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CITY OF SAN RAMON
PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING

August 14, 2013
Regular Meeting

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Parks and Community Services Commission Meeting was called to order by Chair Yancey 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

3. ROLL CALL

Present:

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

Staff Present:

Director Karen McNamara, Division Managers Esther Lucas and Jeff Gault, Program Manager Teri Mountford, Associate Planner Cindy Yee and Commission Secretary Christina Buna.

4. SPECIAL ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

4.1 Swearing in New Student Commissioner – Harshini Chengareddy

Deputy City Clerk Ms. Beck administered the Oath of Office to Harshini Chengareddy to serve on the Parks and Community Services Commission as the Student Commissioner.

4.2 Special Announcements

4.3 Temporary Employee of the Month – June – Sharon Peterson

This item has been postponed until the September 11, 2013 Parks and Community Services Commission Meeting.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT OR WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

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6. APPROVED MINUTES

6.1 Minutes of May 8, 2013 – Regular Meeting

Commissioner Lopez’s motion to accept the minutes of the May 8, 2013 – Regular Meeting with the following changes; line 180 to read “Vice Chair Meine moved to...” and line 289 change ‘contracts’ to ‘contractors’ was seconded by Commissioner Meine and passed 7–0. Student Commissioner Chengareddy voted in favor of the motion.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

7.1 Senior Advisory Committee Appointment Recommendations

Commissioner Lopez moved to accept and forward onto City Council Verna Dow as a regular member to serve a full term and Sharyn Rossi as Alternate #1 to serve a full term on the Senior Advisory Committee; Commissioner Doerlich seconded the motion which passed 7 – 0; Student Commissioner Chengareddy voted in favor of the motion.

8. COMMISSION BUSINESS

8.1 Internship Program Presentation

Ms. Mountford presented a [PowerPoint](#) of the Department’s internship program.

Vice Chair Meine asked if the student apply for the program and how many applications we receive on average. Ms. Mountford responded students do have to apply for the program. For general recreation we receive a couple applications each semester and for therapeutic recreation we receive a handful of applications but can only take one intern each semester.

Commissioner Lopez stated she had worked with an intern for the Teen Job Fair that was excellent and made the process a lot easier and helped make the event successful.

Chair Yancey appreciates the internship program Ms. Mountford created and the opportunities the City has given college students.

8.2 Public Hearing: Review and Consider Approval of the Proposed Master Plan for the Faria Preserve Neighborhood Park and Rose Garden

Ms. McNamara summarized the public comments received by email prior to the meeting stating they can be characterized as overall concerns about the Faria Preserve development project in general. Tonight’s purpose and purview of this public hearing with the Parks and Community Services Commission is to focus on review and consideration for approval of the park design. The overall concerns expressed in the correspondence about the park design is the sports park lighting; type and number of active sports fields; concerns or

92 comments there is not a need for addition sports fields at this park; to replace the sports
93 fields with different amenities such as basketball courts, tot lots, open space or passive use;
94 traffic, parking and noise.

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96 Ms. McNamara introduced Mr. Toohey from Lafferty Communities and Mr. Gates from
97 Gates and Associates. Mr. Toohey provided an update of the process of the entire project
98 stating they have completed the seven-month long process with the Architectural Review
99 Board. Mr. Toohey stated they are close to completing the necessary documents under the
100 California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and hope to present the documents to the
101 Affordable Housing Commission early next month and public hearings will begin in
102 October. Mr. Toohey stated they are anxious to see what the park design will be and want
103 to build a park with the vision of the commission.

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105 Mr. Gates presented a [PowerPoint](#) presentation of the revisions to the site master plan and
106 conceptual design based on feedback received at the July workshop and through
107 correspondence received.

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109 Commissioner Kenniston-Lee asked for clarification on the 'shine' from the sports field
110 lights for the homes that border the 'shine'. Mr. Gates responded you will not see any of the
111 light source and there will be zero foot-candles (no light) on the ground for homes on the
112 border. If it is a clear day you will see nothing but a reflective light off the surface of the
113 field and on a foggy day the light will pick up in the moisture in the air and there will be an
114 aura from the lights.

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116 Chair Yancey opened for public comment.

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118 **Ron Smith, 219 Cascadas, San Ramon, 94583**

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120 Mr. Smith stated his home is located in Thomas Ranch and it is above the lighting from the
121 sports field. Since the last meeting on July 18 I have visited 15 of the parks and facilities in
122 San Ramon, included were all of the parks with volleyball and bocce ball facilities. Mr.
123 Smith stated he especially wanted to see how the bocce ball courts and volley ball courts
124 blended in, since these are open facilities unlike tennis which is entirely fenced.

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126 The bocce ball facilities, except the Senior Center, were unimpressive. Two of the four are
127 not regulation, not maintained and have the appearance of little if any use. Mr. Smith stated
128 a bocce ball court in Faria Preserve would be a poor use of the space. It would receive
129 minimal use from families with young children, which should be the primary concern in a
130 neighborhood park.

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132 Mr. Smith has visited all of the parks over a four day period and in all of the parks he visited
133 regardless of the day of the week or time of day, the children's play area was always active.
134 Not only were they busy, they were the only area in the parks that were in use. Mr. Smith
135 stated it is obvious that this should be the most important element of the park.

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137 Mr. Smith stated the volleyball facilities were neatly trimmed, sand was plentiful and nets

138 were in good condition. The volleyball they fit in nicely near picnic and children's play
139 areas since it is a family game played by all ages. There is every indication that they
140 get moderate use.

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142 Mr. Smith stated the baseball facilities within San Ramon are plentiful with over 25 fields
143 and there are 3 baseball fields within 2 miles of Faria Preserve. Mr. Smith stated he could
144 not find a game in progress or anyone on the fields during his visits.

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146 Mr. Smith stated San Ramon has 30 fields that are underutilized. Some of the parks he
147 visited did not have goal equipment visible. Mr. Smith added local soccer teams do not
148 require a "home field". They play everywhere, Dublin, Danville, Walnut Creek, Pleasanton,
149 and in San Ramon where there are plenty of fields to schedule. Mr. Smith stated soccer
150 games create traffic and parking nightmare. Most of the games are played in the daytime on
151 the weekends, one right after another. The teams and families arrive at least a half hour
152 early and cannot find parking until the others leave so they park on streets and in the
153 surrounding neighborhoods. Mr. Smith added it is inconvenient for neighbors and is a
154 safety issue for pedestrians and children on bikes. Mr. Smith stated a full size soccer field is
155 not necessary for soccer practice.

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157 Mr. Smith stated he does not understand why the City is building the largest park in San
158 Ramon, not including Athan Downs, Forest Home Farms and Dougherty Valley High School,
159 it would be the only community park in San Ramon that would have lighting. The other two
160 parks that already have lighting are sports parks and they are set aside from everything
161 and not surrounded by homes all around it.

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163 **John Morris, 2517 Aranda Drive, San Ramon, 94583**

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165 Mr. Morris, a board member of Canyon Creek Little League (CCLL), stated they are
166 currently over their membership goals and continues to grow. With that growth, like all
167 the other field users they struggle to find playing fields during their season that are within
168 their playing boundaries. Mr. Morris stated a few years ago Bollinger Canyon Elementary
169 School placed portable classrooms on the baseball fields which eliminated fields from their
170 usage.

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172 Mr. Morris stated the number of kids playing continues to grow and there has been an
173 additional division added to little league. The additional division has allowed older kids to
174 continue to play baseball, but it requires a larger field of play. Mr. Morris stated the other
175 little leagues continue to share fields and maximize the usage of each field, but since their
176 field space is limited kids are leaving San Ramon to continue to play in other cities because
177 they have teams and fields for these kids to play on. Mr. Morris included CCLL uses almost
178 100% of the space they schedule annually during their season and CCLL struggles with the
179 other field users to get more space. Mr. Morris stated the use of this park for CCLL is very
180 valuable, especially for that side of San Ramon. Mr. Morris inquired where is the type of
181 lights mentioned in Mr. Gates' presentation located in or around San Ramon. Mr. Morris
182 added there are little league requirements that do not allow practice or games to run past a
183 certain hour. This park will be very valuable for the community and the space will be

184 utilized by families in San Ramon. Mr. Morris stated as a retired police officer he is very
185 aware that people will be in parks after hours regardless if there is a sports field or not.
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187 **Michael Jones, 124 Claremont Crest Court, San Ramon, 94583**
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189 Mr. Jones stated it needs to be considered there is very little extra available parking in this
190 high density area. He has a strong feeling the residents will be utilizing the additional street
191 parking. Mr. Jones added when we look at the number of parking spots in the park area and
192 the additional street parking, there will be very few for the park. There is no visitor parking
193 we have seen for the residents and with an apartment complex right across the street from
194 the park you have to believe they will be using the street parking.
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196 Mr. Jones stated the Faria Preserve development is located right next to the canyon and we
197 get much more fog than other parts of San Ramon which the lights will pick up. A lot of
198 people have concerns about the lights shining into their home, what people are not
199 thinking about is the long view visibility of this location. Mr. Jones stated all of the valley
200 will be able to see this area at night because of the lights, this area will be a landing pad in
201 the sky when it will light up the entire hillside.
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203 Mr. Jones stated he is worried we are trying to be all things to all people and if we trying to
204 do everything, then we will not to anything very well. He is concerned there is too much
205 trying to fit in too much in a small space. Mr. Jones stated we have looked at senior
206 amenities, but we need to look more strongly at the senior amenities. Mr. Jones stated he
207 thinks the seniors are going to feel stranded on this hillside and less ability to walk up and
208 down the hill. Mr. Jones stated we should not try to create a culture that a person needs a
209 car to go somewhere. Mr. Jones stated we need to make sure seniors feel comfortable and
210 happy going to the park and not feel displaced from this park. Mr. Jones added there are
211 many elements of the Faria project in the air, he recommends holding off for the
212 foreseeable future on finalizing this until we see the necessary elements of this project are
213 settled such as how many units, parking and access.
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215 **Jim Blickenstaff, 2410 Talavera Drive, San Ramon, 94583**
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217 Mr. Blickenstaff stated this project was originally approved in 2006 and a lot has changed
218 in seven years. The ultimate outcome of this project is still very flexible and unknown. Mr.
219 Blickenstaff stated the park acreage is contingent upon the proposal of 740 units and if the
220 amount of units decreases then the park acreage would also decrease. Mr. Blickenstaff
221 stated the Commission should make their approval of the park design conditional based on
222 the proposed number of units and acreage. Mr. Blickenstaff stated the location of the
223 baseball field is a problem for visual impasse and is less than ideal - the height of the
224 project is problematic. The Faria Preserve Park should be more passive in nature and less
225 impacting on the community, in terms of visual impacts and reflects the location. Mr.
226 Blickenstaff stated the proposed 12.7 acres is a reflection of up to 2,400 more people
227 moving in to the community and this project is an amenity and is not a gift or bonus. This
228 park is not an additional park for the community, because they will be competing with the
229 2,000 plus people moving in to the community.

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Robert Klingner, 102 Claremont Crest Court, San Ramon, 94853

Mr. Klingner thanked Mr. Gates and Mr. Toohey for their work on the project and appreciates staff and the commission’s expertise as well. Mr. Klingner apologized to the residents for providing an incorrect email address for Ms. McNamara to submit their comments on the project. Mr. Klingner stated Ms. McNamara fairly and honestly represented the emails that were delivered correctly to her. Mr. Klingner stated another resident that has been involved in the project is Leslie Megue, but she was not able to attend the meeting tonight and Mr. Klingner stated on her behalf the sequence of the review of this project is out of order because the Planning Commission has not reviewed the park design. Mr. Klingner stated one example the review of the project is out of order is the parking the Parks Commission is counting on for the park usage, but when the design is taken to the Planning Commission they might approve ‘No Parking’ signs to be placed in the areas the Parks Commission planned for parking. Mr. Klingner stated the street parking on the main access road can and will become a problem for traffic and safety. Mr. Klingner mentioned the comment about soccer teams playing until 10:00pm every day of the week that was made by the soccer organizations at the July 18th workshop that set off a lot of the reactions from the residents. Mr. Klingner stated the opposition is very strong against the soccer fields - it is the noise, the location and the parking.

Lynn Ferren, 1107 Radiant Lane, San Ramon, 94583

Ms. Ferren stated she has not been able to attend any of the previous meetings, but as a resident of California Sunridge Townhomes, she and the majority of the homeowners of the complex are against this development. Ms. Ferren stated when she moved to San Ramon nice years ago when the populations was 52,000 and it is now close to 74,000, the last thing San Ramon needs to more people or more homes. Ms. Ferren stated one of the reasons she purchased her townhome was because of the open space and the last thing she or the residents of California Sunridge wants to see is the hillside demolished to have it filled with homes, parks, soccer and baseball fields. Ms. Ferren added the parking and lighting are issues because the light and noise would be right in their backyards. Ms. Ferren concluded there are 120 residents in her complex and she has not spoken to one person who wants this development to be built.

Chair Yancey closed public comment.

Commissioner Kenniston-Lee stated parks build community and what makes San Ramon so distinctive are its amazing parks that support activities for kids, that promote a healthy lifestyle and activities for seniors. To some extent everybody bears the responsibility of supporting that idea and to acknowledge the need for more field space to make that sense of community happen. Commissioner Kenniston-Lee added it is clear to her the lights would expand the bandwidth of the field usage, considering everything there is a need for more field space and opportunities to build parks do not happen every day. Commissioner Kenniston-Lee stated it is true what our community member said we cannot be all things to all people. However, given that the park design is within the commission’s purview, it is a

276 solid park that provides a lot of amenities with a lot of community space. Commissioner
277 Kenniston-Lee stated her concern is the parking in a high density area and would like to
278 know of a few parks in the area that has the same lighting that is being proposed.
279 Commissioner Kenniston-Lee stated she would not be averse to holding off a month, to the
280 next meeting to consider some additional understanding of the parking situation.

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282 Commissioner Mills asked for clarification of the statement in the staff report “Maintenance
283 of this park, and other infrastructure in the development, may be funded by a special
284 assessment district within the project boundaries.” and the statement in Attachment G “The
285 proposed Neighborhood Park will be owned and maintained by the City”. Ms. McNamara
286 responded it is her understanding that part of the project approval includes a fiscal analysis
287 that would provide information on the costs of the maintenance of the infrastructure which
288 would in turn be part of a special assessment zone to pay for the maintenance. That would
289 mean the property owners in the Faria Preserve development would be assessed fees
290 through their property taxes to pay for the infrastructure maintenance, that the assessment
291 would be collected by the county and then transferred to the City to fund the maintenance
292 specifically for the areas outlined in the special assessment zone. Commissioner Mills asked
293 if the special assessment fees would only affect the property owners in the Faria Preserve
294 project area. Ms. McNamara responded generally yes, anything special assessment is levied
295 on the property owners in that zone which would be the new properties. To assess a
296 special assessment on other properties outside of that zone would require a vote of those
297 property owners as the City cannot levy a fee on a property outside of the project zone
298 without a balloting of property owners and a public process.

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300 Commissioner Mills asked if the tot lots that are located throughout the development, if
301 those tot lots would be maintained by the City or an HOA. Mr. Toohey responded the
302 current project approval requires four tot lots, three are included on the map (attachment
303 A) and the fourth will be included within the apartment complex. The three tot lots located
304 outside of the apartment complex will be maintained by an HOA, and none would be
305 maintained by the City.

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307 Commissioner Mills stated he has concerns about the sports field lighting, if it would be
308 possible if we are not able to go anywhere to see similar lights, to view a demonstration
309 and show us how it works. Commissioner Mills stated another concern is the issue of the
310 baseball field and the limitations on the size, as well as the concerns mentioned tonight
311 about the location of the baseball within the park relative to its surroundings.
312 Commissioner Mills would like more clarification on the issues raised about the sequencing
313 of the approval process. Commissioner Mills stated the public comment about a conditional
314 approval appeal to him, because it seemed more logical that this could be more a dynamic
315 process. Mr. Toohey stated the park is a requirement of the Northwest Specific Plan that
316 was approved prior to the Faria Preserve project approval. Mr. Toohey stated it is not the
317 desire of the developer to build a 13.2 acre park, but it is a requirement of the Northwest
318 Specific Plan and any modifications to those requirements would require modifying the
319 plan. Mr. Toohey stated regardless of how many units are built in the development, the
320 park will not be sized up or down, the 13.2 acre park is a requirement, which might be why
321 it is out of sequence because the park size and location is going to be what it is regardless of

322 any changes to the housing density. Commissioner Mills stated it not the scaling the size
323 that is of concern, but the issues such as parking and lighting relative to the park. Mr.
324 Toohey responded they would be willing to come back next month to address and explain
325 the lighting in further detail. Mr. Toohey stated the parking has been addressed, there are
326 over 100 more parking spaces than what are required and people can argue whether the
327 requirements are less or more stringent than they should be. Mr. Toohey stated according
328 to the City's parking ordinance and the Northwest Specific Plan, the project meets the
329 requirements. Commissioner Mills stated he would like to have another discussion next
330 month before approving the design.

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332 Ms. Yee stated the project approval process is very much like assembling a lot of puzzle
333 pieces in order to present all of the information to the decision makers so they have all of
334 the necessary information to make a decision. Ms. Yee stated the park design was
335 presented to the Parks Commission, so you can make a recommendation to the Planning
336 Commission, who will be the decision making body to evaluate and approve project as a
337 whole. Ms. Yee stated there is not one right sequencing process to follow in order to
338 assemble all of the puzzle pieces. Ms. Yee stated there is a condition to the approval process
339 for the project and that the final design of the park would be presented to the Parks
340 Commission for final review and approval.

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342 Commissioner Lopez stated our parks are a part of why this City is so great and we are
343 known all over the state for our wonderful parks. Commissioner Lopez stated she lives
344 close to Cal High and they have field lights on almost every night and she feels the lights
345 mean there are young people actively involved in sports, events and activities.
346 Commissioner Lopez stated traffic will most likely always be an issue as the City continues
347 to grow.

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349 Commissioner Doerlich stated this project is a part of living in a dynamic and growing
350 community, it is part of why we live in San Ramon, but we need to be concerned about it
351 and to balance that. Commissioner Doerlich stated he would like to have another
352 discussion next month before approving the design to discuss the issues in more detail.

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354 Commissioner Ernest stated he would not mind if the bocce ball courts were replaced with
355 different amenities. Commissioner Ernest asked if the drinking fountains had an
356 attachment for dogs. Mr. Gates responded the drinking fountains will have an attachment
357 for dogs. Commissioner Ernest stated the lighting issue has been addressed and would like
358 to approve the design tonight.

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360 Chair Yancey asked if staff have a time when the field lights would have to be turned off.
361 Ms. McNamara responded our current practice that our lighted facilities can stay permitted
362 until 10:00pm, but all use of the fields and the lights are permitted by the City. Ms.
363 McNamara stated in the future through the staff and the Commission there could be
364 conditions put on the permits issued for the park.

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366 Chair Yancey asked where the bocce ball courts are located throughout the City. Ms. Lucas
367 responded there are bocce ball courts at Memorial Park, Souyen Park, Ramona Park and

368 there will be new courts added to Rancho San Ramon Park. Commissioner Yancey asked
369 how the bocce ball courts are maintained. Mr. Gault stated the bocce ball courts are on a
370 regular maintenance schedule, but the courts for example at Memorial Park are not
371 maintained at a similar level to the courts at the Senior Center because it is a more popular
372 venue and there is not regular play at Memorial Park.

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374 Chair Yancey asked if there is a need for additional baseball/softball fields. Ms. McNamara
375 stated the proposed ball field is multi-use and can be used for youth baseball and girls and
376 women's softball. Chair Yancey asked if there is a demand by field user groups for fields
377 like this. Ms. McNamara responded staff and the field user groups meet quarterly and based
378 on the current permit requests, we are not able to accommodate all of the groups' request
379 all of the time. Ms. McNamara stated there is some pent up demand for additional field
380 space based on the growing popularity of these sports, and the increase in population.

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382 Chair Yancey asked who determines if the parking is sufficient in the development. Ms.
383 McNamara stated it is within the Commissions purview to look at the proposed park
384 design, the amenities and the available parking either on site or adjacent to the park. Ms.
385 McNamara stated for this project there is a parking lot designated for the park and
386 additional street parking that will be used for the park. The street parking would have to be
387 a condition for approval, because the street parking is necessary for the park. Chair Yancey
388 asked if there is an ordinance or a requirement for how much parking there is. Ms. Yee
389 responded the parking standards that are within in the Northwest Specific Plan, but we
390 defer actual parking for the park to the experts and in this case would be the Parks
391 Department to decide how many spaces they need based on how the park is being
392 programed. Ms. Yee stated parking is reviewed as part of the entire project by the Planning
393 Commission. Chair Yancey asked if Parks Commission were to approve a park, it would
394 then go to the Planning Commission to then also make a determination if there is enough
395 parking space for the park and residential. Ms. Yes responded yes, that is the process.

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397 Chair Yancey asked since it was mentioned this would be the largest park in San Ramon, is
398 this correct. Ms. McNamara responded the Faria Preserve Park would not be the largest in
399 San Ramon, but it would be in the top five largest parks. Chair Yancey asked if there are
400 similar parks in San Ramon with the suggested lighting. Ms. McNamara stated the parks
401 with lighting are Central Park, San Ramon Sports Park and lighted tennis courts at Athan
402 Downs, Cal High, Central Park and Dougherty Valley High School. Chair Yancey asked if
403 those parks are surrounded by a neighborhood. Ms. McNamara stated with the exception of
404 Central Park having residential on only one side, the other parks are located within a
405 neighborhood – Athan Downs and San Ramon Sports Park has residential surrounding the
406 park.

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408 Chair Yancey asked where the shade structures will be located in the proposed design. Mr.
409 Gates responded the shade structures will be located by the tot lot and by the bocce courts
410 and there will be three fabric structures by the lawn.

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412 Chair Yancey asked Mr. Jones what he would like to see added for seniors to the proposed
413 park design. Mr. Jones responded shade structures, chess tables, benches in the rose garden

414 or amenities for more of a sedentary lifestyle. Mr. Klingner stated tennis courts would be a
415 nice addition for seniors.

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417 Mr. Klinger added there is a concern for installing synthetic turf, because it does get a lot
418 hotter than regular grass and it can become unsafe to play on. Chair Yancey asked if there
419 are other synthetic turf fields in San Ramon. Ms. McNamara responded there is one
420 synthetic turf field at the San Ramon Sports Park and the City is working on installing
421 another at Central Park. Ms. McNamara added staff is meeting with contractors to gather
422 more information about adding a sprinkler system to the synthetic turf to bring down the
423 temperature.

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425 Commissioner Kenniston-Lee asked if staff could check with field user groups to see if a
426 permit condition to turn off the lights at say 9:00pm would that prevent them from hosting
427 games. Ms. McNamara responded staff will check with the field user groups. Commissioner
428 Kenniston-Lee asked Mr. Morris if the proposed baseball field is usable for the 13 year old.
429 Mr. Morris responded that CCLL would not be able to host a national little league
430 tournament for that level, but CCLL would use whatever field they can get for league and
431 practice play.

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433 Commissioner Kenniston-Lee's motion to continue the review and consideration of the
434 approval of the Proposed Master Plan for the Faria Preserve Neighborhood Parks and Rose
435 Garden to the next Parks and Community Services Commission meeting on September 11,
436 2013 with further clarification or presentation from staff or the developer on parking and
437 lighting was seconded by Commissioner Doerlich and passed 4 - 3.

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439 **8.3 Recognition of Outgoing Chair**

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441 Vice Chair Meine recognized Chair Yancey for her commitment to the citizens of San Ramon
442 and the Parks & Community Services Commission. Vice Chair Meine stated Chair Yancey
443 showed great leadership, poise and integrity during her term as Chair.

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445 Chair Yancey stated that being Chair of the Parks Commission has been a great honor and
446 privilege and thanked the Commissioners and City staff for their support.

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448 **8.4 Election of Officers 2013/2014**

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450 Chair Yancey opened nominations for Chairperson 2013-2014 of the Commission.

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452 Commissioner Ernest's motion to nominate Vice Chair Meine to serve as Chairperson for
453 the 2013-2014 year was unanimously passed. Student Commissioner Chengareddy voted
454 in favor of the motion.

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456 Chair Yancey opened nominations for Vice Chair of the Commission.

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458 Vice Chair Meine's motion to nominate Commissioner Lopez to serve as Vice Chair for the
459 2013-2014 year was unanimously passed. Student Commissioner Chengareddy voted in

460 favor of the motion.

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462 Chair Yancey closed nominations.

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464 **9. STAFF REPORTS**

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466 **9.1 Administration and Development Report**

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468 Commissioner Lopez commented the department should be proud of the program and
469 services that are offered to the community.

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471 Commissioner Mills thanked staff for their work on the summer concert series.

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473 **9.2 Recreation Program and Community Services Report**

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475 **9.3 Maintenance and Operations Report**

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477 Commissioner Lopez asked if staff could pay more attention to the maintenance of the
478 bocce courts. Mr. Gault responded he will talk with staff and stated the bocce courts at the
479 Senior Center are well maintained because the seniors help with the maintenance and do a
480 lot of their own work to keep the courts looking nice.

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482 There are bocce courts located at Memorial Park, Souyen Park and Ramona Park.

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484 Vice Chair Meine asked if volunteer could help in the maintenance of the bocce courts. Mr.
485 Gault responded staff could add that as part of the Parks Make Life Better program.

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487 **9.4 Action Items**

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490 **10. UPDATE ON CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

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492 **11. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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494 Student Commissioner Chengareddy stated the Teen Council will meet for their annual
495 retreat on August 20th from 9:00am – 4:00pm to select members for each sub-committee,
496 the new Vice Chair and to review their goals for the next year.

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498 Commissioner Ernest asked if there is a timeline for the Fourth of July Five-Year Plan. Ms.
499 Lucas responded a committee will be formed to review the recommendations that came
500 out of the last Fourth of July study. The committee will also work with the Police
501 Department, Fire Department and a fireworks expert to evaluate if the recommended sites
502 are an option for an alternative location. The committee will begin work in the next month
503 or so.

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505 Commissioner Doerlich reminded the Commission of the Art in the Park event on October

506 5th and 6th at Central Park.

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508 Commissioner Lopez stated the Arts Advisory Committee will select artists for the art
509 galleries in October.

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511 Vice Chair Meine stated the Library Advisory Committee is concerned with the parking at
512 the San Ramon Library and asked why they are not able to have limited time parking
513 spaces dedicated to the library. Ms. McNamara responded staff is continuing to pursue the
514 limited parking spaces with the Marketplace owners and have not accepted no as a definite
515 answer yet.

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517 **12. COMMISSION MEMBER ITEMS**

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519 **13. ADJOURNMENT**

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521 The meeting adjourned at 9:40pm.

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523 Submitted by Christina Buna, Commission Secretary.