

CCLTOA Little John Park Committee Meeting
Tuesday, November 10, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.
The Armory, 695 Main Street, Copperopolis, CA

Members Present:

Natalie Serrano, President
Maggie Rollings, Secretary
Dortha Boner

Stephanie Boner
Dan Burton
Bryce Burton

Mark Villasenor, Guest

Introductions

The meeting began at 6:30 pm and introductions were made. Mark Villasenor is affiliated with the Society for Adaptive Resources (SOARS) and attended this meeting to help with suggestions for this park to be wheel chair accessible. He has been an advisor to the county regarding ADA issues. His offer was accepted to send a letter to our CCLTOA Board to offer his help in planning.

Overview

The Committee Charter was distributed and will be submitted as a final document. The proposed Little John Park area is estimated to be 80 ft. wide and the proposed path - starting closest to the Kiva Road - would run approximately one quarter mile and loop back around. There was discussion regarding this project's proposed plan and budget and there was a suggestion that money be requested from CCLTOA to have a planner help with the layout and proposed stages. It was also recommended that this planner begin with stages that outline what is most plausible to get the park accessible and then later stages that include more amenities.

The minimum first stage was agreed to have a 5 ft. wide trail cut with 36 inches paved width , determine feasibility of porta-potty vs. forest service style pit pump vs. tapping into the gravity main to the sewage treatment plant, required signage and parking. There were concerns as to whether or not there is joint easement access along the Kiva road entrance between CCLTOA and CCWD. There was also concern as to whether there would be sufficient room to turn a trailer around in the parking area as it was suggested that this area would also work for overflow trailer parking from the Kiva. There was also concern that the Moccassin Road access may need much work in order to be usable as parking. It was suggested that the parking be more than dirt because of muddy conditions and causing repairs instead being road based and rolled. The professional expertise of a planner is needed in the initial stage for determining needs for culverts to be piped before cutting path and paving and parking. Future stages would include water hookup for drinking and irrigation, par course, solar power recommendations vs. electricity and more to be determined. It was recommended to put a request for this service on the CCLTOA website.

Materials List

There was discussion regarding establishing a materials list as part of the proposed plan and budget that is required by CCLTOA. Broad estimates have been obtained for paving so far. Recommendations were made regarding path size and wheelchair accessibility in that the path. Like national forest parks, it does not need to be wider than 36 inches and is not required to be paved. There was discussion that while it is not necessary to pave a path for wheelchair access, it is desired by this committee to enhance the comfort and safety for families and individuals ranging from the very young to our elderly residents to encourage use and healthy exercise. It was therefore decided that a path could be cut measuring 5 ft. wide but only 3 ft. width needs paving. There was also a recommendation that the restroom stations be at both ends of the park and be ADA accessible.

Grant Opportunities

It was discussed that there may be opportunities for grants for solar power, benches, playground and parcourse equipment and more, and we will need volunteers to research and pursue those opportunities.

Volunteer Resources

There was discussion that once a plan is in place, our needs be posted on the CCLTOA website. Our members of our committee also have skills that will be helpful with this project. Dan Burton has offered to determine if there is a box for water access on the property for planning purposes as to possibly a meter being installed for potable water.

Next Steps/Next Meeting

The next steps would be to obtain information from CCLTOA regarding joint easement access on Kiva Road. Post the request for planner for this project on the CCLTOA website, obtain three estimates and request money for a planner once the amount is established. Further prepare the proposed plan and budget for this project.

The next meeting is to be announced as our regularly scheduled fourth Thursday of the month will fall on Thanksgiving. When that date is determined, the CCLTOA office will be notified and e-mails sent out to members.

Respectfully submitted,

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