



Alamo Parks and Recreation County Service Area R-7A

Annual Report

to

Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors

Advisory Body Name: CSA R-7A, Alamo Parks and Recreation Committee
Meeting Time: Third Wednesday, 4:30pm
Meeting Location: Hap Magee Ranch Park, 1026 La Gonda Way, Danville
Chairs: Marie Jeanne Parsons (Jan-Apr), Nancy Dommès (May-Nov)
Staff Persons: Gina Ferretti, South County Representative to District III
Hillary Heard, Special Districts Liaison, CCC Public Works Department
Reporting Period: January 2008 through November, 2008

ACTIVITIES

1. Annual Tree Lighting - 2007. Committee contributed \$1,000 to community's Annual Tree Lighting Event held in Andrew H. Young Park. The event is sponsored by the Alamo Merchants and Business Association with community sponsorships and attendance is estimated at over 1,000. R-7A receives publicity for its involvement.
2. Recreational Programming. Continued through Spring. Due to low participation and high costs to administer, committee recommended canceling the program. There will be more emphasis on special events, e.g., Dog Day in the Park, Veteran's Day Celebration, , etc.
3. Summer Concert Series. Livorna Park's Concert Series was well received with attendance growing to over 200 attendees per concert (6/29, 7/13, 7/27, 8/10).
4. Alamo Music & Wine Festival- Sept, 8th. Sponsored booth to distributed Fall Recreational Programming information as well as a jump house for children.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Andrew H. Young Park. Maintenance schedules continue.
2. Livorna Park. The stolen copper entry plaque was replaced with a faux copper plaque.
3. Hap Magee Ranch Park. Joint Planning and Operations Committee (JPOC) finalized parking lot renovations, including designated parking for horse trailers. Renovations were made to the walkway ramp to the Cottage, additional building renovations are being discussed. Shade structures over the picnic area have been approved, installation pending.
4. Recreation Program. Continued through Spring. Due to low participation and high costs, committee recommended canceling the program. There will be more emphasis on special events, e.g., Dog Day in the Park, Veteran's Day Celebration, Daffodil Days Festival, Alamo Music & Wine Festival, Emergency Preparedness Training, etc.

5. Monte Vista Pool. Alamo residents' attendance is low. Advertising availability should be increased. Future Town of Danville Activity Guides will highlight pool availability. The Monte Vista Pool Committee has recommended installing a shade structure at the east end of the pool at an estimated cost of \$102,000, one-half to be borne each by the Town and R-7A.
6. Community Involvement. Participated in the Alamo Music Festival sponsoring a booth and a jump house. Contributed to the Annual Tree Lighting at Andrew H. Young Park.
7. Financial Updates. Public Works provided monthly financial statements which often contained many errors and omissions. The committee has limited input into the development of the budget and monitoring the accuracy of the statements continues as a problem.
8. County Staff. Overall the staff has been responsive to the committee's queries. The execution of renovations at Livorna Park was excellent, however, there have been challenges associated with the project completed at Andrew H. Young Park. Staff provided excellent service at the Concert Series. Staff, while admitting they were not designed to run recreational programming, tried their best because a contracted recreation provider could not be found. Recreational programming finally ceased. There is concern that the R-7A budget bears the cost of retraining of PW staff because of their high turnover rate. It also causes a fair amount of wasted time for new staff to become oriented to committee issues.
9. Sheriff Department. With volunteers provided exceptional support at the Livorna Park Concert Series. On behalf of R-7A, the Supervisor's office will forward Certificates of Appreciation.
10. Land Acquisition. Committee began investigating acquisition of parcel located at 1193 Danville Boulevard. The parcel is owned by the SRV Fire Department and R-7A would like to explore developing the property as a South Danville Blvd. pocket park.

ATTENDANCE/REPRESENTATION

1. Monthly Meetings. Held on the 3rd Wed. Added a meeting in October. A quorum was always met.
2. Committee Members. The committee is comprised of 5 regular members and 1 alternate. Marianne Sasso resigned in January. In April, Joyce Kinton joined as a regular member.

TRAINING/CERTIFICATION

Committee members are encouraged to attend Annual Training for Advisory Bodies to the Board of Supervisors. The remaining R-7A member who needs to complete the Brown Act certification will do so.

PROPOSED WORK PLAN/OBJECTIVES FOR NEXT YEAR

1. Monthly Secretary Rotations. Members and staff agreed to rotate monthly meeting minutes taking in lieu of having a designated secretary.
2. Activities. Increase number of community activities offered for residents of all ages. Continue and possibly increase number of Livorna Park Summer Concerts.
3. Communication. Continue providing open communication with community. Maintain dialog with County offices overseeing activities of CSA R-7A.

4. New Development. Continue to explore possible projects within the purview of the committee and establish joint ventures where possible.