

MEETING SUMMARY

SHADOW CLIFFS LAND USE PLAN AMENDMENT PUBLIC MEETING

Pleasanton Public Library

Monday, May 4, 2009; 6:30pm

AGENDA

6:30 – 7:00 Open House

7:00 Welcome and Introductions by Brian Weise, Chief, Planning & Stewardship

7:05 Existing Conditions and Issues Summary by Anne Rivoire, Park Planner

EBRPD presented a Power Point presentation outlining the Land Use Plan Amendment (LUPA) process and the 'existing issues' at Shadow Cliffs park, as perceived by the District. The presentation included a summary of existing conditions and goals, particularly focusing on the area that was previously planned for the California Splash Water Park. The preliminary goals for the LUPA were stated as:

- **Goal:** To improve and enhance overall park setting both visually and functionally.
- **Goal:** To continue to offer recreation opportunities including water-related activities, trail use, picnicking and special events.
- **Goal:** To preserve, improve, and protect aquatic, riparian, marsh, and upland habitat for wildlife and interpretation.

7:30 Public Comments

The public comment session covered many subjects. Comments included the following:

- EBRPD should acquire Island Pond (including the Heron Rookery) and surrounding land and extend trails around it
- EBRPD should monitor reclamation plans (Cemex, Alameda County, etc.) for adjacent quarry activities and provide comment during public comment periods
- Cemex plan for land immediately adjacent to the east includes schematic drawings for lakes "A" and "B" with recreational trails and native landscaping
- Public supports expansion of land use study to include adjacent lands
- Shadow Cliffs is a good location for a dog park
- Dog owners need more concessions like the dogwash facility located at Pt. Isabel
- Dog owners are concerned about injury risks posed from fish hooks
- Shadow Cliffs should have an interpretive center to educate about water resources
- EBRPD should develop more partnerships with local water / environmental agencies
- EBRPD should maintain the current variety of park uses provided by Shadow Cliffs
- 'Friends of Shadow Cliffs' (FOSC) members gave a report about existing & planned community trails that would connect with Shadow Cliffs

- FOSC support building an interpretive center featuring water siphons, solar, energy conversion, water conservation, energy reuse
- FOSC supports plans for a reservable pavilion that could be rented for private functions
- EBRPD should provide separate areas for dogs and fishermen
- EBRPD should maintain but not expand the existing (4) waterslides
- The existing waterslide concessionaire stated that he has funding available for "completing" the existing facility by addition of a "spray zone", a children's pool, additional shade structures and playground equipment. He would like to work with EBRPD to extend the lease. Available funds estimated between \$ 400,000-600,000.
- EBRPD should add more picnic areas that can accommodate 50-60 people.
- Access on east side of Shadow Cliffs is blocked to Arroyo Trail by chain link fence
- Park's existing trails are too short. EBRPD needs to plan trails beyond Shadow Cliffs physical boundaries
- Rich history of the area includes water management, Native Americans, quarrying by Kaiser Industries and others, and Remillard brick factory
- EBRPD should continue to support current uses such as bird watching and dog walking
- Public encourages finding more year-round uses for Shadow Cliffs which is often crowded in summer and less so in winter.
- An Interpretive Center at Shadow Cliffs should be high class, revenue producing, with a pavilion, indoor-outdoor heating, space available for events, charge admissions, and accommodate needs of neighbors re: noise, etc.
- EBRPD should acquire land that includes the Heron Rookery
- Public wants to see more wild flowers and variety of plants i.e. xeric native plant garden
- Public Would like to see more vegetation added along Stanley Blvd.
- EBRPD should add more park benches / seating areas,
- EBRPD should utilize more donations and dedications of drought tolerant trees and vegetation for Shadow Cliffs or add a Memorial tree grove
- Public is concerned with lack of available parking on weekends. What happened to parking spaces along Stanley Blvd.?
- EBRPD should look for ways to promote Friends of SC "work" for the park
- Would like to see (paid) parking spots installed along Vineyard Ave.
- District should add more drought-tolerant California natives.
- Audubon Society offered \$2,500 to help fund an initiative for an interpretive center
- Water Agencies could use RWQCB fine monies to help build an Interpretive Center

8:30 Adjournment