

MINUTES of a regular meeting of the Environmental Review Committee of the City of Redlands held on February 20, 2018 at 9:05 a.m.

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

STAFF Emily Elliott, Senior Planner
PRESENT

I. ATTENDANCE

Mr. Brian Foote called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. All committee members were present.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of February 5, 2018.

MOTION

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 February 5, 2018 Environmental Review Committee meeting.

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 southeastern 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 Guidelines.

Ms. Emily Elliott, Senior Planner, provided a brief update on the Redlands Skate Park Project.

Mr. Brian Foote open the Public Hearing.

Ms. Marie Reynolds, resident, expressed her opposition regarding the location of the Redlands Skate Park, the removal of trees and the impact the Skate Park will have on the Zanja.

Stephen Rogers, resident, stated that the removal of a historic oak tree, and the excavation of the underground rubble from the demolished community pool will add an additional expense for the project. Mr. Rogers recommended that the site located on the south side of Park Ave. would be a better fit for the Skate Park project.

Mr. David Bennion, resident, stated that the skate park would be a positive addition to the community.

Ms. Amanda Frye, resident, submitted an email, with her concerns as follows:

- The Skate Park does not reflect the historic environment of Sylvan Park.
- The project plans are not appropriate and misrepresent the plan, size, space, terrain and location.
- The removal and potential damage to the root system of the trees in the surrounding area.
- The impact of the easement agreement with San Bag removed vehicle access which was not considered in the skate park plan.
- The effect the Skate Park project has had on the Historic Lawn Bowling Lanes
- The impact of the impending train the "Arrow".
- An actual site survey is needed.
- A new site for the skate park should be found.

Mr. Foote closed the Public Hearing.

MOTION

It was moved by Mr. Frazier and seconded by Mr. Young that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A Mitigated Negative Declaration will be prepared.

IV. NEW BUSINESS - None

V. COMMUNICATION / INFORMATION

- A. Consideration of a request from the PaleoWest Archeology, Inc., to be placed on the City's Approved Consultant List for the preparation of archeological, paleontological, cultural resources studies and other specialized work within the field of archeological and cultural resources.

Ms. Elliott, Senior Planner, provided a brief update on PaleoWest Archeology Inc.

MOTION

It was moved by Mr. Young and seconded by Mr. Tim Sullivan and carried on a 5-0 vote to approve PaleoWest Archeology, Inc. to be placed on the City of Redlands approved Consultant List for the archeological, paleontological, cultural resources studies and other specialized work within the field of archeological and cultural resources and environmental documents (CEQA/NEPA compliance) for submittal to the City.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mr. Foote opened the Public Comment period. There were no Public Comments forthcoming and the Public Comment period was closed.


VII. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING TO MONDAY 5, 2018

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m. to the next regularly scheduled Environmental Review Committee meeting of Monday, March 5, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,



Joni Mena
Senior Administrative Technician



Emily Elliott
Senior Planner

