



**Parks and Facilities Committee**

**Zoom Meeting Minutes**

September 4, 2024

8:00 – 8:50 am

**Present:** Commissioners: Jeffery, Bird, Gramann, Parisi, Powers, and Sokolowski;  
Commissioners Absent: Witteck  
Staff: Executive Director Rini, Directors Hamilton and Scumaci  
Hitchcock Staff: Lara Barnas, Christian Sanford

**Topic:** Pleasant Hill Park

Executive Director Rini called the meeting to order at 8:00am and gave a history of the project, including the proposed partnership with District 200. Because D200 can't commit to more than 50% of the playground (or \$250,000), tennis courts will not be possible. We had previously told the School District that we would be hard pressed to keep tennis courts if pickleball was most desired by the public – which is what is the case. Tennis was requested by school teachers because it is one of their physical education modules. Including tennis would require expansion of the existing court area and not allow us to use the current fencing (which is in very good condition).

Lara Barnas reviewed the results of the Community Meeting, and gave an overview of the final park design. The most popular park elements requested were:

- #1 Pickleball (significant highest number of votes)
- #2 Net climber
- #3 Play structure with towers
- #4 Play equipment with fitness or challenge elements
- #5 Swings

Avid pickleball players live right behind the proposed courts; they are excited about courts being added to the park. The Committee also discussed options for a fifth recreational element other than 'Corn Hole'; that included 4-square, or a 16x16 pavilion. Hitchcock will include those comments in grant application to allow for exchanging the amenity once we move to creating the bid documents.

Time is critical to get design approved to meet the September 13 grant application deadline. The Committee agreed to move forward with this plan and to include the parking lot as part of the master plan rather than it being an alternate. That would bring the total project to approximately \$1.2 million and potentially capture the maximum \$600,000 OSLAD Grant match.

We will also include notation that an alternate recreation component (like a shelter/4-square) may be made. Hitchcock will gather estimates for the shelter as well as filling in concrete between cornhole/bags game for 4-square.

Bench seating is planned to the west of the courts; staff will look into adding shelters at a later date but not as part of this plan. Hitchcock will update the budget estimate and share. Rough numbers are:

|                  |                              |
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| \$600,000        | OSLAD                        |
| \$250,000        | School District 200          |
| \$100,000        | CSPD Special Recreation Fund |
| \$ 90,000        | CSPD Paving & Lighting Fund  |
| <u>\$185,000</u> | <u>CSPD Capital Fund</u>     |
| \$1,225,000      | TOTAL BUDGET                 |

The Committee was pleased with the plan.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 am.

Respectfully submitted,



Sue Rini, Executive Director