



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

**Regular Meeting
October 23, 2002**

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order by Chair Harrison at 6:10 p.m.

PRESENT: Harrison (Chair), Duboc (Vice-Chair), Travers, Whittaker and Zussman.

ABSENT: Cline, Jaime.

STAFF: Bell, Brown, Morimoto, Niño, Roessler, Roldan, Steffens.

A. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

B. REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – None.

C. BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Approval of September Minutes: The September 18, 2002 minutes were approved M/S/C/ Lee, Whittaker (5-0)
2. Burgess Park Master Plan: Mr. Clarence Mamuyac, Jr., of Architecture and Urban Design (ELS) and Brian G. Fletcher, of Callander Associates gave a power point presentation illustrating the placement of the new skate park, gymnasium, pool restrooms and fields for the Schematic Design Plan of Burgess Park. Comments were taken from the audience as follows:

RADKE KHILNANI, KATRINA, MENLO PARK – spoke in support of a 50-meter pool and commented that more classes would bring in additional revenue to support it.

DAVIS, JANET, MENLO PARK – spoke in opposition of the 50-meter pool and in supported different sized pools. She also proposed installing a batting cage in the park.

CROWDER, DAVE, MENLO PARK – spoke in support of installing a batting cage in the park.

CLARK, JANADA, MENLO PARK - spoke in support of a 50-meter pool and commented that the existing pool is cold there is not enough room for swimming lessons and lap swimmers to swim together. She recommended having water polo in the near future.

GISKE, GRANT, MENLO PARK – a swimming coach, spoke in support of a 50-meter pool and the installation of solar paneling.

KLAUSER, HEIDI, MENLO PARK – spoke in favor of the 50-meter pool. She would like to participate in raising in excess of \$1 million to cover the difference in cost between the 25-meter & 50-meter pools. Operational costs would be covered by the opportunity for additional classes and uses.

FENN, HOWARD, MENLO PARK – a physician treating older adults, spoke in support of the 50-meter pool.

RAO, SUSHANT, MENLO PARK – spoke in support of the 50-meter pool. He recommended the following: year round lap swimming, family locker rooms and a warmer pool temperature.

SLOCUM, GAIL, MENLO PARK – spoke regarding the difficulty of dispersing the \$38 million Measure “T” funds. She supported the improvements which will take place in Phase I and support of keeping the gym open during the construction of Phase I.

FISHER, CEDY, MENLO PARK – spoke in support of Phase I and proposed to open a sky light in the gymnastics area because it is too hot in the summer for classes.

MURPHY, JOAN, MENLO PARK – spoke in support of the 25-meter pool for classes and requested a warmer pool in the future.

STORNE, ERIC, MENLO PARK – spoke in support of the 50-meter pool for the lap swimmers.

WEBSTER, BRENDA, MENLO PARK – spoke in support of the 50-meter pool but preferred a 33-meter pool and supports the current pool temperature.

CARRAHAN, SUSAN, MENLO PARK – spoke in support of a pool longer than 25-meters and requested a lap swimming pool and a warmer pool.

DEVAIUWEY, BILL, MENLO PARK – spoke in support of a longer pool and nicer facilities.

Art Morimoto, City Engineer and Project Manager, stated that a pool 25-meters X 25-yards is larger than a 33-meters X 17 yards pool. He also explained that increasing the pool size would trigger other costly changes.

Commissioner Whittaker spoke in favor of developing a “drop off” area on Laurel Street. Commissioner Travers spoke in favor of donations being considered to build a 50-meter pool.

Vice-Chair Duboc commented that neighbors stated that they did not want to increase the intensity of use at the Burgess Pool.

Chair Harrison stated that he would like a ramp installed for seniors to enter the pool more easily. He also commented on the heavy traffic and supported a “drop-off” on Laurel Street. He suggested having more control of the new facilities.

ACTION: Approve the plans with recommendations for Phase I, which includes the pools, locker room and lobby area. **Motion Vice Chair Duboc, seconded by Commissioner Zussman and unanimously carried.**

ACTION: Explore extra funding and donations to build a larger pool. **Motion Commissioner Whittaker, seconded by Chair Harrison, and unanimously carried.**

ACTION: Approve the Burgess Park Master Plan as presented. **Motion Vice Chair Duboc, seconded by Commissioner Whittaker and unanimously carried.**

D. INFORMATION ITEMS – None.

E. ADJOURNMENT: The Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.