

**DECEMBER 4, 2017 – JOINT CITY COUNCIL/PARKS AND RECREATION  
COMMISSION STUDY SESSION MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Su called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: M/Su, MPT/Tragarz. C/Ching, C/Pacheco, C/Rodriguez  
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSIONERS: C/Pollalis, VC/Pedersen, C/Blair

ABSENT: Commissioner Van

The City Clerk announced that although C/Quejado was listed on the agenda, he submitted his resignation on November 29, 2017, effective immediately. The agenda was posted prior to the date.

Also present: City Manager Wishner; Administrative Services Director Ogawa; Community Services Director Rooney; City Engineer Gilbertson; Community Services Superintendent Partridge; Management Analyst Barcelo; and City Clerk De Dios.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

- **Walnut Ranch Park Expansion Operational Analysis and Preliminary Cost Estimates: Aquatics, Trail Head, Community Building & Park Amenities**

CSD/Rooney expressed her appreciation to the City Council and the Parks and Recreation Commissioners for being present and participating in the discussion relating to the aquatics project. She introduced Justin Caron from Aquatic Design Group and Tom Diehl from GreenPlay.

Justin Caron, Aquatic Design Group representative, provided an overview of the project including the breakdown the costs of operation and cost recovery analysis for a city operated park. He also provided the pros and cons for different design elements in the park such as waterslides, splashpads, river current areas, 25-yard lap lanes, and a concession area for the park.

CSD/Rooney noted that since public funds are being used, the facility will be available for use and rental by city residents as well as residents of surrounding communities.

Discussion took place regarding the proposed designs presented.

Tom Diehl, GreenPlay representative, shared information gathered from a long term study of the proposed project including: the demographics used to develop park elements for the community, different conceptual plans for the park along with the potential additions of a dog park or community stage.

Discussion took place regarding staffing recommendations for the park and each of the proposed projects as well as the pros and cons of a dog park verse a community stage, including the maintenance and operations costs as well as revenue sources.

Mr. Diehl suggested that the City Council decide what amenities they would like at the park such as a dog park or amenity stage and move forward with an aquatics center, community layout, and the associated fees and costs.

CSD/Rooney shared information about the environmental impact report as well as the habitat plan and stated the importance of grading plans in the habitat areas.

Discussion took place regarding the size, capacity, and uses of the community space at the park as well as the importance of sufficient parking for the center.

Council stated that they would like the proposed center to be able to accommodate between 400 and 500 guests; they discussed the use of facilities by community groups.

Ernie Quejado, former Commissioner inquired if C/Pacheco had approved his resignation since he was on the agenda, to which C/Pacheco responded there was a process in place. He stated that he is in favor of accommodating large community groups. He also thanked former Mayor/Councilmember Tom King and Councilmember Pacheco for appointing him to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

MPT/Tragarz inquired on the estimated numbers presented in order to maintain the proposed types of services and how staff plans to fund these expenses.

CSD/Rooney informed the City Council that there will be another study session scheduled to review the maintenance costs and funding for the proposed project.

M/Su requested that each of the Councilmembers and commissioners provide comments.

C/Ching stated he is not interested in seeing a stage area.

C/Rodriguez shared that he would like to see the land used as much as possible and not just parking spaces. He is also in favor of a dog park.

C/Pacheco expressed that he likes the proposed conceptual designs.

MPT/Tragarz complimented staff on the presentation.

C/Blair stated that he is not interested in having a dog park or stage area; he is concerned that those might negatively affect the existing park. He inquired if discounts for the use of the park will be considered for residents.

VC/Pedersen advocated deciding on what project to move forward with; he is supportive of the aquatics center, stage area, and dog park.

C/Pollalis expressed concerns regarding the size of the community gathering facility and does not feel it should just be limited to an aquatics center. He would like to see a stage rather than a dog park at the site.

Councilmembers and Commission members shared their concerns in regards to funding of the project.

M/Su expressed the importance of making sure that the proposed projects serve residents of all ages. She commented on the staging area and stated that the dog park can be moved to another location. She would like staff to take all the comments mentioned during the meeting into consideration.

### **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Hassan Sassi expressed concerns regarding the negative effects of traffic from nearby schools as well as the amount of lightening that will be required by the facility and park. He volunteered his abilities as an engineer and as a proponent of the project.

Ernie Quejado suggested looking into utilizing solar panels for the project.

There being no further input, it was unanimously moved by Council to close oral communications. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

**PASSED AND APPROVED on the 24th day of January, 2018.**

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Mary Su, Mayor

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Teresa De Dios, City Clerk