

Park Committee Meeting Minutes – January 15, 2004

- 1) Attendees: Amy Paschal, Nancy Sakal, Bryan and Shelly Shisler, Joe Cassetta, Michael Kubiniec and Carol Sweetapple. New City of San Jose Parks Manager – Art Rosales – was also in attendance. Art is the new City of San Jose’s Parks Manager, replacing Todd Capurso, who has taken on a new position.
- 2) Community Center Building Renovation Project:
 - a) Project bid has been awarded. Work to start very soon. Construction fence to go up as early as week of January 19th.
 - b) Committee requested that Art follow up to ensure that permanent irrigation on the south end of the parking lot is included in the scope of work for the building. (This was a previous City commitment)
 - c) Art believes the planter bed on the side of the building that faces the park will be included in the renovation project. Art to confirm.
- 3) Youth Lot:
 - a) Designs by the landscape architect are underway. Art is to find out when the construction drawings will be ready for initial Youth Lot Committee review. Art to contact Amy with this information.
- 4) Rose Garden:
 - a) The wine press is broken and dilapidated, and represents a safety hazard. Art to investigate whether the wine press can be placed into storage in the 1852 winery building.
 - b) Committee expressed an interest whether the rose garden area could be eligible for a portion of the public art funds that will be used for the community center building renovation. Consensus was that a suitable art piece thematic of the area’s winery history should be a central point of the rose garden area. Art will look into the budget for the public art and whether the rose garden could be included. Art also mentioned that the process for public art will be similar for other City projects: community input will be solicited through public meetings (just like the Vineland Library).
 - c) Carol Sweetapple, a resident of the surrounding neighborhood, attended the committee meeting. She has expertise in roses and horticulture in general and has been volunteering in our park on a regular basis. She continues to interface with City maintenance staff to address various park maintenance issues.
 - d) The irrigation systems in the rose garden and shade garden areas are manually operated (no electrical power is present). Replacement of this irrigation system would be a rather large project and would most likely be completed in a separate park project.
- 5) Plantings on Chambertin Drive Park Entranceway:
 - a) The Park Committee feels that the plant selection in this area could be improved. A sketch of the area was prepared and presented to Art for replacing the current plantings with a more suitable design. Art and Nancy walked the area. Art has agreed to allow for the replacement of the rye grass. However, he will take the Committee’s entire area recommendation under review and will provide the committee feedback (and hopefully final approval) in the very near future.
 - b) The Committee has agreed to pay for all the plantings with AWWA funds and to provide the labor for replacing all the plantings. Total number of plants is approximately 160.
 - c) The Committee plans to organize a planting day and to solicit volunteers from the community to assist. Tentative date for the planting is Saturday, March 13, 2004, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Point of contact: Nancy Sakal: (408) 266-8797; dsakal@earthlink.net. Volunteers will be needed. Members of the Youth Committee are specifically being asked to help out.
- 6) Miscellaneous:
 - a) Storage of AWWA Items: Art to investigate the feasibility of the AWWA storing various items inside the 1852 winery building.

- b) Grills In The Lower Picnic Area: Following the Phase 2 Park Dedication and Picnic last June, Todd Capurso, Sara Hensley and Michael Kubiniec walked the lower picnic area of the park to discuss the placement of City provided permanent BBQ grills. Since this previous commitment was "lost", Art will investigate and add to his action list. Michael Kubiniec to provide Art with a drawing showing the exact placement of the grills.
 - c) The Park Committee still seeks 1 or 2 additional volunteers for the committee. Especially needed are residents of Tresor and Vineland. If interested, contact Michael Kubiniec, 445-2644.
- 7) Next Meeting: April 15, 2004, 7:30 PM, at Nick Wright's house.