



Meeting Date: June 18, 2013

TOWN OF MORAGA

STAFF REPORT

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

New Business

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

Results of the on-line survey are still in the final stages of being summarized by Cal State East Bay (CSUEB) faculty. However, staff has received and attempted to summarize some, but not all, of the survey questions below:

Q 10 - Do you feel the Town of Moraga Parks and Recreation is doing an excellent, very good, satisfactory, poor or very poor job of providing recreation programs that serve the needs of all residents in Moraga?

Answer Choices	Responses
Excellent	16.90% 95
Very good	42.70% 240
Satisfactory	27.76% 15
Poor	6.41% 36
Very poor	1.96% 11
D/K,/no opinion	4.27% 24
Total	562

Q 12 - Think about the future. How would you use the Commons Park 10 years from now?

Answer Choices	Responses
Active activities	5.72% 32
Passive activities	27.91% 156
Combination of both	57.42% 321
Don't know	8.05% 45
Rather not answer	0.89% 5
Total	559

Q 13 - Do you use the Moraga Commons Park?

Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	93.71% 521
No	6.29% 35
Total	556

Q 14 - How often does someone in your household visit Moraga Commons Park?

Answer Choices	Responses
Once or more a week	39.89% 223
Once a month	34.35% 192
Once a year	4.29% 24
During the summer months (or weeks) only	19.14% 107
Never	1.61% 9
Don't know	0.72% 4
Total	559

Q16 - Why do you/your family visit the Moraga Commons Park?

Answer Choices	Responses
Use the playground	45.24% 252
Play basketball	8.62% 48
Beach Volleyball	5.92% 33
Skateboarding	7.90% 44
Disc golf	6.46% 36
Bocce	9.52% 53
Community events	71.63% 399
Exercise	54.22% 302
Walk the dog	29.80% 166
Enjoy nature	45.96% 256
Splash Pad/water feature	21.39% 119
Total Respondents	557

Q 20 – The “Back 40” area of the Moraga Commons Park is the open space adjacent to the walking path bridge that leads to the library and currently serves as holes 6 & 7 for the Disc Golf Course. Thinking of the “Back 40” area of the park, what type of uses would you like to see?

Answer Choices	Responses
Small community center	6.07% 32
Youth soccer field	11.01% 58
t-ball size baseball field	1.71% 9
Dog park	17.65% 93
BMX bike course	4.36% 23

Exercise course (Par course)	5.50% 29
Meditation walk	7.97% 42
Leave it as is	24.67% 130
Picnic area	4.93% 26
Small amphitheatre	0.38% 2
Tennis courts	9.68% 51
Playground	2.66% 14
Bocce ball courts	3.42% 18
Total Respondents	527

Q 21 – Thinking of the Moraga Commons Sand Volleyball courts area of the park, what types of uses would you like to see and potentially use instead of sand volleyball, if any? Replace with grass, exercise course (par course), meditation walk, leave it as is (sand volleyball area), picnic area, tennis court, playground equipment, bocce court, small amphitheatre, don't know about the sand volleyball court area.

Answer Choices	Responses
Replace with grass	10.23% 54
Exercise course	4.55% 24
Meditation walk	3.98% 21
Leave it as is	61.74% 326
Picnic area	7.95% 42
Tennis court	10.23% 54
Playground equipment	3.98% 21
Bocce court	4.92% 26
Small amphitheatre	0.95% 5
Don't know about the Sand V-ball area	6.63% 35
Total Respondents	528

Next steps

The original assessment process included some focus group discussions in addition to the on-line survey. Given the lateness of the results and lack of a summary report the Commission should discuss next steps. Is more information from CSUEB requested by the Commission? If so, what information?

The original intent of this needs assessment was to revisit community perception five years after conducting the Town-wide Parks and Recreation Master Plan process. Within the past five years Parks and Recreation staff has been provided suggested changes to the park, whether it was additional bocce courts, create something in the “Back 40” or address the usage/non-usage of the sand volleyball courts.

Recommendation

Discuss results and provide feedback and direction to staff.

Item VIII. B Capital Improvement Plan Programs for Parks and Recreation – (information)

In total there are 34 Town-wide Capital Improvement Programs (CIP) proposed for the next five fiscal year 2013/14 – 2017/18. Of the 34 programs, eight are related to the Parks and Recreation Department. Town Council received a first draft version of the proposed CIP budget on May 22. They provided direction to staff to seek input from the Hacienda Foundation on the one CIP associated with the Hacienda property. Subsequently staff took the proposed Commons Park CIP budget to the Moraga Park Foundation and requested feedback.

While the decision to approve, delay or disapprove the final CIP budget rests with the Town Council, staff feels it is important that the Park and Recreation Commission have the opportunity to comment on the eight CIP’s relating to Parks and Recreation in Moraga. Listed below is the detail on each of the proposed “programs.”

CIP #2 Hacienda ADA Accessibility to Upper Floors

	Funding Source	Status	Cost Estimate	Details
If Town Council Approves	General Fund	Funded	\$10,000	evaluating options for addressing Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility to the upper floors, including project requirements, cost estimates and conceptual plans.

CIP #3 Hacienda de las Flores Main Power Replacement

	Funding Source	Status	Cost Estimate	Details
If Town Council Approves	Asset Replacement	Carry over project from FY 2012/13	\$40,000	Improvement will provide and install a new 400 ampere, single phase, 120/240 volt, NEMA 3R free-standing main switchboard with distribution for all existing electrical loads, provide concrete foundation and anchoring system and trenching and conduit from new switchboard to main circuit breaker panel in basement of Hacienda.

CIP #4 Hacienda Improvement Program (Annual)

	Funding Source	Status	Cost Estimate	Details
If Town Council Approves	Palos Colorados and Unfunded	Palos Colorados FY 13/14 Funded Unfunded Subsequent years	\$35,000 annually	Develop site plan/survey to assist with strategic plan and replace carpeting in downstairs hallway. Replace Pavilion heater and La Sala kitchen flooring Replace section of Devin Drive property fence Replace section of wrought iron fence along Donald Drive Crack seal, repair base failures, micro surface and restripe parking lots

CIP #7 Municipal Building Repainting Program

	Funding Source	Status	Cost Estimate	Details
If Town Council Approves	Fund 701 Certificate of Participation from purchase of 331 Rheem Blvd. and Unfunded	COP Bond FY 13/14 and 15/16 Funded Unfunded other three fiscal years	\$42,000 FY 13/14 \$35,000 subsequent years	13/14 Exterior Town Hall 14/15 Exterior Hacienda and Casita 15/16 Community Meeting Room (331 Rheem) 16/17 Exterior Pavilion and La Sala 17/18 Interior Hacienda Building

CIP #10 Laguna Creek Embankment Restabilization / Repair

	Funding Source	Status	Cost Estimate	Details
If Town Council Approves	Measure J FEMA Cal-EMA	Funded	\$988,000	Repair the retaining wall upstream of the Pavilion and repair the embankment on Laguna Creek Downstream.

CIP #12 Common Park Improvement Program (Annual)

	Funding Source	Status	Cost Estimate	Details
If Town Council Approves	Palos Colorados and Unfunded	Palos Colorados for 13/14 Subsequent years, unfunded	\$35,000 Annually	Fencing for playgrounds and spray features Replacement of railroad ties and parking bollards in St. Mary's Road parking lot. Crack seal, repair base failures and microsurface interior pathway Replace Par course equipment along Lamorinda Trail Loop.

CIP #13 Rancho Laguna Park Path Resurfacing Project

	Funding Source	Status	Cost Estimate	Details
If Town Council Approves	Unfunded	FY 15/16	\$50,000	Crack seal, repair base failures and mill and overlay asphalt pathways.

CIP #14 Parks, Trails, Hacienda, Open Space Survey

	Funding Source	Status	Cost Estimate	Details
If Town Council Approves	Unfunded	FY 14/15	\$15,000	Consultant lead community-wide outreach to measure community interest in maintaining, improving and funding, parks, trails, open space and the Hacienda.

CIP #15 Turf Improvement Project

	Funding Source	Status	Cost Estimate	Details
If Town Council Approves	Unfunded	Scheduled annually	FY 13/14 \$50,000 FY 14/15 \$65,000 FY 15/16 \$145,000 FY 16/17 \$160,000 FY 17/18 \$365,000	Phase 1 – Pavilion irrigation, turf, drainage and rodent barrier Phase 2 – Hacienda irrigation Phase 3 – Hacienda turf replacement, drainage, and rodent barriers Phase 4 – RLP irrigation, drainage and rodent barrier Phase 5 – RLP turf replacement

Recommendation

This item is provided for informational purposes.