



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Adjourned Regular Meeting held
February 25, 2014

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 6:32 p.m. by Mayor Croft in the Executive Board Room at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Mayor Steve Croft
Vice Mayor Todd Rogers
Council Member Diane DuBois
Council Member Ron Piazza
Council Member Jeff Wood

REVIEW OF PROPOSED PARK PROJECTS

DEL VALLE PARK VETERANS' MEMORIAL

Public Works Director Lisa Rapp displayed slides and reviewed design concepts for the Veteran Memorial area at Del Valle Park. She advised that designs had been presented to the Park Development Committee and based on their recommendations, the designs were focused on the aircraft carrier concept. The design provided for a concrete pad planned to look like the deck of an aircraft carrier, which would be surrounded by a presentation area containing the official seals of each branch of the military.

Mayor Croft inquired about the material proposed to provide the color in the concrete and its ability to withstand high-traffic areas. Architect Randy Meyer advised that the proposed glass lithocrete had already been installed and was in use in several high-traffic areas.

Responding to a question from Council Member DuBois, Ms. Rapp stated that the carrier deck design was based on that of a Vietnam-era carrier. Mr. Meyer noted that the Del Valle Park airplane would have been launched from a carrier that was of the same class.

Ms. Rapp stated that based on the Council's preference, the intent was to finalize a design and make the unveiling a part of the 2014 Memorial Day Ceremony.

Council Member DuBois asked about the maintenance requirements of the proposed materials. Recreation and Community Services Director Lisa Litzinger stated that it would likely require less maintenance than the current landscaping materials in that area.

It was the consensus of the City Council that the design labeled "G" which was a circular design offered the best presentation for the memorial area.

Ms. Rapp noted that there would be a new pedestal for the aircraft, and that it would be black to give the visual effect that the plane was in flight.

SAN MARTIN PARK PLAYGROUND

Ms. Rapp displayed slides showing the aging playground equipment and advised that a Request for Proposals had been prepared for play area equipment providers to submit designs for new equipment in the school-age playground. She noted that included in the RFP was a quotation request for an updated design to replace the remaining original pumpkin that would better meet current standards for playground equipment, while maintaining the traditional fantasy theme. She noted that the original pumpkin currently in place would remain until the actual start of the new construction. She also detailed plans for alterations to the plaza area of the park which include the relocation of the San Martin statue and a new sign.

Council Member Piazza stated that while he was in favor of maintaining the pumpkin theme, given its significance to so many members of the community, he wanted to be sure that it was not so costly that it required an expenditure out of proportion with those for other City parks. Ms. Litzinger responded by stating that the budget for San Martin was similar to the other playground renovations throughout the City.

Senior Project Manager Kimberly McDowell reported that the new pumpkin design would be broken out as a separate line item in the RFP.

LAKESWOOD DOG PARK

Ms. Rapp displayed slides showing the proposed location for a dog park to be located in the City-owned area at the northern-most end of Rynerson Park. The draft plan called for the relocation of the horse trail turnaround and the installation of fencing.

Council Member DuBois questioned the change of location from the original plan to locate the dog park on the east side of Studebaker Road at Del Amo Boulevard. Ms. Rapp responded by stating that the original site would require site grading, surfacing and infrastructure such as parking facilities, while the Rynerson site could be prepared at significantly lower cost since many of the required features were already existing.

Responding to a question from Council Member Piazza, Ms. Litzinger stated that staff had reached out to the stables operator and no problems for the equestrians had been identified.

Mayor Croft stated that the proposal was a great alternative, allowing the City to offer a new recreational option at a much more affordable cost. He determined from Ms. Rapp that the next step would be to obtain quotes for the necessary walkways and fences, then the City Council would be presented with actual cost proposals.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Croft adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC
City Clerk