March 31, 2017

Meeting Summary
Garfield Park Master Plan
RE: Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission/Community Meeting
Date: March 8, 2017
Time: 6:00 p.m.

Attendees:

City of Napa Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (Commission):
Liz Alessio, Chris DeNatale
Chris Hammaker, Gary Hercules
Tiffany Kenny, Mark Lucas
Bernie Narvaez

City of Napa (City):
John Coates, Parks and Recreation Director
Brent Reed, Management Analyst II
Dave Perazzo, Parks, Trees, & Facilities Manager
Katrina Gregory, Recreation Manager
John Ferons, Senior Civil Engineer, Public Works

Callander Associates (CA):
Ben Woodside
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At the regularly scheduled City of Napa Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission Meeting, Callander Associates presented two alternative designs for the Garfield Park Master Plan to solicit input from the public and from the Commission regarding design and program preferences. Both designs include the program elements that were identified during the community Open House and through the online User Survey as top priorities. The designs mainly differ in spatial organization and in emphasis on developed, programmed space vs. natural open space. The two designs also present auxiliary program items for public consideration, as well as alternative treatments for existing facilities on the north side of Salvador Creek.

A full recording of the presentation, public comment, and Commission comments is available at:
http://napacity.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=2&clip_id=1775

A summary of the feedback received from the Commission and from members of the public who chose to comment on the project is as follows:

- Majority preference for Alternative 2: Journey. In general, this preference is due to a desire to keep the space as natural and open as possible.
 Desire to explore shared use of existing parking at Vintage High School and Little League parking lot. Bridge across Salvador Creek will help provide access between Vintage High School parking and Little League fields.

- Support for inclusion of community garden, as well as UC Master Gardeners demonstration garden. Concern about year round maintenance and aesthetics of community garden and desire for Master Plan to address aesthetics and give consideration to screening/buffer around garden.

- Concern expressed by several members of the public that the play area, picnic area, and informal gathering/games area would not be popular with park users.

The Master Plan Alternatives presented at this meeting will also be presented to City Council in May. They will be available online at the project website for public review and will be accompanied by a questionnaire to solicit further public input on the designs. Comments received at this meeting, as well as feedback from the online questionnaire and from City Council, will be incorporated into the Draft Master Plan, which will again be presented for public comment before being finalized and adopted.

This summary reflects Callander Associates’ understanding of items discussed at the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission Meeting. For information on the next steps of the project and opportunities to provide input, please visit the Garfield Park Master Plan website at www.naparec.com/garfieldparkmasterplan.

Submitted by:

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