



**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA CONVENED
THIS 7th DAY OF JANUARY 2015, AT 6:30 P.M.
AMEDEE O. "DICK" RICHARDS, JR., COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1424 MISSION STREET**

1. ROLL CALL

Mayor Joe convened the Special Meeting of the South Pasadena City Council at 6:36 p.m.

Present were City Councilmembers Khubesrian and Schneider; Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud; and Mayor Joe. Councilmember Cacciotti arrived at 6:56 p.m.

Absent: None.

Other Officials and staff present: City Manager Gonzalez; City Attorney Highsmith; Community Services Director Pautsch; Assistant City Manager Straus; and Chief Deputy City Clerk Hall.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Joe opened the Public Comments section. Mayor Joe indicated that public comments would be taken after the ICG, Inc. presentation.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Hall reported that no public comment cards had been received.

Mayor Joe closed the Public Comments section.

**3. STUDY SESSION REPORT TO PRESENT AND DISCUSS THE
COMMUNITY CENTER SITE ANALYSIS REPORT AND AD-HOC
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Community Services Director Pautsch presented the Community Center Site (Project) Analysis Report and Ad-Hoc Community Center Committee (Ad-Hoc Committee) recommendations as part of a PowerPoint presentation.

Community Services Director Pautsch introduced Monika Robinson, Landscape Architect, ICG, Inc., and Ron Hagan, Senior Associate, ICG, Inc.

Landscape Architect Robinson reported that ICG, Inc. had been working with the Ad Hoc Committee and City staff to consider Project site locations and concepts, and stated that several stakeholder interviews, focus groups, and hardcopy and online surveys were conducted. She reported that over 500 responses were received. She reported an Existing Conditions Report had been prepared. She stated the top three Project sites were selected and each were able to accommodate the City of South Pasadena's (City) Project plans. She discussed the different site and layout options noting that the baseball field in Concept Site Plan 1 would be maintained.

Senior Associate Hagan presented cost options, explained the advantages and disadvantages of each of the site options, and reported that 75 community members attended the recent Community Center meeting. He stated 65% preferred Concept Site Plan 1, 18% preferred Concept Site Plan 2, and 22% preferred Concept Site Plan 3. He stated the Ad Hoc Committee agreed all three options were viable and unanimously agreed to recommend Concept Site Plan 1, followed by Concept Site Plan 2, and finally the less viable Concept Site Plan 3, which would require the development of two site locations. Senior Associate Hagan also stated the Ad Hoc Committee favored the architectural styles of the Spanish Mission for Concept Site Plan 1 and California Craftsman for Concept Site Plan 2.

Senior Associate Hagan discussed the architectural styles considered by the Ad Hoc Committee and the preferred Spanish Mission style could be found at the San Marino Public Library, South Pasadena City Hall, South Pasadena High School, South Pasadena Public Library, and South Pasadena Unified School District Buildings. He stated the Ad Hoc Committee considered the possibility of a municipal pool and concluded that there was not sufficient space within the three site options.

Mayor Joe indicated the need to provide direction to staff tonight.

Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud indicated a preference for the Spanish Mission architectural style.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud's question, Senior Associate Hagan explained the current seating capacity versus the projected seating capacity available in Concept Site Plan 1.

City Manager Gonzalez stated Concept Site Plan 1 would be equal to at least twice the space of the War Memorial Building and the Library Community Room.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud's question, Senior Associate Hagan discussed the high level of interest for the fitness and exercise room for seniors and noted it could be a phased incorporation or completely omitted from the Project.

Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud indicated concern for the 1) fitness equipment cost; 2) need to staff the fitness and exercise room; and 3) membership cost to the community that would most likely be higher than the YMCA's cost.

Councilmember Khubesrian 1) indicated support for the fitness and exercise room and requested that it be kept in consideration since other local fitness organizations are not targeted for seniors; 2) indicated support for the cost effective Spanish Mission architectural style; and 3) discussed the square footage of available space between the different options.

In response to Councilmember Schneider's inquiries, Senior Associate Hagan stated an approximate 100 to 200 theatre seats would be available depending on the site selected. He also noted cost information was only made available at the Community Center Meeting and to the Ad Hoc Committee and not during the community surveys.

Councilmember Schneider indicated support for Concept Site Plan 1 and the California Craftsman style.

Councilmember Cacciotti displayed a photo and indicated support for the Spanish Mission style. He indicated support for the inclusion of the fitness and exercise room in the Project.

Discussion followed among City Councilmembers and staff regarding local fitness organization membership fees, community access to the use of a fitness and exercise room, and exercise options for seniors.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud, Community Services Director Pautsch discussed the community's desire to develop separate spaces for seniors and teens.

City Manager Gonzalez explained the affordability factor could ultimately determine the decision to consider separate wings for seniors and teens.

Councilmember Khubesrian indicated support for after school teen programs, expansion of Club Med, and after school childcare options. She requested consideration for a basketball court, therapy pool for seniors, and splash zone for children.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud's comment regarding Project costs, Senior Associate Hagan explained the need to have the construction of the underground parking included in the first phase.

Mayor Joe indicated that City Council preferred Concept Site Plan 1 and the Spanish Mission architectural style, followed by the California Craftsman style. He also stated he did not want options automatically eliminated; however, options should be implemented in a phased approach.

City Manager Gonzalez informed City Council that Concept Site Plan 1 would include the demolition of the 825 Mission Street building.

Councilmember Cacciotti stated he was not in support of the demolition of 825 Mission Street since members of the Cultural Heritage Commission were not involved in the initial study process.

Mayor Joe also indicated support to maintain the historic significance of the building and to expand around it.

Councilmember Khubesrian stated Concept Site Plan 2 should be considered because the building is ready for use.

Community Services Director Pautsch advised that selection of the site was scheduled for the next City Council Meeting. She stated if Concept Site Plan 1 was selected, the Camp Med program would be displaced and revenue would be lost for a year.

City Manager Gonzalez stated an alternate Camp Med location should be considered.

Mayor Joe suggested the City monitor the sale of the building in Concept Site Plan 2 should Concept Site Plan 1 not be selected.

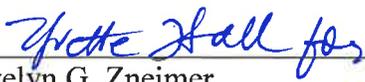
Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud concurred with Mayor Joe's comment.

Community Services Director Pautsch stated that a cost analysis could be prepared for both Concept Site Plans 1 and 2 to provide possible options for the Project prior to the next City Council Meeting.

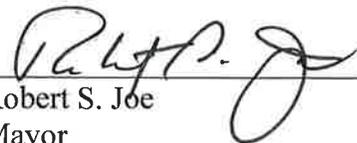
Mayor Joe thanked ICG, Inc., City staff, and members of the Ad Hoc Committee for their efforts to evaluate the Project.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Joe adjourned the Special Meeting of the South Pasadena City Council at 7:33 p.m.



Evelyn G. Zneimer
City Clerk



Robert S. Joe
Mayor

Minutes approved by the South Pasadena City Council on January 21, 2015.