

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Richard D. Wykoff, City Manager
FROM: Stewart A. Frame, Director of Parks and Recreation *SAF*
DATE: January 25, 1991
SUBJECT: Follow-up on Comments at the Study Session Regarding the
Parks and Recreation Master Plan

The items listed below are specific follow-ups regarding input given from the Council at the Study Session on January 14, 1991.

The follow-up comments are designed to give a brief response to the items brought forth at the Study Session. The version that would go into the final edition of the Master Plan will be expanded upon when submitted to Council.

ITEM 1: LOCATION OF SECOND SAND VOLLEYBALL COURT

The staff would recommend the following three sites for a second sand volleyball court to be constructed after the one at Catamaran is completed. They are in rank order:

- A) Farragut Park
- B) Undeveloped area of Boothbay Park
- C) Boat Park

ITEM 2: REDUCTION OF BOWDITCH SCHOOL SPORTS PROGRAM

Bowditch Middle School has eliminated the track and field program due to budget cuts this school year. As far as next year is concerned, John Belforte is unsure if there will be any additional programs discontinued.

ITEM 3: TEEN PROGRAMMING FOR FRIDAY NIGHTS AT THE FOSTER CITY RECREATION CENTER

Staff recommends that one program a month would be offered for high school students and one program per month for middle school students. These special programs would be in addition to events and dances that the Youth Advisory Committee currently sponsors. The programs to be offered would take place in Room 105 in the Recreation Center. The programs would be mini special events and each program would have a special theme to draw teenagers interests and attendance.

Examples are:

- A. Casino Night
- B. "Who Done It Night" (which would be a presentation of a murder mystery with staff serving as players in the drama.)
- C. A dance competition with prizes for the winners
- D. Trivial Pursuit Tournament.

The purpose behind programs of this nature is to give teens something to do on Friday nights at least once a month. Full-time Recreation Coordinators would oversee these programs and money would be funded in the 07 program budget which would be recommended at \$3,000 per year. Implementation of these activities would occur after they have been reviewed by Recreation program staff and the Youth Advisory Committee. A complete schedule would be developed with approval by the Youth Advisory Committee to allow for success in these programs.

Recreation staff, including the Director, who have worked with teens for years know that this is a very tough age level to provide suitable activities. Teenagers may say they want something and what they actually participate in may be two different things. A successful event must have the interest of the Youth Advisory Committee. Their input is vital.

ITEM 4: COST OF SPROUSE REITZ BUILDING LOCATED AT 1094 SHELL BLVD. IN THE MARLIN COVE SHOPPING CENTER

This building is under lease by Dammer, Pike and Company. Their representative, Mr. Gary Polsky, has stated the cost to lease the building is \$1.00 per square foot per month at 17,500 square feet or \$210,000.00 per year.

ITEM 5: REVIEW OF THE RECREATION CENTER NEEDS IN PROVIDING AN AN ADEQUATE PROGRAM

A study by staff will be undertaken in order to determine what needs are apparent for remodeling the Recreation Center. This project may include hiring an architect to study the remodeling and also include additional building needs. This project is now under review by Public Works and Parks and Recreation staff.

ITEM 6: COMMENT ON FUNDS OF THE VENEZIA PROPERTY

The \$600,000 received by the City for the Venezia property is appropriated for Parks and Recreation Capital Improvement. Jim Hardy verified that the \$600,000 was appropriated by the City Council to be used for any capital improvement project for Parks and Recreation. It could be for the bikeway system or any other Parks and Recreation activity within the City. These funds have not been earmarked for any specific project at this time.

ITEM 7: ADDITIONAL COMMENTS REGARDING BIKEWAY REPORT

Comments were made at the Study Session by Parks and Recreation Committee member Bob Martin for additions to the bikeway plan that has been passed by the City Council. This matter has been reviewed by staff with Bob Martin and he has made a number of points. They are as follows:

- A. There should be bike paths on streets that are not part of the bikeway system at this time; that are not major thoroughfares in Foster City. In other words, a bikeway system should be developed and utilized on less busy streets that would allow for youth and recreational bicyclists to travel to school and to shopping centers and around the city without using major roads such as Edgewater, Shell, Foster City Blvd., E. Hillsdale and Beach Park Blvd.
- B. There should also be a bike path running through Ryan Park on the sidewalk parallel to E.Hillsdale Avenue so the bicyclists could get off E. Hillsdale and bike on the sidewalk in Ryan Park.

In summary, according to Mr. Martin, there is a need to find additional bikeways that can fulfill the travel needs of recreational bicyclists and youth throughout the City that are not covered in the bikeway system report.

ITEM 8: COST TO DEVELOP PHASE II OF SEA CLOUD PARK.

The cost estimates for Phase II development of Sea Cloud Park are based on information obtained from Mel Lee and Park staff's research using the Kerr's Cost Data for Landscape Construction. There are two parts for the cost of this development:

1. Having the site filled; this would be tied into the Marina project or if a decision is made not to have a Marina Project, fill would need to be brought in by contract. This cost estimate would then be between \$1.5 and 2 million dollars.
2. Actual construction for facility development. To develop the nineteen acres, estimates come in at \$137,000 per acre in 1993 dollars. These landscape costs are based on the development of a football field/running track, three baseball fields and additional parking. This estimate does not include restrooms, lights, scoreboards and benches.

Based on these cost estimates, using 1993 dollars, the cost would be \$2.6 million dollars. Therefore the total cost for landfill, if necessary, and facility development would be \$4,100,000, if construction were to start in 1993. This figure would appreciate at 8% a year after 1993. The figures presented in this report are estimates.