



**SUMMARY MINUTES
JULY 13, 2015**

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting was held in Council Chambers and called to order at 5 p.m. by Council member Gillmor. Council Ad Hoc Committee members Gillmor and Marsalli present.

II. Selection of Ad Hoc Committee Chair

Councilmember Gillmor was selected as Ad Hoc Committee Chair.

III. Old Business

The Director of Parks and Recreation provided an update on progress since Council direction (June 10, 2014) including Montague Park community meetings, exploration of Santa Clara Unified School District sites, industrial sites, and other options including sites outside of the City limits. The City made a broad attempt to identify and study many different sites, and implement strategies, such as: (1) Parks & Recreation Department securing additional soccer fields at King's Academy and Twin Creeks Complex to mitigate Stadium game day impacts at Youth Soccer Park (YSP); (2) Santa Clara Police Department with key stakeholders, developing and implementing a comprehensive Traffic Management Plan surrounding the Levi's Stadium and Youth Soccer Park; (3) Council establishing a Capital Improvement Project and appropriating \$2,000,000 in initial budget; (4) selecting LPA, Inc. to conduct the outreach, site planning, facility assessment, design, and engineering related work for athletic fields and support facilities; (5) exploring access to Jenny Strand Park, and holding community meetings at Montague Park (6) touring SCUSD sites, sites outside the City limits in San Jose and Sunnyvale; and, (7) reviewing potential industrial sites. Information is posted on the City Parks Projects webpage. Regarding the disposition of Youth Soccer Park; Council determined that YSP is not moving at this time.

IV. New Business

Committee Review – Council Action (May 19, 2015 Item 5.A.1) refer Youth Soccer Park process and guiding principles to Committee for discussion and return to Council for consideration. This item was deferred to the next Ad Hoc Committee meeting.

V. Committee Discussion

Council Committee members discussed the current options for additional soccer & athletic fields.

- Montague Park. Members clarified that the baseball field adjacent to Montague Park is on SCUSD property, not City property, and not part of the study. Feedback from the community outreach meetings to the three conceptual designs indicated resident support for park improvements, but not the addition of athletic field(s). Committee members indicated a desire to see the conceptual designs, support for continued community dialogue and consideration of a small field appropriate for youth and completion of needed park improvements. Public input will be considered by Ad Hoc Committee
- Industrial Site(s). An 8.75 acre site under consideration is located near Reed and Grant Street recently purchased by SVP, the City's Electric Utility. A preliminary review indicates that the site could provide multi-use athletic facilities, including a FIFA

sized soccer field, tennis courts, and baseball field among various options. The site issues have been mitigated and Soil Management Plan is in place and could be augmented over time by additional land purchases.

- Youth Soccer Park. Council authorized funding for the conversion of field #3 to synthetic turf, replacement of field #2 and adding spectator stands to field #1.
- Coleman Fields. The build-out of the San Jose Earthquakes Stadium site anticipates additional fields will be available for rental; priority of use may not be favorable to Santa Clara.
- SCUSD properties, including Santa Clara High School and Wilcox High School fields were explored. The City and SCUSD maintain ongoing dialog through agency liaison meetings.
- Site Needs/Issues. Parking: Off street parking and traffic management are critical to site selection, with 60-90 parking space count optimal per field. Marsalli Park may be an option in conjunction with its proximity to Reed Street if the field were converted to a multipurpose synthetic turf field. School sites have parking available; neighborhood streets are impacted by parking. Vertical parking as solution is expensive. Curtis School, Sutter School, Wilson Adult Education Center, Cabrillo Middle School, and Central Park fields are already heavily used. Access and support facilities are issues, such as restroom were built at the Curtis site. Replacing Youth Soccer Park field #3 with synthetic turf would provide additional use and has lights..

VI. Public Presentations

- Santa Clara Youth Soccer League President expressed support for exploration of the Reed and Grant Site for multiple fields. Site design needs to provide adequate space between fields, restroom facilities, warm-up area. Field rental from cities or vendors outside of Santa Clara (including adjacent to AVAYA Stadium) are not long-term, viable options due to high hourly cost and availability issues; Twin Creeks Sports Complex (Sunnyvale) are not regulation size, and multi-use, including LaCrosse is a conflict. SCUSD sites have constraints, including impact on the community with noise and lights, and scheduling field use would conflict with existing user groups. Tennis and soccer go together. Consider where soccer families live when selecting a site for games and practices. Recreational teams prefer to play near where they live; competitive teams may travel further distances. Anything helps; the priority is Santa Clara youth. Additional fields are needed. Consider vertical parking with fields on top. More parking is needed for tournaments. Design needs to consider players, families, coaches, referees, concession sales, staff. Don't pit one sport against another, such as soccer and football; we want to work together. Curtis is a great field to use. Adult leagues tear up fields. Consider synthetic turf; natural grass doesn't grow well in the clay soil; not practical; more utilization with synthetic fields.

VII. Next Meeting Date

Tentatively scheduled for Monday, August 17, 2015 at 5 p.m.

Ad Hoc Committee requested a power point presentation at next meeting with visuals on the potential sites. Invite stakeholders, community and Youth Commission, Parks & Recreation Commission and SCUSD representative.

VIII. Adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 5:14 p.m.