Task Force to Review Non Golf Course Plan

At the April meeting, the Task Force endorsed the majority of the Draft Preferred Alternative which includes such ideas as a 35 acre Equestrian Center and a 6 to 7 acre historic Martin Murphy Ranch site area off of New and San Martin Avenue. Other ideas endorsed include trail staging at the Mendoza Ranch area off Roop Road and at the intersection of New and San Martin Avenue, a youth oriented Environmental Education Center at the old Mendoza Ranch and preservation of almost 4000 acres as open space, accessible only by non motorized trails. But it appeared that the Task Force was evenly divided as whether to recommend the inclusion of a 175 acre golf course on the 320 Western Flat Area. (For more details and a summary of the April 11th meeting, see Plan Newsletter #12 or exhibits and meeting minutes from April 11th that are posted on the Department’s website: www.parkhere.org.

The Task Force asked the project consultant to prepare an plan that would further explore a design that did not include a golf course but offered more recreation than earlier non golf course alternatives. On June 13th, the Task Force will review this new plan and weigh the issues and impacts related to the two proposals. They will also be asked to make a final recommendation on which direction they feel is most appropriate. As with earlier alternatives, they will be using the evaluation criteria of environmental impacts, resource management requirements, fiscal implications, and to project goals.

Next Steps

Following this Task Force Meeting, the County Parks & Recreation Commission will hold a workshop on July 11th (See back page for details.) This workshop will focus solely on the Coyote Lake Bear Ranch Master Plan. Commissioners will review the Draft Preferred Plan and consider recommendations made by the Task Force. Members of the public are welcome. At their regular August meeting, the Commission will take action on the proposed Plan. With the Commission's action, the Parks Department will begin work on Environmental Impact Report to examine impacts of implementing the proposed plan.

Special Announcement

Strategic Plan Public Workshop in Gilroy on June 4

Come participate in the development of a County Parks Strategic Plan that will guide the future development of all Santa Clara County Parks.

June 4, 2002

7:00 pm

Gilroy City Hall Council Chambers, 7351 Rosanna Street

Workshop will cover the development of criteria to evaluate projects of Countywide significance and a Park Classification System that will assist the Parks Department in determining what are appropriate for what parks.

Special introduction by District 1 Supervisor, Don Gage

For more info: see Department website at www.parkhere.org.
Special Parks Commission Workshop for Master Plan

The County Parks and Recreation Commission will be holding a special workshop on

Thursday, July 11th, at 7:00 pm
County Government Center
Lower Level Conference Room
70 West Hedding Street
San Jose

This Commission Workshop will focus solely on the Coyote Lake Bear Ranch Master Plan. Commissioners will review the Draft Preferred Plan in depth and consider recommendations made by the Task Force and the public. Interested members of the public are invited to attend.

Task Force Meeting
Thursday, June 13, 2002
Christmas Hill Park, Environmental Education Building
Gilroy
6:30 pm

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