

City of Costa Mesa
TeWinkle Park Athletic Complex Task Force Meeting Minutes

WHEN: Thursday, March 8, 2012, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER - 6:03 p.m. by Chairman Dean Abernathy

Members Present: Jeffrey Wilcox, John Rittenhouse, Lou DeSandro, Ron Amburgey, Carl Smith, Matt Richards, Gordon Bowley, Jay Litvak, Tim Cromwell, Chairman Dean Abernathy and Jeff Matthews representing Ethan Temianka

Members Absent: Roger Turk, Jack Morales, Ethan Temianka

Alternates Present: Kim Pederson, Jeff Matthews, Elena Mueller and Jason De La O.

Council Members Present: Gary Monahan

Staff/Consultants Present: Raja Sethuraman, Bart Mejia, Lisa McPherson and Jeff Hopkins.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 9, 2012 MEETING

Minutes were approved as read.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Invite other companies to provide concept plans for consideration.
- A resident advised that the city should check on any litigation that BLD may be involved in.
- Currently parking in Mesa Del Mar is impacted when the Orange County Fair and/or various activities are conducted at the park.
- The many impacts outweigh the small benefits received.
- TeWinkle Park is burdened right now due to the tennis courts, dog park and skate park.
- TeWinkle Park is a jewel as it is.

4. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Hopkins provided a brief synopsis of Plan A that was presented to the task force at the February meeting.

Plan B was presented as follows:

Plan B converts Field 1 to a training and practice area. It will include a practice field, batting cages, and bullpens. The practice field will be 105' to 110'.

The practice/training area will also provide 105 additional parking stalls bringing the total number of parking stalls to 213; which equates to approximately 71 stalls per field. This plan provides three fields + a practice field, plus additional parking.

As with Plan A, the fields will have synthetic infields, which look and feel like real grass without the maintenance required. Natural grass will continue to be used in the outfield. The bases can be moved to accommodate the teams utilizing the field. The pitching mounds will be portable. Maintenance crews will set the bases and bring out portable mounds and a game can start within ten (10) minutes. The fields will always be ready and prep time is minimal.

Mr. Hopkins indicated that all visitor/user parking will be off Arlington, and staff parking may be at the rear of the fields. BLD will employ approximately fifteen (15) to twenty (20) local residents to staff the facility.

Reiterated was the fact that BLD will manage fields by the user's group association rules. Growth within the user groups can definitely be accommodated.

Conversation ensued about a task force that is addressing the master plan for Costa Mesa High School and Davis School. That plan would reconstruct Davis field and shift the field north to create parking. That task force is close to having an approved concept for presentation. The

plan is to connect the school parking lot with the fields to the sports complex. It is anticipated that the revised plans will be presented to the NMUSD Master Planning Task Force in May.

The task force submitted that the above idea warrants a Plan C that would preserve the four (4) fields, yet increase parking.

Raja Sethuraman, Acting Public Services Director, provided information on the proposed Mitigation Plan:

1. Re-landscape back of Presidio parking lot and restrict parking for TeWinkle Park users and operator employees.
2. Install gates to secure site when in use. Open to the public when not in use.
3. Plant additional trees for additional landscape buffer and protect existing trees.
4. Perimeter fences designed to be aesthetically pleasing and to provide effective sound attenuation. Musco lights to remain.
5. Neighborhood entryway improvements at Junipero and Presidio.
6. Initiate permit parking program for the Mesa Del Mar residents. Pilot program to start this summer.
7. Provide parking adequate for the planned operation.

5. ACTION ITEMS

At the next meeting BLD will provide a concept plan that maintains the current four-field layout with alternatives for additional parking, including the proposed parking lot for Davis.

Raja Sethuraman encouraged any questions or concerns are sent to him via email.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Dean Abernathy at 8:17 PM.

Next meeting: April 5, 2012