

June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015



**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA CONVENED  
THIS 24<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2015, AT 6:30 P.M.  
CALTRANS VACANT LOT PARCEL NUMBER 64544-01-01  
2006 BERKSHIRE AVE.**

**1. ROLL CALL**

Special Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission convened at 6:38 p.m.

Staff R Martin called the roll. Present were Commissioner Members Taylor, Rosen, and Vice-Chair Zavala, .

Absent: Chair Salinas, Commissioner Gin

Other Officials and Staff present: Community Services Director/Staff Liaison Pautsch, and Staff Reyna Salazar-Martin.

**2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**3. COMMUNITY INPUT REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF THE CALTRANS  
PROPERTY AT 1107 GREVELIA STREET FOR A POSSIBLE PARK**

A week prior to this meeting all residents within a 500 feet radius were notified by the City of this meeting and were encouraged to attend and give their input. Director Pautsch introduces the discussion item to the Commission and public who attended meeting. She made sure to clarify that this Caltrans property along with 1107 Grevelia St. (additional Special Commission meeting was held the day before) are currently being considered for purchase by the City. All comment cards were given to Staff R. Martin and were called out in order received for public discussion. Each person was given 3 minutes to tell the Parks and Recreation Commission whether they are in favor or against the City purchasing the land and how they feel the city should utilize the lot.

**Community Participation and Comment (3 minutes each)**

**Speaker #1-Elizabeth Woo**: 2021 Alpha St. She was not present when name was called, but Staff R. Martin shared her comment with the Commission and public stating “We would love either community garden or pocket park.”

**Speaker #2-Christine Petterson**: 904 Valley View Rd. Is in favor of the City purchasing the property. She is concerned with the security the park will need. She would prefer dawn-dusk hours of operation to avoid public staying on the property at really late hours.

**Speaker#3-Jeany and Andrew Wong**. 2003 Cambridge Pl. Is in favor of City purchasing property. She would like to see it become either a pocket park or community garden, or both.

**Speaker #4-Bernie Petterson**: 904 Valley View Rd. Shares the same household as Speaker #2. He shared the same concerns. His comment card also stated he would also like to see a single family resident move into this lot.

**Speaker #5 Rocky and Kelly Paulsen**: 2025 Alpha St. Both are in favor of City purchasing the lot. They would like to see a pocket park geared towards younger kids, not so much teenagers, and more of an open green area. they feel that it would draw younger families as well. They feel that their part of the city is in a real need for a Community Park area and would accommodate their family very well.

**Speaker #6 Colin Campbell**: 830 Valley View Rd. He is in favor of the City purchasing the land. Would very much like to see a pocket park with any sort of sports amenities. For example tennis court, basketball half-court, a large wall to bounce balls on, or just a play area in general.

**Speaker #7- Marshall Hyman**: 2019 Alpha Av. He is in favor of City purchasing lot. Also, is in favor of lot becoming any kind of park the city sees fit.

**Speaker #8-Annalee Andres**: 2021 Berkshire Ave. She is very much in favor of the City purchasing the lot and making it a pocket park. She would also like to add that she would really appreciate if they could add a volleyball court. Currently there are none in South Pasadena for her children to use.

**Speaker #9-Emilia Lomeli**: 2018 Alpha St. She is in favor of City purchasing the lot. She would very much like to see a park of City’s choice be built and maintained.

Note: Additional Resident comments submitted in writing that are attached to these minutes.

Director Pautsch opens the floor to the Commissioners and asks if they have any questions or comments they would like to add. Commissioner Taylor would like to thank all residents who came out to voice their opinions on the agenda item. Commissioner Rosen and Vice-Chair Zavala had not comments at this time. Director Pautsch also would like to add that the residents are very much encouraged to attend the July 1<sup>st</sup> City Council

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meeting where this item will be discussed and voice any comments they would like Council to hear in person.

**ADJOURNMENT**

By consensus, the Commission adjourned at 7:00 p.m. The next Regular Commission meeting will be held on Monday, July 13th, 2015.

Respectfully Submitted:



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Sheila Pautsch  
Community Services Director

Approved By:



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Arturo Salinas  
Chair