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REGULAR MEETING—BY TELECONFERENCE**

**MINUTES
THURSDAY, April 6, 2023**

5:00 P.M. – REGULAR MEETING

**CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ONE MAIN STREET
RIO VISTA, CALIFORNIA 94571**

1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Stanish started the meeting at 5:00 PM

PRESENT: Chairman Walt Stanish , Edwin Okamura, Tom Donnelly, Emmette Holtslander, Judith Adamson, Arthur Darden, and Rick Dolk

ABSENT: Vice Chair Lisa Hechtman and Lisa Duke

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was received.

3. ACTION ITEMS

3.1 Minutes from March 2, 2023, were approved.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

4.1 Revised Parks and Recreation Draft Element

Consulting planner, Paul Junker with Interwest Consulting Group, presented a summary of General Plan update on three topics: Draft Parks and Recreation Element, Draft Land Use Map, and Draft Goals, Policies, and Implementation measures.

It was mentioned that the Parks and Recreation Element had previously been reviewed by the General Plan Work Group (GPWG), City Staff, and Parks and Recreation Commission.

General comments received by the Parks and Recreation Commission were:

- Shade improves the value of benches and trails.
- Trails and walking are not only for seniors.
- Interest in supporting City/School District coordination (joint use of fields)
- Consider adding program encouraging the use of volunteers.
- Parks Inventory:
 - Val de Flores – reclassify to a Community Facility
 - Crescent Park – mention the half basketball court.
- Additional Goal:
 - To improve all existing parks to provide the greatest benefits to the community.

Consultant planner presented the draft layout of the Parks and Recreation Element, and the GPWG provided the following direction for additional changes to the layout and exhibits:

- Change the name of the “old dump park” to possibly Airport Community Park.
- Make sure when acronyms are used in elements, they are spelled out in the text.
- Lines such as city limit and SOI should include in map legends.
- Carry the number/name from the legend into the discussion section of the element – park #1 on the map should be described as park #1 in text sections.
- High school is spelled as one-word on page 1-7 (under public school facilities).
- Identify schools (elementary, junior, high schools) as potential park and recreation sites on the parks map and discuss in text.
- Note that Val de Flores includes a dog park.
- Review the footers for sequential order.
- 6.3.3. just under community facilities, reference of youth center should be changed to youth center/community center.
- 6.4, don’t have Blackwelder Park called out.

- Add exhibit for paths and trails. Also add supporting trails throughout the community.
- A great feature of the previous General Plan was the loop trail shown around the drainage swale. It's important to be specific about this.
- We need to have a grade separated trail under the highway. See location of drainage swale on page 5.12 (part of community character and design), map is 8-37 part of circulation and mobility.
- Need to encourage lighting for evenings.

There was one comment from the public:

- There's a misspelling on 9-1, there is supposed to be two n's.

4.2 Draft Land Use Map

Consultant and GPWG discussed the changes that were made to the draft land use map:

- LDR to Parks
- Parks to P/QP
- Downtown to MDR
- MF to P/QP
- MR to P/QP
- P/QP to North Waterfront
- Downtown to P/QP

Further discussion was made on the Asian grave site as a recreational site, sphere of influence area, and airport area.

4.3 Land Use Goals, Policies, and Implementation Programs

The consultant and GPWG members held a discussion on the draft land use goals, policies, and programs. Some comments shared were shared on goals:

There's not much on economic development or "outwardly looking" to draw outside visitors. Adjust language to present a friendly environment for outside businesses.

On policies/implementation programs:

- On Program LU-2, find out if there are hazardous materials on site at the former Army Base property. Need to have a plan to define and remediate contamination.
- Add language to the statement "determine the feasibility and likelihood of partnering with..." add "private entities."
- Remove action to amend Waterfront Specific Plan – incorporate language that the planning principals of the Waterfront SP will be applied in the North Waterfront designation. Remove Program LU-3.
- Assess/survey for historic properties in Rio Vista.

4.4 Next Steps

It was noted that the next GPWG meeting will be held on May 4, 2023 and anticipated items include preparation of draft Land Use element, as well as the draft Open Space & Conservation Goals, Policies, and Implementation Programs.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Stanish adjourned the meeting at 7:00 PM

Krystine Ball

Krystine Ball, General Plan Working Group Clerk