



City of Santa Barbara California

PLANNING COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

REPORT DATE: December 17, 2014
AGENDA DATE: January 8, 2015
PROJECT ADDRESS: 631 and 633 Bath Street, Bath St Pocket Park
TO: Planning Commission
FROM: Parks and Recreation Department, 805-564-5437
 Jill Zachary, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director

I. RECOMMENDATION

That the Planning Commission recommend to City Council designation of the Bath St Pocket Park as a neighborhood park as defined in Santa Barbara Municipal Code Section 28.37.030 upon transfer of the properties that comprise the park from the Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency to the City.

II. DISCUSSION

The Bath St Pocket Park site at 631 and 633 Bath Street was first identified in the late 1990s as part of the Lower Mission Creek Flood Control Project. The properties were acquired by the City's Redevelopment Agency (RDA) and funds were set aside for park development. Design and construction of the park was originally scheduled to occur after construction of the Ortega Street Bridge. With the dissolution of the City's RDA in December 2011, development of the park was put on hold. After completion of the state mandated dissolution process, funding was re-secured. In December 2013, the City Council and the Successor Agency to the RDA approved \$250,000 for park design and construction.

Project Description

The purpose of the project is to design and install a small neighborhood park for West Downtown neighborhood families. The project design was based on a number of factors, including public safety, lack of existing play areas for children, and the need for additional park space in a high density neighborhood. The goals of the project are to enhance the neighborhood, provide safe recreation opportunities, and achieve a sustainable park design. A sustainable park design would maximize the aesthetics benefits of the park, while minimizing maintenance requirements and ongoing use of resources.

The park design was developed with input from neighborhood residents, the Parks and Recreation Commission, and City staff. A neighborhood meeting held on March 13, 2014 resulted in the selection of the playground design. On March 26, 2014, the Parks and Recreation Commission concurred and recommended that the playground be designed for 2 to 5-year old children.

The park includes the installation of a small playground, lighting, fencing, landscaping, mulch, irrigation, and site amenities including permeable pavers, benches, trash/recycling cans,

signage, and a mosaic tile mural with the park name and creek theme. The site will be fenced using decorative iron similar to the fence at Parqué de Los Niños in the lower Westside neighborhood. The park will have one entrance on Ortega Street. Park lighting will match the existing street lighting.

The project also includes four trees, landscaping (81 plants and shrubs) and mulch. Given the City's Stage Two Drought and the significant potential for prolonged drought conditions, as well as mandated reductions in water use, the project does not include turf. The Parks and Recreation Department evaluated the water needs of the project and determined that installation of landscaping is critical to the success of the park. The Department also determined that it could maintain its mandated reduction of 20% despite the additional water use (estimated at 750-1,000 gallons per month) since this new use would be offset by lower water use in other City parks.

Project Review and Approvals

Due to the site size (2,562 square feet) and location, the project required modifications for encroachments into the 10-foot front setbacks on both Bath and Ortega Streets and approval by the Chief Building Official to encroach into the 25-foot Mission Creek setback. On July 16, 2014, the Chief Building Official reviewed the plan and determined that the 149 square feet of play surfacing and curb in the creek setback was in compliance with the Mission Creek Setback Ordinance. Approved by the Staff Hearing Officer on August 6, 2014, the front setback modifications include encroachment of 196 square feet of play surfacing and retaining curb into the front setback along Bath Street, encroachment of 154 square feet of paved path to be installed entirely within the front setback on Ortega Street, and encroachment of two park benches within the front setback on Ortega Street.

The tile mosaic design was approved by the Visual Arts in Public Places Committee on July 17, 2014. On August 27, 2014, the Parks and Recreation Commission made the findings pursuant to SBMC Section 28.37.025 to approve the development of the park and recommended that the City Council designate the park a neighborhood park pursuant to SBMC Sections 28.37.010.A. and 28.37.030. The Architectural Board of Review approved the project design on September 15, 2014.

III. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The Environmental Analyst has determined that the project is exempt from further environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15303 and 15305 (New Construction of Small Structures and Minor Alterations to Land Use Limitations).

IV. PARK DESIGNATION

SBMC Section 28.37.101 A. establishes that both the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Planning Commission shall make a recommendation on the designation of any new park facility, or the assignment of an existing facility to a new category. SBMC Section 28.37.030 establishes park uses by category. A neighborhood park is defined as a small park that typically serves a limited geographical area and nearby population. The Bath St Pocket Park is intended to serve the immediate neighborhood of young families. The park improvements are consistent

with the allowed uses for a neighborhood park. Examples of other neighborhood parks include Bohnett, Eastside, Escondido, Hilda Ray, Willowglen, and La Mesa. Allowed uses for each park category under SBMC 28.37.030 are outlined in Exhibit D.

V. PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

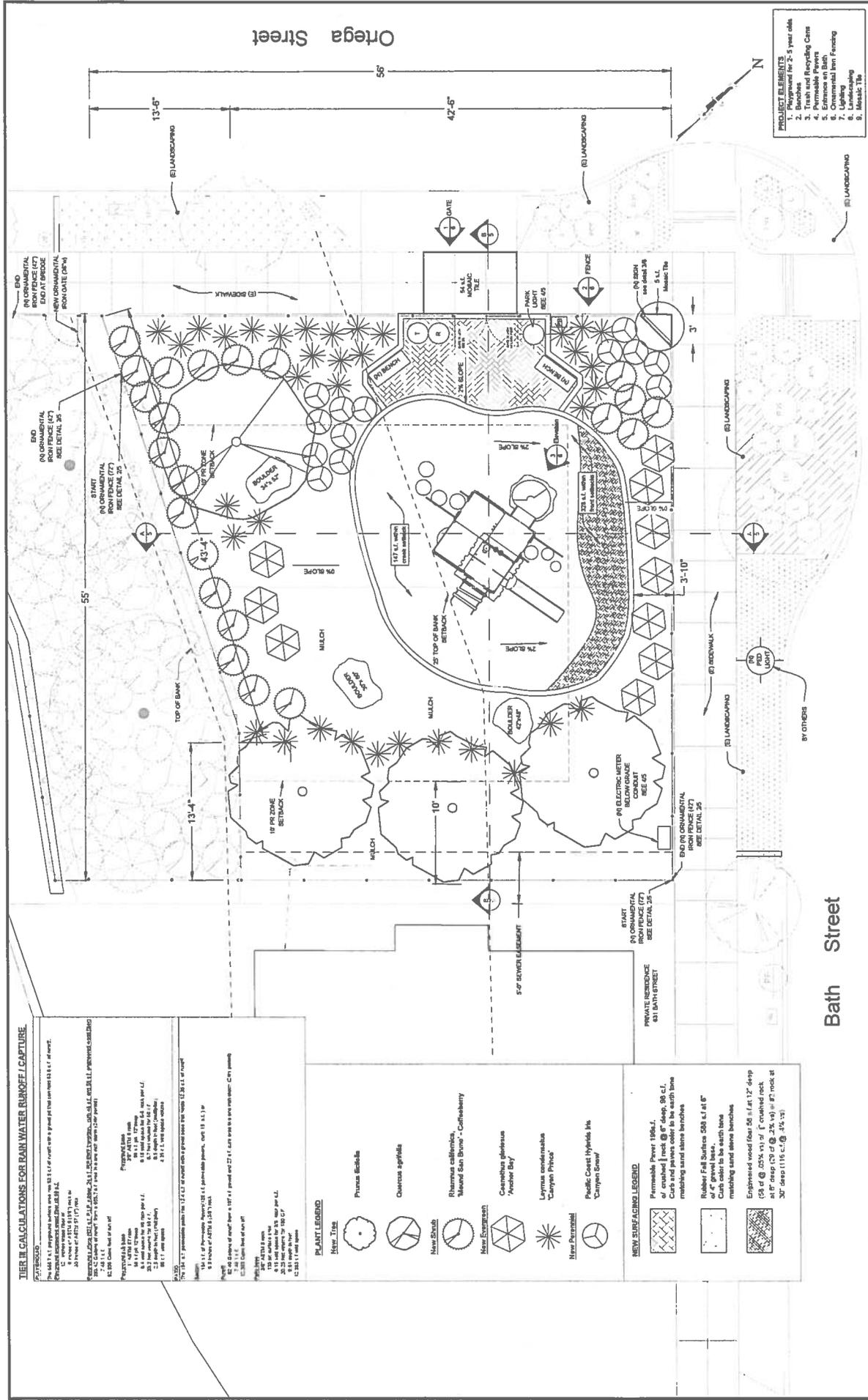
On November 4, 2014, the City Council and the Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency approved a contract with Heathcote Construction for project construction. Park construction began on November 11, 2014. It is anticipated that the park will be complete and open for neighborhood use by December 24, 2014.

VI. NEXT STEPS

Prior to City Council designation of the park as a neighborhood park, the formal transfer of the property ownership of the two parcels that comprise the park from the Successor Agency to the City must be complete. It is anticipated that this will occur in early 2015.

Exhibits:

- A. Project Site Plan
- B. Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
- C. Architectural Board of Review Meeting Minutes
- D. Allowed Uses by Park Category under SBMC 28.37.030.



- PROJECT ELEMENTS**
1. Playground for 2-5 year olds
 2. Benches
 3. Recycled Recycling Cans
 4. Plantable Planters
 5. Entrance on Bath
 6. Landscaping
 7. Irrigation
 8. Landscaping
 9. Mosaic Tile

<p>CITY OF SANTA BARBARA PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT</p>	
<p>BATH ST. POCKET PARK 633 & 635 BATH STREET SANTA BARBARA, CA</p>	<p>APN: 037-113-009 & 037-113-010</p>
<p>APPROVED: _____ DATE: _____</p>	<p>DATE: _____</p>
<p>SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"</p>	<p>DATE: _____</p>
<p>PROPOSED SITE PLAN</p>	<p>DATE: _____</p>

TIER III CALCULATIONS FOR RAINWATER RUNOFF / CAPTURE

PERMITS: 1. 1.0" of rainwater runoff is captured and stored in a tank with a capacity of 63.1 c.f. of water.
2. 2.0" of rainwater runoff is captured and stored in a tank with a capacity of 126.2 c.f. of water.
3. 3.0" of rainwater runoff is captured and stored in a tank with a capacity of 189.3 c.f. of water.
4. 4.0" of rainwater runoff is captured and stored in a tank with a capacity of 252.4 c.f. of water.
5. 5.0" of rainwater runoff is captured and stored in a tank with a capacity of 315.5 c.f. of water.
6. 6.0" of rainwater runoff is captured and stored in a tank with a capacity of 378.6 c.f. of water.
7. 7.0" of rainwater runoff is captured and stored in a tank with a capacity of 441.7 c.f. of water.
8. 8.0" of rainwater runoff is captured and stored in a tank with a capacity of 504.8 c.f. of water.
9. 9.0" of rainwater runoff is captured and stored in a tank with a capacity of 567.9 c.f. of water.
10. 10.0" of rainwater runoff is captured and stored in a tank with a capacity of 631.0 c.f. of water.

- PLANT LEGEND**
- New Tree: Prunus Bielskii
 - Quercus agrifolia
 - Rhamnus californica, 'Mound San Bruno' - Calicheberry
 - New Shrub: Ceanothus glaberrimus 'Anchor Bay'
 - Larrea tridentata 'Canyon Prince'
 - New Perennial: Pacific Coast Hydrangea 'Canyon Snow'

- NEW SURFACING LEGEND**
- Farmable Paver 198x177, 4" deep, 96 c.f. of crushed rock @ 8" deep, 96 c.f. of crushed rock @ 12" deep, 128 c.f. of crushed rock @ 16" deep, 160 c.f. of crushed rock @ 20" deep, 200 c.f. of crushed rock @ 24" deep, 240 c.f. of crushed rock @ 28" deep, 280 c.f. of crushed rock @ 32" deep, 320 c.f. of crushed rock @ 36" deep, 360 c.f. of crushed rock @ 40" deep, 400 c.f. of crushed rock @ 44" deep, 440 c.f. of crushed rock @ 48" deep, 480 c.f. of crushed rock @ 52" deep, 520 c.f. of crushed rock @ 56" deep, 560 c.f. of crushed rock @ 60" deep, 600 c.f. of crushed rock @ 64" deep, 640 c.f. of crushed rock @ 68" deep, 680 c.f. of crushed rock @ 72" deep, 720 c.f. of crushed rock @ 76" deep, 760 c.f. of crushed rock @ 80" deep, 800 c.f. of crushed rock @ 84" deep, 840 c.f. of crushed rock @ 88" deep, 880 c.f. of crushed rock @ 92" deep, 920 c.f. of crushed rock @ 96" deep, 960 c.f. of crushed rock @ 100" deep, 1000 c.f. of crushed rock
 - Rubber Fall Surface 200 c.f. at 4" of gravel base.
 - Curb color to be earth tone matching sand stone benches.
 - Engineered wood floor 50 c.f. at 12" depth @ 4" depth, 200 c.f. at 24" depth, 400 c.f. at 36" depth, 600 c.f. at 48" depth, 800 c.f. at 60" depth, 1000 c.f. at 72" depth, 1200 c.f. at 84" depth, 1400 c.f. at 96" depth, 1600 c.f. at 108" depth, 1800 c.f. at 120" depth, 2000 c.f. at 132" depth, 2200 c.f. at 144" depth, 2400 c.f. at 156" depth, 2600 c.f. at 168" depth, 2800 c.f. at 180" depth, 3000 c.f. at 192" depth, 3200 c.f. at 204" depth, 3400 c.f. at 216" depth, 3600 c.f. at 228" depth, 3800 c.f. at 240" depth, 4000 c.f. at 252" depth, 4200 c.f. at 264" depth, 4400 c.f. at 276" depth, 4600 c.f. at 288" depth, 4800 c.f. at 300" depth, 5000 c.f. at 312" depth, 5200 c.f. at 324" depth, 5400 c.f. at 336" depth, 5600 c.f. at 348" depth, 5800 c.f. at 360" depth, 6000 c.f. at 372" depth, 6200 c.f. at 384" depth, 6400 c.f. at 396" depth, 6600 c.f. at 408" depth, 6800 c.f. at 420" depth, 7000 c.f. at 432" depth, 7200 c.f. at 444" depth, 7400 c.f. at 456" depth, 7600 c.f. at 468" depth, 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**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

Wednesday, August 27, 2014

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m. at City Council Chambers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chair Wiscomb

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners & Staff Present

Commissioner Lesley Wiscomb (Chair)
Commissioner Beebe Longstreet
Commissioner Carolyn Brown
Commissioner Nichol Clark
Commissioner Jim Heaton
Commissioner Olivia Uribe (4:05 p.m.)
Youth Intern Andrew Rodriguez
Parks and Recreation Director Nancy L. Rapp
Parks Manager Santos Escobar
Urban Forest Superintendent Timothy Downey
Recreation Programs Manager Sarah Hanna
Administrative Assistant Terri Yamada
Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary
Sr. Recreation Supervisor Rich Hanna
Front Country Trails Coordinator Chris Orr
Administrative Analyst Amanda Burgess

Commissioners Absent

Commissioner Chris Casebeer

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

Ms. Rapp suggested the Commission take item 6 as the first Action Item, and move Item 7 to the end of the Agenda.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

Commission received written communications from Mr. Gene Tyburn.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT:

Youth Intern Rodriguez provided this report.

AGENDA ITEM 2

COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS:

Commissioner Longstreet reported on the activities of the Neighborhood Council meeting and the Parks and Recreation Community (PARC) Foundation.

Chair Wiscomb reported on the activities of the Street Tree Advisory Committee, Golf Advisory Committee, and the Parks and Recreation Community (PARC) Foundation.

COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

The Commission congratulated and expressed appreciation to Recreation Programs Manager Sarah Hanna on her retirement.

Ms. Rapp congratulated Recreation Programs Manager Sarah Hanna on her retirement which is effective September 5, 2014, after 34 years of service with the Parks and Recreation Department. Ms. Rapp highlighted Ms. Hanna's history and acknowledged her significant contributions to the Department, the City organization, and the community.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Summary of Council Actions – For Information

Ms Rapp noted that the first three items listed were agreements with the Santa Barbara Unified School District for Recreation Programs, Joint Use, Maintenance and Development and Park Ranger Patrol Services.

2. Approval of Minutes – For Action

Recommendation: That the Commission waive the reading and approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 23, 2014.

Commissioner Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Uribe, and passed 5/0/1 (Wiscomb abstain) to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 23, 2014.

Absent: Casebeer

STREET TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ITEMS

Any action of the Parks and Recreation Commission made pursuant to Municipal Code Chapter 15.24, Preservation of Trees, may be appealed to the City Council within ten days.

3. Street Tree Advisory Committee Recommendation – For Action

Documents:

- Staff Report dated August 27, 2014
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by Staff

Speakers:

- Staff: Urban Forest Superintendent Tim Downey
- Members of the Public:
 - Michael Selman, 1716 & 1720 Calle Poniente
 - Marilynn Thomasson, 730 Flora Vista
 - David Black, 3779 Lincolnwood Dr.

Desmond O'Neill, Street Tree Advisory Committee Member
Christine Nolte, 3753 Lincoln Road

Recommendation: That the Commission:

- A. Approve the following Street Tree removal request:
1. 1716 and 1720 Calle Poniente – *Ficus Nitida*, Indian Laurel Fig – Michael Selman

Commissioner Heaton moved, seconded by Commissioner Longstreet, and passed (6/0) to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee and staff recommendation to approve the removal of the Ficus Nitida, Indian Laurel Fig, at 1716 and 1720 Calle Poniente.

Absent: Casebeer

- B. Deny the following Street Tree removal request:
1. 730 Flora Vista Dr. – *Schinus terebinthifolius*, Brazilian Pepper – Rusty and Marilynn Thomasson

Commissioner Longstreet moved, seconded by Chair Wiscomb, and passed (6/0) to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee and staff recommendation to deny the removal of the Schinus terebinthifolius, Brazilian Pepper, at 730 Flora Vista Dr.

Absent: Casebeer

- C. Approve the following Setback Tree removal request:
1. 125 E. Pedregosa St. – *Acacia melanoxylon*, Black Acacia – Erin Carroll

Commissioner Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Uribe, and passed (6/0) to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee and staff recommendation to approve the the removal of the Acacia melanoxylon, Black Acacia at 125 E. Pedregosa St.

Absent: Casebeer

- D. Deny the following Setback Tree removal request:
1. 1900 E. Las Tunas Rd. – *Platanus racemosa*, California Sycamore – Brandon Arlington

Commissioner Heaton moved, seconded by Commissioner Longstreet, and passed (6/0) to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee and staff recommendation to deny the removal of the Platanus racemosa, California Sycamore at 1900 E. Las Tunas Rd.

Absent: Casebeer

- E. Conditionally approve the following Setback Tree removal request:
1. 3779 Lincolnwood Dr. – (1) *Jacaranda mimosifolia*, Jacaranda, (1) *Ficus carica*, Edible Fig and (1) *Washingtonia robusta*, Mexican Fan Palm – David R. Black

Chair Wiscomb moved, seconded by Commissioner Longstreet, and passed (6/0) to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee and staff recommendation to approve the removal of the Jacaranda mimosifolia, Jacaranda, Ficus carica, Edible Fig and Washingtonia robusta, Mexican Fan Palm on the condition the applicant replace with (2) 24" box Jacaranda trees as proposed.

Absent: Casebeer

- F. Partially approve or deny the following Setback Tree removal request:
1. 3753 Lincoln Rd. – (2) *Liquidambar styraciflua*, American Sweetgum – Christine P. Nolte

Commissioner Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Uribe, and passed (6/0) to concur with staff recommendation to approve removal of the tree at the location of the proposed driveway and deny the removal of the other tree on the condition that proposed plans are approved by the Single Family Design Review Board.

Absent: Casebeer

OLD BUSINESS

4. Public Hearing - Parks and Recreation Commission Findings Regarding the Bath and Ortega Pocket Park – For Action

Documents:

- Staff Report dated August 27, 2014
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by Staff

Speakers:

- Staff: Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary
- Members of the Public
 - Tina Villadolid, Teaching Artist, Santa Barbara Museum of Art
 - Mr. and Mrs. Richard Vaughn

Recommendation: That the Commission:

- A. Recommend to City Council that the Bath St Pocket Park be designated a neighborhood park as defined in Santa Barbara Municipal Code Section 28.37.030; and
- B. Make the following findings pursuant to SBMC Section 28.37.025 to approve the development of the Bath St Pocket Park:
 - i. That the proposed park improvements are appropriate or necessary for the benefit of the community and visitors;
 - ii. That the proposed park facilities including lighting, play areas, and associated landscaping, will be compatible with the character of the neighborhood;
 - iii. That the total area of the site and the setbacks of all facilities from the property lines and street are sufficient, in view of the physical character of the land, proposed development and neighborhood, to avoid significant negative effects on surrounding properties;

- iv. That the intensity of park use is appropriate and compatible with the character of the neighborhood;
- v. That the proposed park is compatible with the scenic character of the City;
- vi. That the proposed structures are compatible with the neighborhood in terms of size, bulk and scale or location.

Commission Comments

Commissioner Longstreet inquired whether the fruit on the Cherry tree would be edible. Mr. Escobar responded yes.

Commissioner Heaton asked about lighting in the park and whether there might be dark areas in the back of the park. Ms. Zachary responded that the site is small and lit by both park and street lights. She does not anticipate any dark pockets in the park, however if issues arise, staff will address them. Commissioner Heaton asked about any gaps in the fencing. Ms. Zachary responded that there are standards to meet code and plans would only be approved as long as there are no hazards for children. Mr. Heaton inquired about the name of the park. Ms. Zachary responded that because there is already an "Ortega" Park, this park has been referred to as the "Bath St. Pocket Park", "Bath and Ortega Park" or "Pocket Park". In the future, if the Commission wishes to come up with another name, that could be discussed. Mr. Heaton asked about any education elements in the park. Ms. Zachary replied that at this point there is an interpretive sign about Mission Creek adjacent to the park. Staff is looking at enhancing this sign location.

Commissioner Uribe thanked staff and said she felt the plan very well addressed comments by neighbors and the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Commissioner Clark inquired if the tree planting might be delayed until after the drought. Ms. Zachary responded that staff is sensitive to the situation and will be presenting the proposed landscape plan with the four new trees to the Architectural Board of Review (ABR) for final approval. If the ABR approves the plans, then the Department will be required to plant the trees or state when they will be planted.

Commissioner Wiscomb asked if the curb cuts would be eliminated. Ms. Zachary responded yes. Commissioner asked about the interface between the fibar and the rubberized surfacing. Ms. Zachary responded that the design of the rubber surfacing would be curved down and the fibar will come up to meet it. Design will achieve storm water objectives and provide access and safety for the playground. Commissioner Wiscomb added that landscaping for this park is important, especially for the neighbors, and felt that the trees would need to be planted in order to be established to bring shade to the park.

Commissioner Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Brown, and passed (6/0) to recommend to City Council that the Bath St. Pocket Park be designated a neighborhood park as defined in Santa Barbara Municipal Code Section 28.37.030; and make findings i. through vi. pursuant to SBMC Section 28.37.025 to approve the development of the Bath St. Pocket Park.

Absent: Casebeer

5. Historic and Specimen Tree Drought Action Plan – For Information

Recommendation: That the Commission receive a report on the Parks and Recreation Department Historic and Specimen Tree Drought Action Plan and progress on implementation of other urban forest drought response efforts.

Documents:

- Staff Report dated August 27, 2014
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by Staff

Speakers:

- Staff: Administrative Analyst Amanda Burgess

Commission Comments

Commissioner Clark commented that she loves the idea of asking the community to help us help them and inquired if anyone had stepped forward . Mr. Downey replied that he had been contacted by one individual directly.

Commissioner Wiscomb commented that she hopes priority will be given to projects such as the permeable pavement at De la Guerra Plaza. Commissioner Wiscomb inquired about the success of the City of Los Angeles pilot project use of plastic traffic barriers to deliver water to trees. Mr. Downey responded that the the City of Los Angeles was still in the process of installing the barriers and have not assessed the effectiveness, however any slow drip system, if placed correctly, would have to be an improvement to the water they were already getting.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Annual Election of Chair and Vice-Chair – For Action (Attachment)

Recommendation: That the Commission elect a Chair and Vice Chair to serve as presiding officer for the period of August 1, 2014, through July 30, 2015.

Documents:

- Staff Report dated August 27, 2014

Speakers:

- Staff: Parks and Recreation Director Nancy Rapp

Commissioner Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Brown, and passed (6/0) to elect Commissioner Wiscomb to serve as Chair for the period of August 1, 2014, through July 30, 2015.

Absent: Casebeer

Commissioner Wiscomb moved, seconded by Commissioner Clark, and passed (6/0) to elect Commissioner Longstreet to serve as Vice-Chair for the period of August 1, 2014, through July 30, 2015.

Absent: Casebeer

7. Advisory Committee Liaison Appointments – For Action (Attachment)

Recommendation: That the Commission review and consider advisory committee liaison appointments.

Documents:

- Staff Report dated August 27, 2014

Speakers:

- Staff: Parks and Recreation Director Nancy Rapp

The Commission reviewed advisory committee liaison appointments. Following is an updated list. Changes are reflected in italics.

Advisory Committee	Liaison
Arts and Crafts Show	Chris Casebeer
Creeks Restoration & Water Quality Improvement Program Citizen	Jim Heaton
<i>Front Country Trails Task Group</i>	<i>Beebe Longstreet/Nichol Clark</i>
<i>Golf Course</i>	<i>Carolyn Brown</i>
<i>Integrated Pest Management</i>	<i>Nichol Clark</i>
Neighborhood Advisory Council	Olivia Uribe & Beebe Longstreet
Park & Recreation Community (PARC) Foundation	Beebe Longstreet/Lesley Wiscomb
Street Tree	Lesley Wiscomb
Youth Council	Chris Casebeer

ADMINISTRATIVE AND STAFF REPORTS

8. Restoration of Saturday Youth Skate Hours at Skaters Point – For Information

Recommendation: That the Commission receive a report on the restoration of Saturday youth skate hours at Skaters Point for youth, 12 years of age and under and a change to the posted youth skate hours from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. to 9 – 11 a.m.

Documents:

- Staff Report dated August 27, 2014

Speakers

- Staff: Parks and Recreation Director Nancy Rapp
Senior Recreation Supervisor Rich Hanna

The Commission received the report.

9. Cabrillo Pavilion Bathhouse Status Report – For Information (Attachment)

Recommendation: That the Commission receive a brief status report on the Cabrillo Pavilion and Bathhouse Renovation Project.

Documents:

- Staff Report dated August 27, 2014
- Staff: Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary

The Commission received the report.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:23 p.m., with no further business to be addressed by the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L. Rapp
Parks & Recreation Director

PROJECT DESIGN REVIEW**2. 633 BATH ST****P-R Zone****(3:30)**

Assessor's Parcel Number: 037-113-009
 Application Number: MST2014-00267
 Owner: City of Santa Barbara
 Applicant: Jill Zachary, Assistant Parks & Recreation Director
 Applicant: Keven Strasburg, Park Project Technician

(Proposal for a new public pocket park on two combined vacant lots totaling 2,562 square feet located at the corner of Bath and E. Ortega Streets. The project comprises a new landscape plan with a children's playground structure, lighting, benches, and a 154 square foot permeable paved surface. There will be two ornamental iron fences: one at 115 lineal feet and 3'-0" tall, the other at 100 lineal feet and 6'-0" tall. Grading excavation of 25 cubic yards will be balanced on site. Staff Hearing Officer review of a zoning modification is requested.)

(Requires compliance with Staff Hearing Officer Resolution No. 041-14. Project was last reviewed on June 23, 2014.)

Actual time: 3:22 p.m.

Present: Jill Zachary, Assistant Parks & Recreation Director; and Keven Strasburg, Park Project Technician.

Public comment opened at 3:29 p.m. As no one wished to speak, public comment was closed.

Motion: Project Design Approval and Final Approval with the comment for the Applicant to provide a material and color board to Staff.

Action: Miller/Wittausch, 5/0/0. Motion carried. (Poole/Cung absent).

The ten-day appeal period was announced.

PROJECT DESIGN REVIEW**3. 2981 CLIFF DR****COUNTY Zone****(4:00)**

Assessor's Parcel Number: 047-092-013
 Application Number: MST2013-00445
 Owner: County of Santa Barbara
 Architect: Jeffrey Stoutenborough

(The project consists of a new 664 square foot (net)/ 786 square foot (gross) restroom facility at Arroyo Burro Beach County Park, a 7.17 acre regional beach/ park located at 2981 Cliff Drive. The existing 325 square foot men's restroom attached to the restaurant would be converted to storage. The existing 336 square foot detached women's bathroom would be converted to another use such as storage or other beach visitor supporting functions (e.g., paddle board, kayak, or beach chair rentals). The existing 201 square foot storage structure would be removed and replaced with new bicycle racks. The existing delivery aisle would be relocated and one vehicular parking space would be removed. The project would include approximately 60 cubic yards of cut and 35 cubic yards of fill. The discretionary application required for this project is a Coastal Development Permit.)

(Project must comply with Planning Commission Resolution No. 016-14. Project was last reviewed on May 12, 2014.)

Actual time: 3:49 p.m.

CATEGORIES OF PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES AND ALLOWED IMPROVEMENTS/USES

ALLOWED IMPROVEMENTS/USES (a)	CATEGORY OF PARK								
	Undeveloped	Open Space	Passive Park	Neighborhood Park	Beach	Community Park	Sports Facilities	Community Buildings	Regional Park
Trails	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Minor Buildings	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Meeting Rooms •Small (≤ 75 people)	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
•Large (>75 people)	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Outdoor Game Areas and Informal Ball Fields and Courts	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
•Formal Ball Fields and Courts	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Swimming Pools •Wading	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
•Swimming	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Playgrounds •Small (Up to 4,000 SF)	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
•Large (> 4,000 SF)	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Picnic Areas •Individual	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
•Small Group (up to 4 tables together)	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
•Large Group	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Community Gardens	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes
Child Care Centers	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Carousels and similar amusements	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes
Day Camps	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Concessions	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Parking Area •Informal (not paved)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
•Small Formal (≤ 10 spaces)	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
•Formal (> 10 spaces)	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lighting - General	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
•Ball Field Lighting	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes
Miscellaneous •Artwork or Memorial	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
•Shade Structure	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

