**Task Force Members Present:**
Brent Bear; Alicia Borowski; Frank Croft; Mary Lou Fitzpatrick; Bill Konle; Michael Patterson; Kathy Rairden; Doug Reynaud; Carla Ruigh; Fadi Saba; Brian Seifert; Jan Webb

**Introductions and Announcements**
Fadi Saba mentioned that the next Strategic Plan Steering Committee meeting would be held in Sunnyvale on May 16th at 6:30 p.m. The meeting is open to the public. More information on the Department’s strategic planning process can be found at the Department’s web site at [www.parkhere.org](http://www.parkhere.org).

Bill Konle mentioned that some members of the public had requested phone numbers for Task Force members for people who do not regularly use email. It was decided that if Task Force members do not want to publicly release a home or work phone number, then members of the public could reach them by the voice mail number that has been established at the Parks Department office specifically for this project.

**Action:** The project phone number and ways of reaching Task Force members will be updated in the next newsletter.

Parks Staff requested that Task Force members regularly check their email for public comments, project updates, meeting times, etc.

Michael Patterson introduced himself as the Task Force member representing the San Martin Planning Advisory Committee. He is interested in the multi-use aspects of the park and serving as a liaison to the San Martin community.

**Public Comment**
Ellen Foley, representing the Gilroy Historical Society, spoke of the historical significance of the site, and specifically, the former home of Martin Murphy which was on the Bear Ranch. The Bancroft Library at UC Berkeley has a book that provides historical reference for the Murphy home and its location on the property. Pieces of the Murphy home are still on the ranch today. For example, windows from the original home were used as part of a chicken coop. Ms. Foley recommended a historical inventory of the Ranch which could be undertaken by a graduate student and could possibly include an archaeological dig. Santa Clara University also has historical references for the property.

Brent Bear noted that the Ranch was robbed in 1998 and many of the historical pieces were stolen. Some of the artifacts still remain however and are being stored.

**Action:** Ms. Foley will provide historical references to County staff so that they can be distributed to the project consultants and the Task Force.

**Schedule Review and Housekeeping Issues**
A tentative project schedule was presented noting the relationship of the master plan to on-going data gathering by the resource management consultant. The Task Force concluded that they would prefer to have regular monthly meetings and more than one meeting to review the baseline information. It was also noted that regular meeting dates should be scheduled far in advance due to other commitments by Task Force members. Some Task Force members have a conflict with the 2nd Tuesday meeting date.

**Action:** The next Task Force meeting will be July 10 to have a progress review of baseline data and begin the project programming phase. An August Task Force meeting will also be held on the second Tuesday.
Beginning in September, meetings will be held on the second Thursday through the end of the year. Here are the regular Task Force meeting dates for 2001: July 10, August 14, September 13, October 11, November 8, and December 13.

The site tour has been cancelled twice due to rain. Now fire season is upon us so the site tour will need to take this into account. Brent Bear suggested a weekend morning. Possible dates for the site tour are May 20th, June 3rd, and June 10th.

**Action:** County staff will coordinate the site tour and inform the Task Force of the revised date.

**REVIEW BASELINE ANALYSIS COMPONENTS**

A list of baseline analysis components, which will be completed by the resource management consultant, was presented to the Task Force. These were generally accepted by the Task Force, with a note that the historical information from Ms. Foley should be added to the baseline data.

**Action:** Resource information will be available for review at the County Parks Administrative Office at 298 Garden Hill Drive, Los Gatos as it becomes available. Electronic forms of GIS base data and information cannot be released due to the contractual agreements between the County and GIS providers.

**REVIEW PROJECT GOALS AND POLICIES SUMMARY**

A summary of policies and goals from previous documents was reviewed and discussed. Key words and concepts were noted that will serve as a basis for a simplified set of goals for the Master Plan. Key concepts are noted below:

- Regional connectedness
- Rustic/natural character
- Balanced revenue generation
- Accessibility
- Respect for neighborhood concerns
- Environmentally sound/sensitive

It was noted that when more specific design programming takes place, some type of trail difficulty identification (similar to ski slopes) should be considered to minimize accidents and conflicts.

**Action:** Lee will simplify and reorganize the goals for review by the Task Force members. A final draft of the goals will be presented at the next Task Force meeting.

**DISCUSS POSSIBLE RESEARCH PROJECTS**

Task Force members were invited to research topics of personal interest that could be of benefit to the Master Plan. It was noted that research and recommendations developed by the Task Force members may or may not be incorporated into the final Master Plan. Research is on a voluntary basis with each Task Force member to determine how much time to devote to a topic. Some Task Force members volunteered for research topics as noted below:

- Alicia, Jan, Doug: Review “state of the art” examples of multi-use trails and policies. What has been other agencies’ experience with multi-use trails?
- Kathy: History and needs of 4H/FFA in Santa Clara County.
- Bill and Fadi: State of the art conservation techniques and best management practices for golf courses.

**Action:** Task Force members to confirm their research topics with Elish Ryan. Some research topics may be presented at the next meeting.

**Next Meeting:** July 10th, 7:00 p.m., location to be determined.