

facility. The concept of the new facility is that it is one entity- not a library or a recreation center but rather a “community center”. She was concerned that they might lose out on the opportunity for a new Recreation Department office in Piper Park. She would like the Commission to stay on top of this and felt that information was the best defense. She wanted to focus on the numbers- how much square footage they would be gaining in the department vs. how much square footage is leaving the park (elimination of bathroom and storage structures). She noted there were dramatic constraints upon the Department’s use of its current location. She is strongly in favor of taking this opportunity.

Commissioner Blauvelt stated she was not opposed to the idea of relocating the department but would like to put it on the back-burner. They would not be losing any opportunities since the Public Works/Engineering Department is not moving for another 12 to 18 months. She is thinking short-term and wants to avoid any confusion pertaining to the Rose Garden community facility parcel. Commissioner Friedel agreed but stated she wanted to continue to move forward.

Commissioner Hauser asked about the time line. Recreation Director Whitley stated the Public Works/Engineering Department is relocating around January, 2014. The City Manager would like the Recreation Department to be ready to go forward to step into that position. The City Manager would like them to put it on the back-burner.

Commissioner Hauser stated it would be helpful to have an idea of what the building would look like, what would be removed from the park, etc. prior to taking public comment and sending this to the Council.

Commissioner Blauvelt stated the opportunity would not go away since the City Manager is so supportive of the idea. The timing is not critical. Commissioner Hauser stated would like to know what the time line would be. Recreation Director Whitley stated they would probably want to maintain the vacant facility and not leave the space open so the timeline could be adjusted.

Commissioner Hauser stated he would like to see some schematics and elevations of the proposed building. Recreation Director Whitley stated the Public Works Director could work on this. Commissioner Friedel stated the plans should include information about the square footage and some printed information about the need for this new building.

Commissioner Blauvelt asked how this would be funded. Recreation Director Whitley stated the City Manager was working on the funding which might be combined with funding for the Public Works Corporation Yard.

Commissioner Blauvelt reiterated the need to put this proposal on the backburner.

Commissioner Hauser stated he would like to move forward on this. Timing was the key.

RECREATION DIRECTOR'S ORAL REPORT

Recreation Director Whitley reported that the Super Cool Summer School brochure was now available.

Supervisor Clegg reported on the upcoming summer programs for tweens/teens, including a College Tour, outdoor trips, roller skating, rafting, etc.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

The Commission thanked Commissioner Friedel for her hard work on the LARC. Commissioner Friedel stated the Master Plan was ready for review by the Planning Commission and City Council.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary