

**Auburn Area Recreation and Park District
Minutes of the Continued Meeting of the Board of Directors
Monday, October 23, 2017, 6:00 p.m.,
Canyon View Community Center, Sierra Room
471 Maidu Drive, Auburn, CA**

Board Members

Present: Chairman Mike Lynch
Director Jim Gray
Director Scott Holbrook
Director Gordon Ainsleigh

Board Members

Absent: Director Jim Ferris

Staff Present:

Kahl Muscott, District Administrator
Joe Fecko, Administrative Services Manager
Brian Simpson, Facilities & Grounds Manager
Manouch Shirvanioun, Customer Service/Marketing Manager
Mike Scheele, Project Manager/Landscape Architect
Patricia Larson, Recording Secretary

FLAG SALUTE – (PLEDGE TO THE FLAG)

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Chairman Lynch.

2.0 INTRODUCTIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

3.0 AGENDA REVIEW, CHANGES AND APPROVAL

A motion was made by Director Holbrook and seconded by Director Gray to approve the agenda as written.

Roll Call Vote

Director Gray – Yes
Director Holbrook – Yes
Director Ainsleigh – Yes
Director Lynch - Yes
Director Ferris – Absent

4 – 0 Motion carries.

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5.0 CONSENT ITEMS

5.1 Review and Approval of the September 28, 2017 Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors

A motion was made by Director Holbrook and seconded by Director Ainsleigh to approve the Consent Calendar.

Roll Call Vote

Director Gray – Yes
Director Holbrook – Yes
Director Ainsleigh – Yes
Director Lynch - Yes
Director Ferris – Absent

4 – 0 Motion carries.

6.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6.1 Hearing to Consider Adoption of a Resolution (Resolution Number 2017-13) adopting a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), for the Proposed Auburn (Maidu) Bike Park Project and Approving the Auburn Bike Park Project as Described and Evaluated in the Initial Study

PUBLIC HEARING

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING:

STAFF PRESENTATION:

District Administrator Kahl Muscott gave a presentation on the Draft Environmental Assessment/Initial Study and the Draft Final Environmental Assessment/Initial Study of the Maidu Bike Park Project.

Ken Anderson of K.D. Anderson & Associates, the company that prepared the traffic assessment for the environmental study gave a presentation regarding the traffic situation.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Teresa Zarro, a resident from the Skyridge neighborhood gave public comment regarding attending the grand opening of a bike park in San Francisco, California and what a great sight it was to see all of the people who attended it. She asked the board to approve the environmental document tonight.

Anne Jacobsen House, a resident who lives in the neighborhood gave public comment that she is astonished by the choice of the location for the bike park. The beauty of the canyon will be destroyed. The things she cares about are being threatened by the proposed bike park.

Richard Sanborn who lives by Recreation Park gave public comment that parks are good neighbors and increase property values. He feels the cyclists will not be cycling through the neighborhood to get to the bike park but will use the path that has no cars on it to get there.

Diana Boyer, a resident who lives in the neighborhood gave public comment that she has talked to neighbors who support the bike park. The bike park in Truckee is seven times larger than the one here will be. People want to take their kids somewhere safe. She asked the board to please support the bike bike park.

Sarah Konst, a resident gave public comment that there are legitimate issues with this bike park. The dissension in the community is sickening to her, particularly when concerns were not being addressed about preserving a scenic canyon location. The community at large is not behind the location, there is less than 12% support.

Jim Haagen-Smit gave public comment that he is in support of a bike park at this location. It will be an asset to the community. He asked for the board to support the bike park.

Jim Nieto, a resident of Riverview Drive gave public comment that liability issues could arise because property owners near the bike park were of Mexican descent and the facility would have a negative impact on a minority community. We need safe and secure conditions at this location. He is concerned with ARD's liability.

Susan Boyme, a resident of the canyon rim and bicyclist is for the location. The biking community would like to keep activities locally. People moving in are families who bike.

Sheila Larsen, an equestrian in this area gave public comment that she doesn't see any concession for this bike park. She is concerned about a lack of safety.

Jeff Dunkle, a resident of the neighborhood gave public comment that Folsom is expanding bike trails. Folsom also has a bike park. He would like to see Auburn go in that direction. Other communities are focusing on activity, he would like to see it here.

Ben Troia, a resident who lives on Eagles Nest in Auburn gave public comment that he is in full support of the bike park. Cycling is good for health. Bike park traffic will be insignificant. We need to be recreational as a community. What is the impact of riding a bike going to be except positive?

Danny Murphy, a resident who lives on Riverview gave public comment that there is a hole in the environmental document. There are existing safety issues. The study needs to be finished, some issues have not been addressed.

A letter was read by someone from Claire Unis, a resident. There are many reasons to place a bike park here. Children enjoy the beauty of the canyon. This is a safe and accessible area for a bike park, this park will be little. She asked the board for approval.

An LaBar, 407 Maidu Drive gave public comment that she is in favor of the bike park, but not at this location. There are difficulties in the CEQA. The negative declaration does not fulfill the NEPA or CEQA. There is no alternative site analysis. She asked the board to take a closer look at the document and consider people's concerns.

Porter Mickel, an Auburn resident gave public comment that he rides his bike to school. He favors the location. There has been a lot of "not here" talk. He feels this project is taking a long time.

Keith Bassett, an Auburn resident gave public comment asking the board to reconsider the location. He is concerned of fire danger. This location carries unique fire risk. It is dry, steep terrain with high wind activity. He asked the board to consider those factors.

Scott Borrelli, an Auburn resident gave public comment that dead trees and vegetation will be taken out at the location. These things will mitigate some fire danger. The park will close at dusk. The vast majority will be carpooling with friends. The community needs to share.

Lou Ann Hammond, an Auburn resident gave public comment that she has tree concerns. There is not enough information in the environmental, documents. This bike park won't be fenced, gated or locked at night. There are unscrupulous people out there who hang out at locations like this.

Peggy Egli, an Auburn resident gave public comment that ARD does not have an Operation & Development Plan. The bike park project should wait until an Operation & Development Plan is in place. The bike park proponents lost their track in 2012, there is no reason to build a bike park without an Operation & Development Plan.

Donna Williams gave public comment that it is unfortunate that it has come to this. In 1995 she worked on the restoration of the Pioneer Trail. North Auburn Regional Park would be a good location, also no fire hazard. There is overwhelming dissent by the neighbors. Mammoth Bar would be a good location.

Carolyn Buhlmann, an Auburn resident gave public comment that she is concerned about safety and liability. Fire is a tremendous risk here. If the majority of users are children, they don't read signs. Will they use safety equipment? Listen to the numbers.

Donna Furlough, an Auburn resident gave public comment that traffic, dust, asbestos, noise and wildlife are all concerns. Do an alternative analysis. How was the Maidu site chosen over others?

Peter Mantsch, an Auburn resident gave public comment that a letter was delivered to his home by Director Ainsleigh saying that Falcon's Point would be a superior site.

Richard Hadley, an Auburn resident gave public comment that the board voted in favor of this site without a CEQA/NEPA analysis. You have to analyze alternative sites. This will go to court if the board approves it.

Alex Fisch, an Auburn resident gave public comment that this is a small project with minimal impact. He asked the board to approve the site.

Andrew Clark, an Auburn resident gave public comment that he appreciates everyone's passion, for or against. If a playground would be put in, would there be opposition? There are a lot of misconceptions about the bike park. He fully supports it.

Janet Whitlock, an Auburn resident gave public comment that for a bike park, it should not be built here because of asbestos issues. It is inappropriate for children. There is also the danger of mountain lions.

Mike Mapes, an Auburn resident gave public comment that a lawsuit will result in the draining of resources. There is adequate documentation to approve the bike park.

Dan Grouper, an Auburn resident gave public comment that he rides horses and bikes. This is tough for both sides. We want a bike park here.

Marie Hood gave public comment that she is a horse person. The addition of a bike park would not prevent her from riding her horse here.

Jay Garrett, an Auburn resident gave public comment that people are talking about public land and talking about a community. He is for the bike park.

Elise Douglass gave public comment that compromise is really a hard thing. She asked the board to move forward.

Public comment was closed at 8:28 p.m.

The meeting recessed at 8:28 p.m.

A motion was made by Director Holbrook and seconded by Director Gray to adopt Resolution Number 2017-13 Adopting a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), for the Proposed Auburn (Maidu) Bike Park Project and Approving the Auburn Bike Park Project as Described and Evaluated in the Initial Study.

Roll Call Vote

Director Gray – Yes
Director Holbrook – Yes
Director Ainsleigh – Yes
Director Lynch - Yes
Director Ferris – Absent

4 – 0 Motion carries.

7.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT - As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m. by Chairman Lynch.

Board Secretary

Date