



Parks and Recreation Commission Staff Report

April 12, 2007
Item 7B

SUBJECT: Review and Approval of Recommended Recreational Amenities for the proposed Staples Ranch Community Park (T)

BACKGROUND

The Commission conducted its first workshop regarding the Staples Ranch Community Park on March 1, 2007. During the public comment period, requests were received from a variety of groups for an ice skating facility, sports fields and tennis courts, and recreational amenities such as trails and open space. At the conclusion of the meeting, the Commission asked that one (1) or more alternative site plans which included these uses be developed for further consideration at a second workshop.

Staff and consultants subsequently prepared two (2) alternative plan diagrams (Attachments A and B) for the Commission's consideration at a second community workshop on April 5, 2007. Following public input, the Commission requested that staff prepare a preferred plan consisting of the following uses:

- Two (2) all-weather, lighted sports fields to accommodate soccer, football and lacrosse
- At least six (6) lighted tennis courts
- Bocce ball courts
- Lawn bowling
- Dog exercise area
- Open space
- Trail system connecting to outlying areas
- Two (2) restroom facilities

In addition to providing input for a preferred plan diagram, the Commission expressed support for the modified park boundary configuration as shown on both alternative plans, regardless of whether or not an ice facility is ultimately incorporated into the park.

Since the April 5th workshop, staff and consultants have prepared a draft preferred plan diagram (Attachment C), containing the uses noted above for review and approval at tonight's meeting.

Staff has also prepared descriptive text to accompany the plan diagram for consideration by the Commission (Attachment D).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Following public input, that the Commission recommend City Council approval of the preferred plan document, and confirm support for the modified plan boundary configuration, whether or not an ice facility is ultimately incorporated into the park.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments: A. Preliminary Community Park Concept A
 B. Preliminary Community Park Concept B
 C. Proposed Community Park Concept C
 D. Descriptive text