



Meeting Date: September 17, 2013

TOWN OF MORAGA

STAFF REPORT

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

New Business

Item VIII. A. Swearing In New Park and Recreation Commissioner, Robert Giomi

At their September 11, 2013 Special Meeting the Town Council interviewed and appointed Robert Giomi to replace the seat vacated by Commissioner Kana Ryan. Mr. Giomi has a long resume of volunteerism in Town as he served on the Park and Recreation Commission from 1995 – 2002, the Moraga Park Foundation from 2002 - 2008 and from 2009 – present, and the Hacienda Foundation of Moraga from 2011 – present. He was also an original member of the Pear Festival Committee for ten years. Mr. Robert “Bob” Giomi will be sworn in as a Commissioner as part of this agenda item and join the Commission to complete Commissioner Ryan’s term ending in March of 2014.

Item VIII. B. Receive Update on the Livable Moraga Road Project and Appoint a Park and Recreation Commission Member to the Town Advisory Committee (TAC) for the Project – (discussion/action)

A complete Staff Report is provided by Ellen Clark, Senior Planner with the Town of Moraga (Attachment A)

Item VIII. C. Rancho Laguna Park Outdoor Exercise Equipment - (discussion)

Background

At the August 20th Park and Recreation Commission meeting a member of the audience suggested the concept of reinstalling outdoor exercise equipment at Rancho Laguna Park. The Commission agreed and directed staff to present some concepts of potential equipment (Attachment B).

Rancho Laguna Park and issues related to play equipment have been widely discussed in recent years. As part of previous community outreach it was clear that a unanimous request was to consolidate the two age appropriate play structures on the same side of the park. Since the restrooms were located on the south side, it was logical to locate both children’s play structures as close to the restrooms as possible, on the south side of the park.

Shifting both play structures to the south side and removing the old Parcourse outdoor exercise equipment, resulted in no play/exercise equipment on the north side of Rancho Laguna Park. The north side Timberform tot age equipment and the old Parcourse equipment was removed due to deterioration and safety issues. The newer, Rotary Train Station tot equipment, previously on the north side, was relocated to the south side adjacent to the reserved picnic area. Again, these changes left the north side of the park void of any active play/exercise equipment. All that remains on the north side is a drinking fountain, a large number of randomly placed picnic tables and barbeques.

To date, the Parks and Recreation office has received no request to install/replace outdoor exercise equipment at Rancho Laguna Park, other than the request the Commission heard at the last meeting.

Fiscal Impact

No funding source is identified for this proposed project.

Recommendation

Staff requests the Commission review the attached pictures of different types of outdoor exercise equipment and provide comment/feedback. Should interest be identified staff would also strongly encourage that more study and thought be put into a potential recommendation.