



CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

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Tuesday, May 4, 2004
7:00 p.m.
City of Menlo Park
The Menlo Park City Council Chambers
701 Laurel Street
Menlo Park, CA 94025**

A. ROLL CALL – Duboc, Winkler, Collacchi, Jellins, Kinney

All Council Members were present along with assorted City staff.

Mayor Pro Tem Winkler chaired the meeting.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

Various members of the public addressed the City Council with budget concerns. Specifically, those present referred to staff cuts at the Onetta Harris Community Center.

C. REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Potential creation of a Countywide Special Park District.

Jerry Hill, San Mateo County Supervisor, Mary Burns, Director of the San Mateo County Parks and Recreation, and Julia Bott, Executive Director of the San Mateo County Parks Foundation, made presentations sharing the benefits, and the need for the possible creation of a Countywide Special Park District. Council Members raised concerns about funding allocations, governance and the impact on Menlo Park's ability to raise funds. The Council agreed to agendize the matter for a regular meeting.

2. Discussion of alternative land uses for proposed development project located at 8 Homewood Place.

Richard Dewey of Dewey Land Company, explained on behalf of the owner, that his client plans to develop this site for medical office use. Council inquired about the size of the proposal and possible impacts in the surrounding residences. Mr. Dewey shared statistics about the need for medical office space. Council discussed the impacts and implications of different mixes of land use. Council asked that staff come back with options for this area of the City.

D. ADJOURNMENT - 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Silvia Vonderlinden, CMC

Approved at the Council Meeting of June 22, 2004.