



TOWN OF DISCOVERY BAY

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**NOTICE OF THE MEETING
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL PARKS
AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWN OF DISCOVERY BAY
Wednesday April 20, 2022**

Parks and Recreation Committee Board Members

*Chair Byron Gutow
Vice-Chair Ashley Porter*

A. ROLL CALL

1. Call business meeting to order 5:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Individual Public Comments will be limited to a 3-minute time limit)

No public comment.

C. DRAFT MINUTES TO BE APPROVED

1. None.

D. PRESENTATIONS

1. None.

E. UPDATES

1. None.

F. DISCUSSION / AGENDA ITEMS

1. Discussion Regarding the Discovery Bay Recreation and Sports, Inc. (“DBRS”) Proposal to Convert Two Community Center Tennis Courts into Combination Tennis-Pickleball Courts.
Presentation by Parks and Recreation Supervisor, Monica Gallo.

- Three residents stating public opinions:
 - Pickleball representative 1: Pickleball is gaining popularity and is one of the fastest growing sports in the U.S. Pickleball makes people happy, easy to learn, and creates a sense of community. Resident is proposing the Board to approve Pickleball by only using the tennis courts as long as no one is playing, bringing portable nets, and making it a dual purpose court. People are waiting to play on Saturday’s; games are relatively short.
 - Tennis representative 1 (Liberty High School Tennis Coach, Discovery Bay Tennis Association): Tennis Association has put a lot of money towards nets and windscreens that are being maintained by the Town, Cornell can’t be used for tennis, coaches come out to teach, leagues are scheduled on Sundays, drop in days, there is scheduling conflict between Pickleball and tennis. Tennis resident is suggesting the need to restore the tennis court at Cornell by keeping it open during holidays so that it can be used by the community.
 - Resident tennis player: Cornell park tennis court can’t be used for tennis. Cornell could be used for Pickleball and overflow. Discovery Bay is losing people to Diamond Hills because the courts are not updated.

- United States Tennis Association Representative, Northern California: putting down lines prohibit sanction tournaments, there is a six court minimum for any major tournament, each league has a minimum line number. Discovery Bay is part of the Diablo North Region putting down lines would be a hinderance and also may disqualify Discovery Bay being part of Diablo North.
- \$15K grant available.

Chair Gutow inquired when the last time Cornell has been resurfaced. Supervisor Gallo stated that Cornell painted over with Pickleball lines which can't be used for tennis. Resurfacing was last done in 2013/14. Courts are recommended to be resurfaced every five years; Cornell is due.

Vice-Chair Porter inquired about funds raised with USTA and tournaments. Manager, Gallo stated that two teams, four different captains with opposing teams rent courts. USTA requests to rent six courts, however two courts remain open for residents, USTA rents the back four courts with staggered times, and also rented throughout the year. Youth mostly use the courts during weekend and school breaks.

Vice-Chair Porter expressed the desire to remain fair and equitable to both parties, Chair Gutow recommended future agenda topic should include Cornell resurfacing, lighting, and extending hours.

2. Discussion Regarding Clipper Drive Revitalization Project. Presentation by Parks and Landscape Manager, Bill Engelman.

- Finance recommended funding from the Hoffman Settlement in the amount not to exceed \$370K in addition to \$100K in carryover funding from Fiscal Year 2020-21, grand total of \$470K.
- Three problem areas – narrow walking path, proposing to create a concept that will allow wider path with a free form pattern. Wall esthetics, proposing to create a landscape panel screen that will be offset from the wall by 2-3' ft. that will allow for repairs on the homeowner's side not to interfere with the landscaping side. Lack of seating, proposing to use dry scape materials to create boulder seating in conjunction with those widened areas.
- Complete project budget (basic) - \$260K; staff recommendation to incorporate (a la carte features) \$375K to include new dog stations, trash receptacles, solar lighting with low emittance for homeowners, and painting of the utility boxes with the help from local schools.

Chair Gutow inquired about the path. Manager, Engelman described the path would be made of decomposed granite material at the same elevation as the walk, the pathway would be an additional 4-8' ft. The concrete would stay in place, the sewer drain could be addressed as a potential walking hazard along with addressing the maintenance of the decorative planter boxes. Chair Gutow inquired about the cost differential with removing all the concrete Vice-Chair Porter agreed to repairing it correctly.

Chair Gutow inquired about the plan for the trees that line the sound wall currently there are several different varieties. Manager, Engelman explained there are some plant material that are in good condition that we could keep; however, for the entire swap there is a plant material that would be used for a more uniform look throughout the scape.

Vice-Chair Porter inquired about incorporating a shade structure, Manager, Engelmann recommended to consider the boulder seating area or near the playground. General Manager, Dina Breitstein recommended to ensure the placement of the structure does not encroach homeowner's backyard view or across the street view and to ask residents nearby.

Manager, Engelman stated the first construction phase would be to identify the trees and panels and the trees along the wall would be the first step to take to the Board. Next steps would be the pathway, general landscape, and boulder seating. Vice-Porter recommended priorities should be the wall screen trees and panels, solar lighting, dog stations, and trash receptacles then look at sidewalks and boulder seating.

General Manager, Dina Breitstein confirmed that the concept and Manager Engelman's phasing plan would need to be brought to the Board for approval in May to start the project.

No public comment.

3. Update Regarding Graffiti and Vandalism.
Presentation by Landscape Manager, Bill Engelman.

- Since September 2021 six episodes costing approximately \$6K for time and materials just for the Cornell bathrooms. Anti-graffiti will minimize some of the graffiti, still needs to be power washed.
- General Manager, Dina Breitstein stated that tagging is being sent to the Sherriff's Office.

No public comment.

G. ADJOURNMENT

1. Meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m. to the next Parks and Recreation Committee meeting at the Community Center located at 1601 Discovery Bay Boulevard.

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