

## Mid-Coast Recreational Needs Meeting

January 17, 2007

### Focus on El Granada's Needs

#### In Attendance:

Dave Holland and Sam Herzberg, San Mateo County Parks  
Gael Erickson and Kathryn Slater Carter, Mid-Coast Community Council  
Barbara Mauz, James McKusick, Lee McKusick, Jane Hillhouse, Jim Blanchard, Christy Samuels, Matthew Clark, Yvonne Beeder, Jay Rubin, Jake Niewbaum, Fran Pollard, Donnalyn Polito, Merrill Bobele, Leonard Woren, Residents

#### The following comments were received:

- Need a variety of trails connecting the Mid-Coast for different types of trail users.
- There have been three past assessments over 30 years, all were consistent in needs, and the last Recreational Needs Assessments results are still valid.
- People want the County to do something instead of keeping asking what is needed.
- Lands surrounding the community that are undeveloped still require protection.
  - Lands around Pillar Point Marsh should be acquired.
  - Natural areas need protection.
  - All beaches should be acquired by State Parks, so that they are publicly accessible.
- There is a large 20 acre lot owned by the School District that should be acquired.
  - Currently used by the public informally (i.e. ad hoc trails).
  - Adjacent to Corral de Tierra for trail connectivity.
  - Potential Dog Park.
  - Wetlands on property.
- Linear medians in El Granada were originally intended (1906 Burnham Plan) to be linear parks.
  - Are currently owned by the County.
  - Large eucalyptuses are 90-100 years old and near end of lifetime.
  - Public discussion is needed on the best strategy to revegetate these islands.
- Burnham strip needs to be acquired.
  - Needs a linear trail with native planting.
- There are local recreational needs as well as regional recreational needs.

- Needs specific park amenities for different types of uses (i.e. dog park, skate park, different types of trails).
- The community is interested in a swimming pool (warm and for lap swimming).
  - Potential inflatable enclosure during winter.
  - Springfield Oregon and Foster City Jewish Community Center are good examples.
  - Accessible for all ages.
- Mirada Surf East is a good site for a Community Center/pool/field.
  - Needed for kids and adults.
  - 7<sup>th</sup> grade through high school aged kids have no facilities.
- Need safe facilities for youth.
- Boys and Girls Club is taking a long time to develop.
  - Wonder why taking so long?
- Quarry Park is too hilly for many park users, flatter spots are preferred.
  - Not a good location for ball fields due to traffic issues through neighborhood, and concerns about lighting.
  - Quarry Park would like a compostable toilet, but it is prohibited by County Building Code.
- HMB Airport makes sense for ball fields.
  - Centrally located.
  - Out of neighborhoods.
  - Flat.
  - Could be lit at night without impacting residences.
- Don't need to over pave any future park improvements.
- Need more picnic areas, restrooms and water fountains.
- Whatever is improved will require maintenance.
- Movie theatre is needed.
- Put recreational opportunities near schools.
- Schools should be evaluated for potential nighttime recreational activities.
- Night lighting in community should be avoided
- Lee McKusick and Christy Samuels will be the El Granada representatives.