

DATE: Saturday June 26, 2021

TO: Trustees, La Jolla Community Planning Association

FROM: Diane Kane, Member, PARC (Parks and Recreation Coalition)

RE: PARC (Susan Baldwin, Carolyn Chase, Howard Greenstein, representatives) Meeting with Heidi Von Blum and Martin Flores, SD Planning Department

At the encouragement of the Parks and Recreation Board, Planning Department Staff met with members of PARC (Parks and Recreation Coalition) on Friday June 25, 2021. PARC members were pleased that the Parks Master Plan Draft #3 will be followed by Draft #4 that incorporates many of PARC's suggestions. Draft #4 will also include other comments received during this review period.

The following items were discussed, with updates on their resolution (or continuing analysis/review).

1. Draft #4 will be released and posted on the City's PMP website on Tuesday, July 6, for the Public Safety & Livable Neighborhoods meeting on Wed., July 14 at 9 a.m.

2. 20% of 100 points for land acquisition

- Staff totally agrees with and plan to incorporate fully our proposal to allocate 20 percent of the 100 points to park land acquisition. This will be included in the PMP not the resolution (which is for the Citywide Park Development Fee).
- No change proposed to 7 points per acre.

3. Commercialization:

- Removed the reference to commercial facilities as "typical" in a community park.
- Policy AB-4 - Requires approval of for profit commercial facilities by the Park & Recreation Board of any size.
- Discussed concern regarding use of word "enjoyment" (we suggested not using that word but unclear if staff agreed).
- We noted our recommendation to retain the language in the GP Recreation Element re: "Protect parks from commercialization and privatization." HVB said they will look at that.

4. Citywide Park Development Impact Fee Resolution issues

- Language "Mayor or his (their) designee" language is standard and replaces language that used to refer to the City Manager.
- The definition of "park deficient communities" will be addressed in more detail in the 4th draft (on page 75, Table 4 and will not be based only on acreage; need and population concentration are factors. An assessment based on the points system will be a follow-up Implementation Action.
- We noted the need for a list of park deficient communities as part of the follow-up Implementation Action.
- We suggested the Existing Conditions report include a clearer list of park deficient communities based on the 2.8 acre standard.
- Five year DIF allocation (which is 50% Communities of Concern; 30% Park Deficient Communities; and 20% Other a correction to current draft resolution language) is not a limit, will not sunset after 5 years. Will be re-evaluated after 5 years.

5. Counting every acre vs. a park of any size gets 7 points

- Input from others (not identified) was reason for the idea that a park of any size under 1 acre would count as 7 points.

- We emphasized that every 1/8 acre should count (e.g. a 1.5 acre park should receive 10.5 points; a .5 acre park should receive 3.5 points). Staff understands our position and are discussing internally.

6. Urban Forestry

- Reviewing our comment letter and Anne Fege's (Urban Forester).
- Discussed size of boxed trees, quality improvements needed for plazas as well as baselines for other parks for things like benches and trees, CAP consistency, reporting on trees - Staff is discussing with City landscape architects/park planners.

7. Miscellaneous

- No park designs will be ministerial, whether city or developer initiated.
- All park designs (General Development Plans) will be reviewed by the Park & Recreation Board.
- Developers cannot add amenities to existing parks to address their park obligations; they must pay fee or develop publicly accessible park on-site.
- Update of Council Policy 600-33 is being added to the list of Implementation Actions. (Community participation is important.)
- Discussed prioritizing the Implementation List and getting a timeline. (No resolution)
- Discussed clarifying how RV-points will be used.
- Points don't determine spending priorities; priorities will be based on location and need.
- Points will be used in Community Plan Updates with 20% of points for land acquisition.
- Points will not be used to design a specific park; points will not drive the design of developers' projects or city projects.
- Units exempt from DIFs are listed in the Municipal Code 142.06.40 (e.g. Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) have no fees).