

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33
34
35
36
37
38
39
40
41
42
43
44
45

CITY OF SAN RAMON
PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING

September 11, 2013
Regular Meeting

Approved October 9, 2013

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Parks and Community Services Commission Meeting was called to order by Chair Meine at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the City Council Chambers located at 2222 Camino Ramon, San Ramon, CA.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

Chair Meine asked for a moment of silence to honor former Parks and Community Services Commissioner Kathy Berner who passed away last month.

3. ROLL CALL

Present:

Chair Meine, Vice Chair Lopez, Commissioner Ernest, Commissioner Doerlich, Commissioner Yancey, Commissioner Mills, Commissioner Kenniston-Lee and Student Commissioner Chengareddy

Staff Present:

Director Karen McNamara, Division Manager Esther Lucas, Program Manager Kim Giuliano, Marketing and Public Relations Analyst Nicole Blazin, and Commission Secretary Christina Buna.

4. SPECIAL ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

4.1 Special Announcements

4.2 Temporary Employee of the Month – June – Sharon Peterson

Ms. Giuliano introduced Sharon Peterson as the Temporary Employee of the Month for June 2013. Sharon was recognized for planning and implementing a new program for the June Fun on the Farm day. The program, Working Dogs, featured dogs and their trainers from a variety of service groups and organizations. Included in the program were police dogs and handlers, guide dogs, service and therapy dogs as well as the sheep herding dogs that are regularly seen at the farm. Sharon was also recognized for providing excellent service to the Creative Center Day Camps that met at the farm for a week in June. Sharon planned age

46 appropriate farm activities for the groups and recruited Forest Home Farms volunteers to
47 lead the activities. The Tiny Tots Coordinator and the preschool teachers praised Sharon
48 for all her help and assistance with assuring the children had a fantastic experience at camp
49 on the farm.

50
51 The Parks & Community Services Department would like to take this opportunity to say
52 thank you to Sharon for her outstanding efforts and for providing great customer service
53 and programs at Forest Home Farms Historic Park.

54
55

56 **4.3 Temporary Employee of the Month – August – Brittany Hoffman**

57
58 Ms. Blazin introduced Brittany Hoffman, Office Assistant II as the Temporary Employee of
59 the Month for August 2013. Brittany has served in the Parks & Community Services
60 Department as an Office Assistant II since 2012 and works at all of the front counters.
61 Brittany was recognized by Esther Lucas, Division Manager. On August 1, 2013, while
62 working at the Dougherty Valley Aquatic Center, Brittany observed a gentleman enter the
63 facility to pay for a swim pass. She recognized that this was the same man who was
64 suspected of committing a previous theft that occurred at San Ramon Olympic Pool while
65 she was on duty the previous week. Brittany requested the help of another staff member
66 (Trevor Lundeen, Pool Manager) as the gentleman was in the men's locker room and
67 contacted the San Ramon Police Department. Brittany worked with a San Ramon Police
68 Detective providing description of the previous incident and identifying the man while
69 officers held him in the parking lot. Mrs. Lucas was very impressed with the maturity,
70 professionalism and calm demeanor Brittany displayed during this incident. Additionally,
71 Brittany will now serve as a witness for the prosecution during the criminal trial for the
72 suspect.

73
74 The Parks and Community Services Department would like to take this opportunity to say
75 'Thank You' to Brittany for her brave response in a difficult situation.

76
77

78 **5. PUBLIC COMMENT OR WRITTEN COMMUNICATION**

79
80 **Carol Rowley, 7524 Northland Ave, San Ramon, 94583**

81
82 Ms. Rowley, San Ramon Historic Foundation, informed the Commission about the
83 upcoming event, Oktoberfest at Forest Home Farms on September 28th from 11:00am to
84 4:00pm. The event cost is \$30/person and it included an engraved beer stein, one beer and
85 a soft pretzel. Mr. Rowley invited the Commissioners to attend and enjoy the food, live
86 music and dancing and beer available for purchase from Schubros Brewery.

87
88 **6. APPROVED MINUTES**

89
90 **6.1 Minutes of August 14, 2013 – Regular Meeting**

91

92
93 Commissioner Yancey's motion to accept the minutes of the August 14, 2013 – Regular
94 Meeting with the following changes; line 256 change 'nice' to 'nine' was seconded by
95 Commissioner Doerlich and passed 7–0. Student Commissioner Chengareddy voted in favor
96 of the motion.

97
98 **7. CONSENT CALENDAR**

99
100 **7.1 2013/2014 Committee and Liaison Assignments**

101
102 Commissioner Yancey's motion to accept the 2013/2014 Committee and Liaison
103 Assignments was seconded by Commissioner Ernest and passed 7 – 0; Student
104 Commissioner Chengareddy voted in favor of the motion.

105
106 **8. COMMISSION BUSINESS**

107
108 **8.1 Continued Public Hearing: Review and Consider Approval of the**
109 **Proposed Master Plan for the Faria Preserve Neighborhood Park and**
110 **Rose Garden**

111
112 Ms. McNamara informed the Commission and those in the audience there are copies
113 available of the petition opposing the development of the park and the entire petition will
114 be placed into the record and is on file and can be requested to view. Ms. McNamara stated
115 the Commission has received a packet of all written communication received after Friday,
116 September 6, 2013 and those will also be placed into the record.

117
118 Ms. McNamara stated the purpose and purview of the continued public hearing with the
119 Parks and Community Services Commission is to focus on review and consideration for
120 approval of the park design. Ms. McNamara stated staff has provided additional
121 information regarding parking and the sport field lights and the information can be found
122 in the staff report, as well as Mr. Gates and Mr. Rosenblatt will address the Commission
123 about the additional requested information.

124
125 Mr. Gates from Gates and Associates presented a [PowerPoint](#) presentation of pictures and
126 information of the proposed sports field lights, as well as parking information for the
127 neighborhoods located within the Faria Preserve development.

128
129 Mr. Rosenblatt from Carlson, Barbee & Gibson, Inc. addressed the concerns of parking. Mr.
130 Rosenblatt stated the project parking requirements are based upon the Northwest Specific
131 Plan requirements and does cross reference with the City's Parking Ordinance if not
132 otherwise specified in the Northwest Specific Plan. Mr. Rosenblatt stated the parking
133 requirement for the entire subdivision is 1,970 spaces and the total parking provided in the
134 proposed project is 2,348 spaces which is an additional 378 parking spaces.

135
136 Mr. Rosenblatt noted there was concern expressed about the proposed Faria Parkway and
137 the possibility of parking conflicts between the park parking needs and the amount of

138 available parking. Mr. Rosenblatt stated the proposed Faria Parkway will have designated a
139 12 foot travel lane, an 8 foot bike lane before the parking lane and this would be an
140 enhanced safety feature for pedestrians and bikes. Mr. Rosenblatt stated there is ample
141 parking for the park and the residential area has enough parking spaces and will not
142 overflow into the parking for the park. The park is required to have 100 parking spaces to
143 accommodate the different field usages or visitors of the park and the parking spaces that
144 will be provided in the parking lot and along Faria Preserve Parkway is 114.

145
146 Chair Meine asked how long the proposed sports field lights have been manufactured. Mr.
147 Gates responded the lighting company, Musco, has been in business for over 25 years and
148 the lights will be under warranty and serviced by Musco.

149
150 Commissioner Kenniston-Lee stated she visited Acalanes High School as the lights were
151 being turned on at dusk and stayed until it was pitch black. She also drove around the
152 facility to see the overflow of light and was impressed with how well contained and
153 directed the lighting was. Commissioner Kenniston-Lee also visited San Ramon Valley High
154 School, but their lighting is ten feet shorter than what is being proposed. Commissioner
155 Kenniston-Lee stated that we know we need more field space and the sports user groups
156 have expressed there is a need for more space. Commissioner Kenniston-Lee added when
157 you see the lights and see children playing you know that it is a thriving community.

158
159 Chair Meine opened public comment.

160
161 **Robert Klingner, 102 Claremont Crest Court, San Ramon, 94853**

162
163 Mr. Klingner stated he represents the Coalition of Northwest Neighborhoods (CNN), a local
164 community organization of 300 residents living in northwest San Ramon. Mr. Klingner
165 stated the developer has not yet made any proposal before the Planning Commission and it
166 is not appropriate to plan for a neighborhood park before a project has been approved by
167 the Planning Commission. Mr. Klingner stated residents of northwest San Ramon have
168 provided hundreds of comments, emails and petitions opposed to the Faria Preserve Park.
169 Residents believe the proposed park is a sports complex and not a neighborhood park. Mr.
170 Klingner stated there is not a need for more sports fields and the fields San Ramon already
171 has are idle most of the time. Mr. Klingner stated the sports complex with noise, stadium
172 lighting and traffic will destroy the beauty and tranquility of the hills. Mr. Klingner stated it
173 is not safe to have a road like the Faria Preserve Parkway that allows parking along it.
174 There has already been an issue for 15 years of overflow parking on Deerwood Drive that
175 caused serious safety conditions for cars, bikes and pedestrians and in June 2013 when
176 parking was restricted on Deerwood Drive all of the existing unsafe conditions were
177 removed. Mr. Klingner stated people oppose synthetic turf primarily because everyone
178 hates the horrible rubber smell and the burning sensation to the shoes caused by hot
179 surface temperatures.

180
181 **Ron Smith, 219 Cascadas, San Ramon, 94583**

182
183 Mr. Smith brought pictures to show the view of Faria Preserve from Thomas Ranch and the

184 pictures also shows the views of Thomas Ranch from Faria Preserve. Mr. Smith visited
185 Acalanes High School and San Ramon Valley High School and stated there was nothing
186 going on there at the time and the lights were not on. Mr. Smith stated he visited the San
187 Ramon Sport Park on three different occasions and each time there were only a few people
188 with their families playing on the baseball and soccer fields. Mr. Smith stated he also visited
189 Athan Downs and Central Park and the fields were busy and the lights were on and they
190 were very bright. Mr. Smith stated regardless of what type of light is installed, lights are
191 still lights and will disturb someone depending on the angle in which they reside. Mr. Smith
192 asked why sports field lights are even being proposed as part of the project. He stated he
193 was not able to find anything indicating sports field lights as part of the City's plan for the
194 development of this park. Mr. Smith stated that he received 56% of residents in Thomas
195 Ranch and 100 plus signatures opposing the sports field lights and the building of Faria
196 Park. Mr. Smith stated it does not make it right to add sports field lights to a neighborhood
197 park just because it is free to the City. Mr. Smith added the developer and the Commission
198 listened to the comments about adding or changing the different amenities in the park, but
199 he claimed when it comes to the sports field lights the residents do not have say. Mr. Smith
200 stated the lights should be added to other parks at a different location in the City that
201 would affect less people.

202

Rebecca Lifton, 202 Cascadas Court, San Ramon 94583

203

204
205 Ms. Lifton stated she strongly opposes the Faria Preserve development and park as it was
206 presented. Ms. Lifton stated the additional 2500 cars will pollute their neighborhoods. Ms.
207 Lifton added the density of our schools cannot afford to add any more children and does
208 not know if this development was even presented to the school board. Ms. Lifton stated she
209 does not understand why the City is approving the park when the development has not
210 been approved. Ms. Lifton asked if the park is being gifted to the City in return for approval
211 of the development. Ms. Lifton stated the Faria Preserve development is going to destroy
212 the serenity of the northwest communities.

213

Chris Rogers, 250 Starling Way, Hercules, 94547

214

215
216 Mr. Rogers represents San Ramon Soccer Club and has coached youth soccer for over 30
217 years. Mr. Rogers stated other cities are envious of San Ramon and the amount of parks the
218 City builds for the community. Mr. Rogers stated athletes love to play soccer on synthetic
219 turf and the financial returns on the field is worth it. Mr. Rogers stated the City of San
220 Ramon is known for parks and education and that is why people come to live here. Mr.
221 Rogers stated San Ramon Soccer Club is starting to look at offering U-30 – U-50 adult
222 soccer leagues because there is such a high interest. Mr. Rogers added that those adults
223 would play at night and would need the lights, that they also live in this community and pay
224 taxes to be able to use the amenities this community offers them. Mr. Rogers stated not all
225 senior citizens want or need more benches, they also are playing sports and want to take
226 advantage of the sports fields.

227

Igor Shmulevich, 716 Pradera Way, San Ramon, 94583

228

229

230 Mr. Shmulevich stated he did not know much about this project until recently and he did
231 not realize the San Ramon General Plan made an exception for this development. Mr.
232 Shmulevich stated he is strongly opposed to the entire Faria Preserve project. Mr.
233 Shmulevich lives in Thomas Ranch where every house has a two or three car garage and
234 there are still cars parking on the street because most families have three or four cars. Mr.
235 Shmulevich stated San Ramon has enough existing parks to accommodate all of the youth
236 and adults that play sports. Mr. Shmulevich stated the sports field lights are well designed,
237 but the ability to focus all of the light into one area is unrealistic because light reflects off all
238 objects. Mr. Shmulevich stated the residents of Thomas Ranch do not want the
239 development to be built.

240

241 **Jim Blickenstaff, 2410 Talavera Drive, San Ramon, 94583**

242

243 Mr. Blickenstaff stated the conceptual design of the park is contingent upon the proposed
244 development of 740 units. Mr. Blickenstaff's understanding of the General Plan is the size of
245 the park is a reflection of the size of the development and based on the proposed
246 development the size the 12.7 acre park is a reflection of the demand on that community.
247 Mr. Blickenstaff stated the City has a lot of authority to reflect a development that is in
248 alignment with what the citizens want. Mr. Blickenstaff stated the park design concept is a
249 small part of the entire project.

250

251 **Dennis Noh, California Sunridge, San Ramon, 94583**

252

253 Mr. Noh spoke on behalf of California Sunridge Association stating the park could have very
254 good use and not have lights for night time use. Mr. Noh stated that he is hearing from
255 people that do not live in the surrounding neighborhoods that they want the sports fields
256 with lights built, whereas the people who live in the surrounding neighbors are opposed.
257 Mr. Noh added they can still play sports on the fields, but only during the day. Mr. Noh
258 asked the Commission to consider building the park without the lights.

259

260 **Michael Jones, 124 Claremont Crest Court, San Ramon, 94583**

261

262 Mr. Jones stated the canyon elevates the sound in this area and the noise from sporting
263 events is going to travel. Mr. Jones stated the development is not comparable to other parks
264 because it going to be located on a hillside high above and will be seen from all points of
265 San Ramon. Mr. Jones stated all of the valley will be able to see this area at night because of
266 the lights, this area will be like a landing pad in the sky when it will light up the entire
267 hillside. Mr. Jones claimed the City Council at the time approved the original development
268 after residents spent years discussing different elements and concerns with them and
269 stating the Council said they were going to approve the project no matter what. Mr. Jones
270 claimed the City Attorney basically admitted they went about the process the wrong way
271 and they did go against things in the General Plan. Mr. Jones stated by approving the park
272 design we are not able to make changes if the development size changes or the park size or
273 location changes. Mr. Jones stated he is not against the development of the park, but he
274 recommends holding off for the foreseeable future on finalizing this until we see the
275 necessary elements of this project are settled such as how many units, parking and access.

276
277
278
279
280
281
282
283
284
285
286
287
288
289
290
291
292
293
294
295
296
297
298
299
300
301
302
303
304
305
306
307
308
309
310
311
312
313
314
315
316
317
318
319
320
321

Michael Checchi, 605 Royal Coach Ct, San Ramon, 94583

Mr. Checchi, a San Ramon resident since 1990 and has five sons that have played sports with San Ramon Soccer Club, San Ramon Little League and San Ramon Raptor Lacrosse. Mr. Checchi is the director of field scheduling for San Ramon Raptor Lacrosse and is a part of the City's Sports Field Users that meet quarterly. The San Ramon Raptor Lacrosse organization started with 98 boys and girls and has grown to 250 boys and girls. Mr. Checchi stated the park design is very well thought out and the developer has done a great job. Mr. Checchi stated the sports field user groups would be willing to negotiate an ending time for the lights to be turned off. Mr. Checchi stated the field user groups have to pay for the lights when they are on and the lights will be shut off when no one is playing. Mr. Checchi stated the sports user groups are not able to expand their programs and allow more space for children because there is not enough field space to accommodate the growth. Mr. Checchi showed a picture of his son and three friends that met playing sports in kindergarten and remain best of friends now at 20 years old and in college and their friendship has grown over the years from playing sports. Mr. Checchi stated our parks create a foundation for our community.

Chair Meine closed public comment.

Commissioner Yancey asked Mr. Checchi if he has played on synthetic turf and if it does reach high temperatures. Mr. Checchi responded he has played on synthetic turf and plays typically in the late afternoons or early morning to try and avoid the high temperatures outside. Commissioner Yancey asked Mr. Checchi if there is a need for night time lacrosse. Mr. Checchi responded his preference is to play from 5:00pm - 7:30pm and to do that they would need lights to play until that time.

Commissioner Yancey asked Ms. McNamara if it was stated that the process of approval is out of order, and was there anything unusual about the way this particular process is being handled. Ms. McNamara stated the municipal code does call for asking the Parks Commission to review, recommend and approve park designs. The conditions of approval of the project require that the builder build and dedicate the improved park, not just the land to the satisfaction of the Parks Commission. Ms. McNamara added the park design was presented to the Parks Commission to make a recommendation to the Planning Commission, who will be the decision making body to evaluate and approve the project as a whole. Ms. McNamara stated they are in the process of creating a fiscal analysis to show what the impact of a public infrastructure would be on the City's general fund, what the project would generate in revenue and what the differences would be, which would be captured by property owners. Ms. McNamara added a benefit to having the park design presented to the Commission is to capture the operating and maintenance costs for the fiscal analysis on what would be designed. Ms. McNamara stated another reason is parts of the park including lighting are appropriate to include in the Environmental Impact Report (EIR). Ms. McNamara stated according to the Northwest Specific Plan the requirement is to build and dedicate a 12.7 acre park regardless if the size of the development is decreased.

322
323 Commissioner Yancey asked Mr. Jones if the sports lights were permitted to be on until
324 8:00pm would he object to that time. Mr. Jones responded 8:00pm would be an
325 improvement from 10:00pm, but would prefer 7:00pm or 7:30pm. Commissioner Yancey
326 asked Mr. Jones if he visited either San Ramon Valley High School or Acalanes High School
327 to view the lights. Mr. Jones responded he has not visited either school in the last few
328 weeks, but has been to San Ramon Valley High School before. Commissioner Yancey asked
329 Mr. Jones his opinion on the sports field lights at the high school. Mr. Jones stated he thinks
330 the lights make the area look quite bright when you drive by.

331
332 Commissioner Yancey asked Mr. Rogers if he has played on synthetic turf and if it does
333 reach high temperatures. Mr. Rogers stated as a 56 year old he played on Tiffany Roberts
334 field last year and it was about 90 degrees out, but the temperature did not affect how hot
335 the synthetic turf got. Commissioner Yancey asked Mr. Rogers if there is a need for night
336 time soccer. Mr. Rogers responded as of right now the schedule goes until 8:30pm.
337 Commissioner Yancey asked Mr. Rogers if it would cause a problem if lights were only
338 permitted until 8:00pm. Mr. Rogers responded it would be a blessing to be able to play
339 until 8:30pm. Commissioner Yancey asked how many teams practice until 10:00pm. Mr.
340 Rogers stated he is not aware of any San Ramon Soccer teams playing until 10:00pm.
341 Commissioner Yancey asked Ms. McNamara what time the lights can be permitted to. Ms.
342 McNamara stated the current practice is the lights can be permitted until 10:00pm, but the
343 lights only remain on for what the user group requests. Commissioner Yancey asked Ms.
344 McNamara is there a need for more lighted sports fields. Ms. McNamara responded based
345 on the data we have, the City booked about 50,000 hours last fiscal year at all of the parks
346 for sports use. Ms. McNamara stated having the field sport lights provides more flexibility
347 for programming of use, it does not mean that it will be programmed, but it does provide
348 that flexibility.

349
350 Commissioner Yancey asked Mr. Smith if the sports lights were permitted to be on until
351 8:00pm would he object that that time. Mr. Smith responded 8:00pm would be a
352 reasonable compromise, but who controls the lights. Ms. McNamara stated the user groups
353 submit a permit to the City for use of a field and they book and pay for the lights. That
354 schedule is managed and monitored through a computer system by City staff and program
355 the lights to go on and off automatically. However, if a user group books the lights until
356 9:00pm and a coach finishes practice early, then the lights would remain on for the time
357 they booked and paid for. Staff does ask the user groups to notify us if there are changes to
358 the schedule to avoid leaving lights on when not in use. Ms. McNamara stated staff controls
359 the lights through the permit process.

360
361 Commissioner Yancey asked Mr. Klingner if the sports lights were permitted to be on until
362 8:00pm would he think that is a reasonable compromise. Mr. Klingner responded it would
363 not be a reasonable compromise and is opposed to the field lights being installed at the
364 Faria Park. Mr. Klinger stated there are other park locations in the City that would be better
365 for sports lights to be installed.

366
367 Commissioner Kenniston-Lee asked if it is in the purview of the Commission to create

368 conditions of approval for field use. Ms. McNamara stated through staff the Commission can
369 set and establish park user rules and conditions put on the permits issued for the park.
370

371 Commissioner Kenniston-Lee asked if the Commission decides to approve the park design
372 tonight and it then goes to the Planning Commission for their approval, can the Planning
373 Commission make any revisions to the park design. Ms. McNamara stated the under the
374 purview of the Planning Commission they can make changes to any of the public pieces of
375 the project, but what most likely would happen is they would bring forward any concerns
376 about the park back to the Parks Commission for another discussion prior to their final
377 approval.

378
379 Commissioner Lopez asked Ms. McNamara about the comment made by Mr. Jones about
380 the City Attorney saying the process was done incorrectly. Ms. McNamara responded there
381 was a final approval of the project in 2006 by the City Council.
382

383 Commissioner Lopez stated the Parks Commission is not able to address any of the issues
384 regarding the schools and has to be addressed by the San Ramon Valley School District.
385

386 Commissioner Ernest stated it is a well thought out park and we do not know if we are
387 going to have a lighting issue until lights have been installed. Commissioner Ernest
388 recommends placing a condition on the project that we have a review of the lights after the
389 park opens. Commissioner Ernest stated we can always adjust when the lights have to be
390 turned off, but if the lights are not installed now they will never be put in. Commissioner
391 Ernest stated there are no funds to install lights at a different location and we should take
392 advantage of the offer from the developer to install lights.
393

394 Commissioner Yancey agreed with Commissioner Ernest's recommendation of placing a
395 condition on the project to review the lighting conditions after the park opens.
396 Commissioner Yancey stated it is reasonable to put the lights in as we live in a community
397 that involves children, young people and adults that want to use our parks. The park is not
398 only for the people who live in the Faria Preserve, but everyone who lives in San Ramon.
399 Commissioner Yancey stated the legal process and procedure of approval has been
400 followed and there is nothing to indicate that it has not been handled correctly. The issues
401 regarding the parking have been adequately addressed. Commissioner Yancey believes it is
402 reasonable to put in the synthetic turf field for many reasons, but especially economic ones.
403

404 Commissioner Mills stated he agrees with the recommendation to put in the sports field
405 lights. Commissioner Mills reiterated this park design approval is contingent on the
406 Planning Commission's approval of the entire Faria Preserve project. Commissioner Mills
407 asked when the project will go before the Planning Commission. Mr. Toohey, Lafferty
408 Communities, responded Public Hearings will begin on October 15th and there will be one
409 each month following until the Planning Commission makes their decision.
410

411 Commissioner Kenniston-Lee stated she wants to be sure that whatever governing body is
412 reviewing the project is diligent about the parking issues and to be sure to review the
413 conditions of the time the lights can stay on.

414
415 Commissioner Lopez asked what the approximate time frame the project is to be
416 completed. Mr. Toohey responded it is a two year land development process, the grading of
417 the land is projected to take place in March or April 2014 and the park completion would
418 be in 2015.

419
420 Commissioner Yancey's motion to approve the proposed master plan for the Faria Preserve
421 Neighborhood Park and Rose Garden with the condition of approval that prior to the use of
422 the sports fields the Parks and Community Services Commission with public comment
423 review the lighting and the effects on the neighborhoods was seconded by Commissioner
424 Doerlich and passed 7 - 0. Student Commissioner Chengareddy voted in favor of the
425 motion.

426
427 **9. STAFF REPORTS**

428
429 **9.1 Administration and Development Report**

430
431 Ms. McNamara passed a sample of the 'No Smoking' signs that will be placed throughout
432 the City of San Ramon.

433
434 Ms. Lucas highlighted the delivery of the two new buses to the Senior Center that were
435 funded by the 5310 Federal Transportation Grant.

436
437 Commissioner Kenniston-Lee commended the Therapeutic Recreation program.

438
439 **9.2 Recreation Program and Community Services Report**

440
441 **9.3 Maintenance and Operations Report**

442
443 **9.4 Action Items**

444
445
446 **10. UPDATE ON CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

447
448 **11. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

449
450 Commissioner Ernest volunteered to serve on the Art and Wind Festival Food Booth Policy
451 Committee that will meet on September 25, 2013.

452
453 Commissioners Ernest, Miene and Kenniston-Lee volunteered to be the interview panel for
454 the Senior Advisory Committee.

455
456 Student Commissioner Chengareddy provided an update on the Teen Council stating they
457 had their annual retreat on August 20th. They discussed their goals for the year and
458 selected their sub-committees. They have tentatively scheduled the movie showing of
459 *Behind the Orange Curtain* on February 25, 2014. The Teen Council is also working the

460 Expressions project a writing and art competition that will focus on how teens celebrate
461 San Ramon. Student Commissioner Chengareddy asked why the outdoor basketball courts
462 do not have lights in San Ramon. Ms. McNamara stated when park designs come forward
463 that is an opportunity for the community, the commission or staff to recommend those
464 kinds of features for a park and in the past it has not been a request. Ms. Lucas stated there
465 are lighted basketball courts at Central Park, but we also offer open gym basketball at Iron
466 Horse Gym.

467
468 Commissioner Ernest stated the Senior Advisory Committee has been working on the
469 Experts at Living Well – Open House on September 26th at 4:00pm at the Senior Center.

470
471 Commissioner Doerlich reminded the Commission of the Art in the Park on October 5th and
472 6th at Central Park.

473
474 Commissioner Kenniston-Lee stated she had a resident approach her on what she
475 perceives as the decline of the Crow Canyon Gardens. The resident was concerned the
476 garden has transitioned from organic to chemically treated garden as well as not
477 maximizing the use of the resources of school groups or demonstrations. Commissioner
478 Kenniston-Lee has requested a presentation from staff on an update of the Crow Canyon
479 Gardens.

480
481 Commissioner Lopez stated the Arts Advisory Committee will be selecting the artists to be
482 displayed in the art galleries for 2014 at their meeting on September 18th.

483

484 **12. COMMISSION MEMBER ITEMS**

485

486 **13. ADJOURNMENT**

487

488 The meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

489

490 Submitted by Christina Buna, Commission Secretary.