the Community Award, 2) Life Member Reception date, June 2, 3) Discussions about sales of beer and/or wine at the free summer concerts.

VII. **HACIENDA FOUNDATION LIAISON REPORT**

Staff reported 1) Cinco de Mayo event at Hacienda, 2) Pavilion project.

VIII. **NEW BUSINESS**

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

No action was taken. Parks and Recreation Director Ingram, Planning Director Brekke-Read Denise Cunningham, Director of Development for SummerHill Homes all provided verbal reports.

Commission Comments:

Haffner – walked the property and questions if we need a park at all, likes the open space, no need for pedestrian bridge on Moraga Road side, noticed how deep the creeks really were.

Lucacher – this park is duplicative, have Commons Park across the street, we need to create a destination interest, community garden, art and sculpture, habitat for local schools.

Carman – likes active looking park, it's a great educational place, wanted to know the cost of off-haul.

Khanna – favored option 2, questioned how wide planting area is on north side, would SummerHill supply irrigation?

Reed – agreed with Haffner, move the trail away from the Crossbrook Ct. homes and the bridge so people don't cross Moraga Road at skatepark.

Public Comment

Al Dessayer – Why a park, Town doesn't have the money to maintain, Climbing Country Park by LP School, junk land being offered, take the park dedication money.

Rita and Dave Harris – preserve the environment for wildlife, nature preserve rather than a park.

Paul Kline – this is a terrible idea, I will prevent it from happening. MCSP addresses housing in that area only. Safety and noise is a concern, leave open space as is.

John Reed – Ditto to Paul Kline's concerns, police car will have a hard time getting to the park

Ferenc Kovac – walked the property and enjoyed the current habitat, proposed plan looks like a lot of trees. What is the number of trees we have now vs. number we will have? How high is the hill? Will someone be able to look into the backyards?

Bob Reynolds – Liked that this park provided a pedestrian connection to the Commons Park. His home back you to the Lafayette Reservoir for 30 years and had no people problems. Is the HOA responsible for the dedicated acreage of open space?

Jessica McCurdy – We don't need another park, leave it as open space, put more trail space in Moraga, no bridge from skatepark.

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED

Chair Reed – More play space in Moraga is beneficial. Liked Vice-Chair Lucacher's idea about doing something environmental (education) with the space.

Crosby – Prefer passive open space. Park won't get a lot of use. Bridge on the southeast corner is best

Ryan – Love the hillside slide concept, but this isn't the right place for it.

Haffner – We are early in the process. Less is better in this case. There are better uses for this property, keep it as open space. Suggests a joint meeting with Planning Commission and Park and Recreation Commission.

Lucacher – Conventional park is redundant with Commons across the street. Move the bridge on the east side to the south. We can be creative with this parcel, there is an opportunity to have fun.

Carman – Appreciate Commissioner Crosby's comments, move bridge south, natural area, fan of more parkland but this should be a more interpretive use, active trail not active park.

Khanna – Understand the property owners don't like the idea of this park, people not able to attend the meeting might like the proposed park, In favor of the park vs. the open space proposal

No action was taken. SummerHill received the direction necessary to proceed. Most Commissioners preferred the open space option

B. Assessment Process for Commons Park – (discussion)

Staff provided brief report. Survey was sent through the CSUEB Human Subject Review process. Staff was not notified as of the meeting. Once approval is received the survey will be disseminated to as many Moraga residents as possible. Commissioner Carman suggested that the survey question related to ethnicity be given a choice to not respond.

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 – No report

E. Other Reports – No report

F. Trails Report – Staff was asked again to contact Lane Powell with EBRPD to assist us in formalizing a trails map specific to Moraga.

B. Staff – No Report

X. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

A. Selection of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2013 Commission

B. Assessment process for Commons Park

XI. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting was adjourned at 9:34pm