

**REGULAR MEETING
PARKS AND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2019, 4:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
450 SAN RAFAEL AVENUE, BELVEDERE, CA**

MINUTES

COMMITTEE PRESENT: Jean Bordon, Anne-Marie Walker, Barbara Winter, Alison Seaman, and Chair Bryan Kemnitzer

COMMITTEE ABSENT: Jeremy Fair, Kathy Pearson

OTHERS PRESENT: Carolyn Lund, Senior Maintenance Worker Gerhard Laufer, Public Works Manager Robert Zadnik, Building and Planning Technician Nancy Miller, Gary Rasmussen, Marsha Lasky, Nena Hart and Adam McNeal.

These minutes are intended to reflect the general content of the regular meeting. An audio file of the meeting is available on the City website at www.cityofbelvedere.org

CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM.

OPEN FORUM

No one wished to speak.

1. Approve minutes of the January 10, 2019 regular meeting.

Minutes were approved unanimously.

2. Comments from the Chair – Bryan Kemnitzer.

This item was deferred to later in the meeting.

3. Staff Reports – Robert Zadnik, Public Works Manager.

Mr. Zadnik reported that a new person to support Public Works will be hired soon.

Council Member James Campbell sent Robert a message to find out if the Committee wants to organize a Clean and Green Day, such as a work day to do the renovation project at 5 Corners. Committee discussed options. Member Bordon stated it may be something that is coordinated with the Belvedere Community Foundation. Committee discussed options.

- a. Report on project status for Golden Gate Lane.

Mr. Zadnik reported the timetable for getting bids is coming up soon.

4. Reports from Subcommittees.

Item deferred to later in the meeting.

5. Old Business.

- a. Continued discussion of planting plan for Five Corners.

Marsha Lasky introduced Gary Rasmussen from Blasen Landscape Architects. She explained that due to changes in requirements for fire resistant plantings a new design is being shown tonight.

Mr. Rasmussen, Blasen Landscape, presented a new planting plan for Five Corners. A handout and slide show accompanied his remarks.¹

Committee discussed the recommendations, the status of irrigation replacement, potential timetable for planting (Fall recommended). He stated that his firm would be happy to help with placement of the plants.

Motion made and seconded to approved the new planting plan. Approved unanimously.

- b. Continued discussion of prioritization list for lane development (staff presentation).

Item deferred to follow 5 c.

- c. Continued discussion on Community Park Playground update.

Adam McNeil presented some suggestions from a citizen group of volunteers who have been meeting to discuss park updates. Some items on the wish list include: repair or replacement of rubber matting, repairs of stairs on wooden playhouse, motion activated faucets and toilets in the restrooms, baby changing tables in both restrooms, shade structure, and a bocce court. Committee discussed the items and Mr. McNeil will follow up with more information on costs and timetables to implement any of these suggestions. It was recommended that the group consult with Annette Ryan who was key party to original playground renovation in 2003-2004. Fundraising will also be needed.

- b. Continued discussion of prioritization list for lane development (staff presentation).

Mr. Zadnik reported on three Lanes that were discussed at the January meeting. They are Lower Woodwardia, Artist's View, and Albert's Alley. A cost estimate for each was presented as well as a slide show of possible design for these lanes.² The possible timetables for development of each of these Lanes was also discussed in relation to timetables of adjacent construction projects, time to get outside agency permits, funds already available and funds available in the future. After much discussion the Committee decided that they would choose Artist's View as the first priority choice with the best beach access (also useful for emergency egress). The discussion envisions possible amenities that would make it attractive to all ages, and it would be more accessible with many landings. Because of the higher estimate, it might be considered as a two-year project in relation to the City funding and they would be able to keep the momentum for fundraising for a very

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attractive project. The rationale for this choice is the lovely parklike setting, the great views, the beach access and the attractive possibilities for use by all ages.

Motion was made and seconded to recommend Artist's View as the next City Lane project (after Golden Gate Lane) and to request funding from the City Council towards this project.

Motion was passed unanimously.

4. Reports from Subcommittees.

There were no reports.

Future Agenda items.

- a. Final 2019-20 Fiscal Year budget review.
- b. Continued discussion of trash management strategy for Community Park and review of trial trash containers.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 PM.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES were approved at a regular meeting of the Parks and Open Space Committee on May 9, 2019 by the following vote:

AYES: Kathy Pearson, Jeremy Fair, Jean Bordon, Anne-Marie Walker, Alison Seaman

NOES:

ABSENT: Bryan Kemnitzer

ABSTAIN: