



**SUMMARY MINUTES
AUGUST 17, 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 (Ad Hoc Committee Chair). Council Ad Hoc Committee member Marsalli excused.

II. Review Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Minutes

Councilmember Gillmor approved amended Summary Minutes of the July 13, 2015 Ad Hoc Committee Meeting to note meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m., rather than 5:14 p.m..

III. Old Business

A. Additional Soccer Fields & Athletic Facilities to Meet Increased Community Needs.

The Director of Parks & Recreation provided an overview of youth soccer and athletic facility needs followed by a presentation of conceptual images developed by LPA (landscape architect) to initiate discussion of various sites selected for study, including: 1) Montague Park Preliminary Concepts A, B and C, 2) preliminary concepts developed for City owned industrial property on Reed & Grant Streets (adjacent to the Reed Street Dog Park) including various configurations of soccer only, and multiple sports (baseball, tennis, soccer); 3) potential for collaboration with Twin Creeks Sports Complex; 4) potential collaboration with Santa Clara Unified School District at Wilcox High School, Santa Clara High School, Buchser Middle School, or Curtis School sites. Arash Izadi, LPA Associate/Landscape Architect was also present to answer questions. The Parks & Recreation Director also mentioned Council allocation of Capital Improvement Project funds to replace the Youth Soccer Park natural turf field #3 with synthetic turf that would increase time available for use once completed. The presentation is available on the City's website on the Parks Projects page.

B. Council Referral of Draft Guiding Principles Related to Youth Soccer Park (May 19, 2015 Item 5.A.1). Director Teixeira mentioned that draft guiding principles were referred from Council to the Committee for further review, discussion and refinement. The final draft would be recommended to Council to guide any future consideration of proposals to move the City's existing Youth Soccer Park (YSP) to another location. The draft principles addressed areas such as: transparency, public process, timing, size, quality, and continued use of the existing YSP, among others. (See Exhibit A, attached)

IV. Committee Discussion

Committee member Gillmor reviewed the next steps in the Youth Soccer Park process and requested that staff provide copies of the draft guiding principles for consideration by the Ad Hoc Committee with input from the public. Currently, there are no plans to move YSP as evidenced by Council authorized funding for upgrades to YSP such as the conversion of field #3 to synthetic turf, replacement of synthetic turf on field #2, and addition of spectator stands to field #1.

V. Public Presentations

The Committee Chair opened the meeting to public comment on the current options for additional soccer & athletic fields.

- Provide adequate parking; consider parking structures;

- Consider environmental issues with industrial sites;
- Curtis Field needs to be fenced to protect from unauthorized field use by adult leagues on the weekends and evenings;
- Allow adequate space and run out space between fields;
- Open grass areas for pre-game warm up;
- Need to secure parking at the Youth Soccer Park; may consider towing service and/or use of private security personnel to address public use of the YSP lot;
- Concerned about speeding vehicles in parking areas and on adjacent streets;
- Consider practices use and variety of age groups' needs with both larger and smaller size fields;
- Allow for spectator seating in designs of additional fields;
- Design fields running parallel to each other vs. perpendicular or need netting to prevent balls from shooting into adjacent fields;
- Could fit three small fields on one large field; consider multi-use options;
- Consider Marsalli Park for conversion to a multi-sport field, with synthetic turf since it already has lights;
- Need to avoid parking in the neighborhoods;
- Additional lighted fields are needed.

Attendees were asked to take the conceptual designs and review them and provide written feedback to Parks & Recreation Director.

VI. Next Meeting Date

September 28, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. at Santa Clara City Council Chambers, 1500 Warburton Avenue, Santa Clara CA 95050

VII. Adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Exhibit A
For Discussion Purposes Only

GUIDING PRINCIPLES
FOR CONSIDERATION OF FUTURE DISPOSITION OF
SANTA CLARA YOUTH SOCCER PARK
(As submitted to Council by SCYSL—May 18, 2015)

1. **PROCESS** —All consideration of any proposals shall be conducted in public with sufficient notice to allow for meaningful input from the public. There shall not be partial, preliminary or even package offers to the Mayor, Councilmembers, City Manager or staff except through the public process.
2. **TIMING** — No agreements may be approved until after a viable relocation site has been located, zoning approval and CEQA clearance has been obtained and a financial plan to relocate the Soccer Park in its entirety has been developed. Furthermore, any new facility must be built and ready for use — a Turnkey Operation.
3. **LOCATION** —If the Soccer Park is relocated, it must be moved to an equal or better location with an equal or better facility than the existing Soccer Park. The Soccer Park cannot be replaced in separate locations and must reside on at least 11 acres of land. SCYSL and PAL Board designated members must be involved in the site selection and development. The City will not consider any transaction that result in the net reduction of City Park land.
4. **VALUE** — If there is a disposition of the Youth Soccer Park real property, the transaction will be made at Fair Market Value based on the highest and best land use of the property. Furthermore, no General Fund money may be used to relocate the existing Soccer Park. Whatever party requests relocation of the Soccer Park must pay for both land acquisition and development costs of a new Youth Soccer Park facility.