

MINUTES of a regular meeting of the Environmental Review Committee of the City of Redlands held on December 18, 2017 at 9:10 a.m.

PRESENT Brian Foote, Development Services
Jeff Frazier, Fire Department
Tricia Swope, Quality of Life
Travis Martinez, Police Department
Don Young, Municipal Utilities and Engineering

STAFF Sean Reilly, Associate Planner
PRESENT

I. ATTENDANCE

Mr. Brian Foote called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. All committee members were present.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of November 6, 2017

It was moved by Mr. Don Young, seconded by Mr. Jeff Frazier and carried on a 5-0 vote, to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2017 meeting.

Minutes of December 4, 2017

The minutes of December 4, 2017 were tabled for a revision as requested.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. CITY OF REDLANDS, APPLICANT (PROJECT PLANNER: EMILY ELLIOTT, AICP)

PUBLIC HEARING to consider a recommendation to the City Council on an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the following project;

Redlands Skate Park Project: The construction and operation of a 15,000 square foot, in-ground, skate park including bowl, stairs, curbs, transitions, ledges, rails, and ramps, with landscaping and amenities including a 2,500 square feet of decomposed granite gathering area for spectating and staging, safety/security lighting and cameras, bench seating, located within the southwestern portion of Sylvan Park, a public park owned and maintained by the City of Redlands, north of E. Park Avenue and West of N. University Street (APN: 0170-142-07). An Initial Study has been prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act, there is no substantial evidence of any potentially significant environmental effects, and a Mitigated Negative Declaration may be recommended in accordance with Section 15074 of the CEQA G Guidelines.

Mr. Sean Reilly, Associate Planner, provided a brief overview of The Redlands Skate Park Project.

Mr. Foote opened the Public Hearing.

Ms. Amanda Frye, resident, expressed her concerns with the proposed site for the Redlands Skate Park and the negative impact the project may cause to the youth, the Zanja, the secondary greens needed for the Lawn Bowling Club and the proximity to the train tracks and future station platform. Ms. Frye expressed dissatisfaction that the project did not go through the proper channels, and the staff report and ESA studies appeared to be incomplete.

Mr. Andy Hoder, resident, expressed his concern and requested clarification regarding the proximity of the train and train tracks, drainage, and lighting for the proposed site.

Ms. Kathleen Beall, resident, provided background on the Zanja stating that the Zanja is a gravity flow water way and an environmental resource, the setbacks are required to be 100 feet minimum according to the Army Corps of Engineers. Ms. Beall expressed concerns regarding the Redlands Skate Park design and requested that a thorough due diligence process be completed.

Mr. Stephen Rogers, resident, expressed dissatisfaction with the Initial Study under the category of hydrology and water quality. Mr. Rogers recommended that a hydrology study be completed and a grading plan be prepared by a civil engineer.

Ms. Marie Reynolds, resident, expressed her concerns with the mitigated negative declaration stating that the cultural, tribal resources and the lawn blowing club will be impacted. Ms. Frye also expressed concerns that the construction zone would exceed the footprint and questioned why another park was not considered.

Mr. Foote closed the Public Hearing.

MOTION

It was moved by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Travis Martinez and carried on a 5-0 vote, to continue the Redlands Skate Park Project to the January 16, 2018 Environmental Review Committee meeting.

IV. NEW BUSINESS – None

V. COMMUNICATION/INFORMATION - None

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mr. Foote opened the Public Comment period.

Ms. Frye requested a roster of the Environmental Review Committee and recommended that staff speak to the City Attorney regarding the Dedication Law. Ms. Frye stated that the proximity of the proposed site for the Redlands Skate Park, relative to the train is a safety issue for the youth.

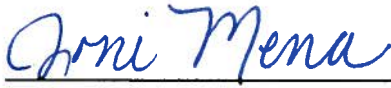
Mr. Rogers requested that the additional location that was considered for the Skate Park be included in the Initial Study. Mr. Rogers recommended that FEMMA regulations be adhered to when building in a flood plain.

Mr. Foot closed the Public Comment period

VII. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING TO MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2018

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m. to the next regularly scheduled Environmental Review Committee meeting of Monday, January 16, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,



Joni Mena
Senior Administrative Technician



Sean Reilly
Associate Planner