

**REGULAR MEETING
PARKS, OPEN SPACES, AND LANES COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2022, 4:00 PM
REMOTE WEBINAR VIA ZOOM**

Agenda

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Topic: PARKS, OPEN SPACES, AND LANES COMMITTEE

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OPEN FORUM

This is an opportunity for any citizen to briefly address the Parks and Open Space Committee on any matter that does not appear on this agenda. Upon being recognized by the Chair, please state your name, address, and limit your oral statement to no more than three minutes. Matters that appear to warrant a more lengthy presentation or Committee consideration may be agendaized for further discussion at a later meeting.

SCHEDULED ITEMS

1. Approve Minutes of March 10, 2022, Regular Meeting
2. Approve Minutes of July 14, 2022, Regular Meeting.
3. Comments from the Chair, Jena Watson.
4. Report from City Manager, Robert Zadnik, and Public Works Director, Antony Boyd.

Old Business:

5. Review of Playground Remodel Project and possible action on the following topics:
 - Construction is completed on the Playground - “Ribbon Cutting Ceremony” held at the Playground on October 15th.
 - Bench in tots area included in renovated playground.
 - Permanent Donor Recognition Element in Community Park.
6. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Park Lane Stairs, Seating Area, and Related Landscaping and Improvements: Discussion and Possible Action on Plans for Stairs, Seating Area and Related Landscaping and Improvements.
 - ***Correspondence updated 10/20/2022 @ 1:58 PM - Klaus Johannsmeier***

New Business:

7. Discussion and possible action regarding the soliciting of applications to fill a vacant seat on the Committee.
8. Report from staff on composting requirement related to SB 1383. Discussion and Possible action regarding policy/program development.
9. Discussion and possible action regarding a Belvedere/Tiburon joint bayside launching area for kayaks and paddle boards.

Future Items:

10. Matters or topics to be considered for future discussion.

Adjourn

**REGULAR MEETING
PARKS AND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
THURSDAY MARCH 10, 2022
REMOTE WEBINAR VIA ZOOM**

MINUTES

COMMITTEE PRESENT: Chair Jean Bordon, Committee Member Bryan Kemnitzer, Committee Member Carolyn Lund, and Committee Member Kathy Pearson, and Vice Chair Watson

COMMITTEE ABSENT: Committee Member Anne-Marie Walker, Committee Member Mario Valente

OTHERS PRESENT: Public Works Director Robert Zadnik, Council Liaison James Campbell, and Office Coordinator Christina Cook

These minutes are intended to reflect the general content of the regular meeting. An audio file of the meeting is available on the City website at www.Cityofbelvedere.org

CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 PM. Chair Bordon read the COVID-19 disclaimer and special instructions for Zoom webinars.

ROLL CALL

Public Works Director Zadnik took roll call.

OPEN FORUM

Chair Bordon read the guidelines on open forum procedures and called for public comment. Director Zadnik stated he received an email comment from Lorraine. He first called on John who had raised his hand and informed Lorraine that she would be next. John said his comment was related to the Mallard Pointe project and that he would comment when that issue was considered on the agenda.

Lorraine read a letter that was sent to the committee about an unobtrusive fence at Tom Price Park she would like to have the Committee consider. There was no further comment from the public for the open forum session.

SCHEDULED ITEMS

1. Approve minutes of January 13, 2020, Regular Meeting.
Approved with amendments.

MOTION: Committee Member Kemnitzer made a motion to approve the minutes as modified, Committee Member Pearson seconded, and Director Zadnik took roll call.

AYES: Pearson, Kemnitzer, Bordon, Walker, Lund

NOES: None

ABSENT: Walker, Watson, Valente

ABSTAIN: None

No further comment.

2. Comments from the Chair, Jean-Marie Bordon.

Chair Bordon commented that after the last meeting she had learned of an application to build a deck on the open space behind 288 Beach Road, and that Planning had recommended to approve the plans on Consent. Chair Bordon was concerned and wrote a letter to the Planning Director Irene Borba. The letter was included in the agenda packet. She suggested considering updating the Administrative Manual to allow this Committee to have consideration on projects that involve open spaces. Planning Director Borba responded to Chair Bordon saying that City Council was changing the Administrative Manual regarding this Committee and that this item should wait until a later date for discussion.

Committee Member Kemnitzer mentioned that he reviewed the letter, maps and policy manuals and noted that this is a very complicated matter. Committee Member Kemnitzer referenced sections and 11.8 11.8.5 of the APM and concluded by stating that this Committee should have a say on projects that involve public spaces.

The was no public Comment.

3. Report from Robert Zadnik, Public Works Director.

The Director had a few updates for the Committee. First, Director Zadnik reviewed the budget approval process and the schedule.

He commented that the planting project on Lagoon Road is looking nice and was 95% done with the new drip irrigation installed.

The Playground was approved by Council to have the City Manager sign a contract with McNab, the lowest bidder for the project.

Chair Bordon thanked Robert for his work on the Lagoon Road project and said it set a high standard for our small parks. She then asked Director Zadnik for and update on the railings project. Zadnik responded that the project was assigned to the City Engineer, John Moe.

Chair Bordon inquired if the Department of Public Works position was filled. Director Zadnik provided an update.

Chair Bordon called for Public Comment, there was none.

Jena Watson joined via video.

OLD BUSINESS

4. Update, Discussion, and Possible Action on Centennial Park and Park Lane Improvement Projects.

Chair Bordon asked Director Zadnik to kick off this item. He pointed out that there were two surveys in the agenda packet that City Engineer John Moe performed. He introduced Gary Rasmussen from Blasen Landscape to share options for the Park Lane project. Gary shared his screen and gave a

presentation on Park Lane.

Committee Member Watson had a few questions about various design elements.

Committee Member Kemnitzer gave his opinion that he liked option one.

Chair Bordon asked about a different entry area for the stairway. Gary referenced budget constraints.

Committee Member Lund had comments of the view in relation to proposed railings.

Gary reviewed different options with the deeded land.

There was further discussion of the styling of the rail and stairs to optimize the view from the seated position.

Chair Bordon gave her preference for a curved stairway alternative.

Gary commented that the cost of a curved stairway is generally more expensive to construct. There was discussion of the surrounding trees and future development.

Chair Bordon called for public comment and then asked Director Zadnik if he had received any, there was none.

Chair Bordon suggested an informal vote for the two favorite concepts. There was further discussion of the designs, and the Committee voted for both curved and straight designs (utilizing the deeded triangle of land) as the preferred alternative. She then called for public comment. There was none.

There was no further comment from the Committee or the public.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Discussion and Possible Action on effect of Mallard Pointe project on Belvedere Community Park.

Chair Bordon stated she sent in a letter as a private citizen and that it would not be part of today's discussion. She reviewed the status of the submitted application that was determined incomplete by the City and the timelines surrounding that finding. She informed the Committee that further details on the city's review procedure are posted on the City's website. She reviewed the parking issues and sidewalks, demolitions, and construction timelines. She stated that the Committee should discuss the impacts the project will have on Community Park. She suggested the Committee should make their recommendations to the Council.

She asked Director Zadnik if he had comments on the application and he reiterated that plans are on the website he encouraged members to review them. He recommended that the Committee concentrate on issues that would impact Community Park.

Chair Bordon called for Public Comment, Bruce Dorfman and Eric Holman gave a short presentation. John Hansen spoke as a private citizen and a representative of BRIG – Belvedere Residents for Intelligent Growth. He stated the group has about 400 members, and a sizeable number of them are concerned about safety issues on Community Road.

Jill Barnett was next to speak in Public Comment and asked if the upcoming meeting be public.

Chair Bordon then brought the item back to the Committee for discussion. She commented on the importance of parking availability for park goers and suggested the City take into consideration parking restrictions involving the Mallard Pointe project. Committee Member Lund spoke of the parking issues on Community Road as well as Park noise. Committee Member Kemnitzer stated that a lot of the construction issues are outside of the Committee purview.

Chair Bordon asked about a new committee that would address noise and parking regarding

construction projects and wanted to know if they would be addressing the Mallard Pointe and Community Park area. Director Zadnik said there was a new committee, and it addresses construction projects in general. He encouraged members to review the webpage and join the public meetings.

This item was closed.

FUTURE ITEMS – NOT ADDRESSED

6. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Changing the meeting time if Zoom meetings are no longer approved or allowed.

7. Discussion and Possible Action to Authorize a Survey of the Citizens of Belvedere on Organizing and/or Participating in Community Clean Up Projects on the Second Saturday of every even month of the year, (i.e. February, April, June, August, October, and December).

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:34 PM.

DRAFT

**REGULAR MEETING
PARKS, OPEN SPACES AND LANES COMMITTEE
THURSDAY JULY 14, 2022
REMOTE WEBINAR VIA ZOOM**

MINUTES

COMMITTEE PRESENT: Chair Jean Bordon, Committee Member Anne-Marie Walker, and Committee Member Kathy Pearson

COMMITTEE ABSENT: Vice Chair Watson and Committee Member Mario Valente

OTHERS PRESENT: Acting Public Works Director and City Manager Robert Zadnik, and Office Coordinator Christina Cook

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CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 PM. Chair Bordon read the COVID-19 disclaimer and special instructions for Zoom webinars.

ROLL CALL

City Manager Zadnik took roll call.

OPEN FORUM

No speakers in the open forum.

SCHEDULED ITEMS

1. Approve Minutes of March 10, 2022, Regular Meeting and Minutes of June 8, 2022, Special Meeting.

March 10, 2022, approval of the minutes continued as Committee Member Walker was absent at the meeting and it was determined she is not eligible to vote on their approval.

MOTION: Committee Member Walker made a motion to approve the June 8, 2022, Special Meeting minutes, Committee Member Pearson seconded, and City Manager Zadnik took roll call.

AYES: Pearson, Bordon, Walker

NOES: None

ABSENT: Watson, Valente

ABSTAIN: None

No further comment.

2. Comments from the Chair, Jean-Marie Bordon.

Chair Bordon commented that an application for a project on public lands was not brought in front of the committee. The item was first heard in June in the Planning Commission meeting and then was scheduled for further review at the next Planning Commission meeting. The project is at 310 Beach Road and part of the project is the construction of a stairway that is almost all on city property. Committee Members Walker and Bordon attended the next Planning Commission meeting when the project was to be heard and had some questions about the stairs and the public's ability to pass them on the beach during low tide.

Chair Bordon said it was unfortunate that this was not presented in front of the committee sooner, and that she would follow up on this item. She also noted that the City Council would be following up at their next meeting on the interface between the Planning Commission and this Committee on the applications that affect public lands. The provisions include that this Committee would be presented with plans that affect public land at least two weeks before they are presented at the Planning Commission meeting for review and a possible special meeting.

Chair Bordon called for comments from the Committee. Committee Member Walker asked if there were any other railings in the area that would show standard practice of railings in the area. Chair Bordon reviewed what was once there and said the new project is probably a replacement of deteriorated structures. Chair Bordon showed a rendering of the proposed stairs from the June 27, 2022, page 11 of the plans at 310 Beach Road. There was discussion of the design and materials.

Public Comment was called for, there was none.

3. Report from Robert Zadnik, Acting Public Works Director and City Manager.

Acting Public Works Director and City Manager Zadnik stated he had a few updates, first with regards to new public works employee, Roy DeMartini. Zadnik gave a review of Roy's qualifications and welcomed him to the team. He then spoke on the recruitment of the new Public Works Director and mentioned that the City is holding a second interview with a top candidate today; they are hoping to have the new person starting mid-August.

Zadnik then spoke on the condition of the grass at Tom Price Park. The City has been having problems with the well and he stated that it needed to be cleaned and that the contract has been signed to do so. He is hoping to have the work scheduled this week and get the grass back in good condition. He then informed the Committee that the City had received the Public Records Act request from Bill Rothman regarding testing of the playground materials and that they would be responding to him this week. The City will also be posting the summary of the playground lab results on the website so the public can have access to the same information.

Chair Bordon asked of the status of removing of the utility poles at the Golden Gate Lane project and the opening ceremony. She added that she thought the ceremony for Golden Gate Lane should be before the playgrounds as the money was donated before the playground project money. Zadnik said the Golden Gate Lane project was almost complete, including removing the poles, except for some undergrounding work. He gave an update on contractors working on the project and remaining items to be completed. There is also a small planting plan that he will be sharing with the Committee and may be forming a subcommittee to receive feedback.

Public Comment was called for and there was none.

OLD BUSINESS

4. Election of Chair and Vice Chair (item continued from the Special Meeting on June 8, 2022).

Chair Bordon stated that Vice Chair Watson agreed to be Chair and Chair Bordon asked who she would like to be Vice Chair. Vice Chair Watson said she would like Member Pearson to be nominated as Vice Chair.

MOTION: Committee Member Walker motioned to nominate Committee Member Watson as Chair and Committee Member Pearson as Vice Chair of the Parks, Open Spaces and Lanes Committee. Chair Bordon seconded the motion, Acting Public Works Director and City Manager Zadnik took roll call. The motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Pearson, Bordon, Walker

NOES: None

ABSENT: Watson, Valente

ABSTAIN: None

Committee Member Bordon than passed the gavel to Vice Chair Pearson in Chair Watson's absence.

5. Confirmation of the following ad hoc Subcommittees, which have been approved by the Mayor, Sally Wilkinson:

Vice Chair Pearson read over the list.

Park Lane – Jena Watson and Jean Bordon

Centennial Park – Jena Watson and Anne-Marie Walker

Playground Donor Recognition – Kathy Peterson and Jena Walker

Annual August 30 Report on Status of Priorities – Anne-Marie Walker and Jean Bordon
(Administrative Policy Manual section 6.2.11)

No motion was needed.

6. Playground Donor Recognition: Discussion and Possible Action regarding a “Ribbon Cutting Ceremony” and a Permanent Donor Recognition Element in Community Park.

Vice Chair Pearson invited Bryan Kemnitzer from the public to speak on this item. He referenced a memo that he had provided to Committee Members, and he updated the Committee on the progress of ideas for placement of the recognition plaque. Bryan also said he wanted to send out letters to donors to find out how they would like their names formatted and asked if these could be printed with the City letterhead. City Manager Zadnik felt that the City could help facilitate that request. He then called on Petey Stein for public comment. Petey gave Bryan kudos for the job he has done with this project and gave her thoughts on the mailing process. Several participants said that they would like this letter to be sent out soon.

Vice Chair Pearson called for Committee comment. Acting Public Works Director and City Manager

Zadnik brought up the ribbon cutting and said that the finer details need to be worked out. He then gave a list of items that need to be completed on the playground. There was a short discussion about the bench. Acting Public Works Director and City Manager Zadnik said this topic would be discussed later.

7. Park Lane Stairs, Seating Area, and Related Landscaping and Improvements: Discussion and Possible Action on Plans for Stairs, Seating Area and Related Landscaping and Improvements.

Acting Public Works Director and City Manager Zadnik reported on this item. He stated that in the packet there were three plan sheets that were developed by Blasen Landscape Architecture. He reviewed those plans and different options along with the City budget. He then called for comment. Committee Member Walker spoke. She recalled at a previous meeting that the Committee preferred the plan with the curved approach and asked of the cost difference on the different plans. She also commented that she feels that this Committee is becoming a fund-raising committee and she asked Acting Public Works Director and City Manager Zadnik to comment on that. He shared his thoughts. Committee Member Bordon also gave her preference of the curved approach. Zadnik spoke on next steps for the project to include developing project estimates for the preferred curved staircase option.

Public comment was called for, there was none, and no action was taken.

8. Discussion and possible action on the Draft Annual August 30 Report on Status of Priorities. (Administrative Policy Manual sections 6.2.2 (2) and 6.2.3)

Committee Chair Bordon introduced this item. Committee Members Bordon and Walker are on this subcommittee and Chair Bordon reviewed their findings. The Lagoon Road planting project was not included but it is completed. Chair Bordon asked if that project was City or publicly funded. Acting Public Works Director and City Manager Zadnik stated that it was mostly publicly funded by efforts by Bryan Kemnitzer. Committee Member Bordon reviewed the report in further detail. Chair Walker asked Zadnik if the report could go to Council as is, and whether it should be a staff item or a presentation item. It was decided it would be an agenda item with a short presentation. Council Liaison Campbell suggested a reporting standard to Council. It was decided that a final draft of the report would be submitted to Acting Public Works Director and City Manager Zadnik by August 15, 2022.

There was no public comment.

The Committee asked Acting Public Works Director and City Manager Zadnik to research funding the bench that was omitted from the plans due to budgetary concerns, as it is an item on the priority report. Committee Member Walker brought up that she had spoken to Zadnik earlier and he mentioned that two additional donations had come into the City and may cover the bench cost. Both donations were earmarked for other projects or the General Fund. She concluded in stating this will be a decision for Council Discussion followed regarding at what point should the bench be installed. The Committee requested that Chris Barry, Public Works Associate Engineer, be asked as to when the bench should be considered for installation. Acting Public Works Director and City Manager Zadnik said he would work with Chris Barry on this item to match designs with the original plan that included the bench.

The subcommittee was tasked with follow-up on this matter.

NEW BUSINESS

There are no items in this section.

FUTURE ITEMS

9. Discussion on joining with Tiburon on a bayside launching area for kayaks, paddle boards and the like.
10. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Changing the meeting time if Zoom meetings are no longer approved or allowed.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:30 PM.

DRAFT

Klaus Johannsmeier

Belvedere, California

City of Belvedere

Park, Open Space, and Lanes Committee

October 19, 2022

Dear Chair Watson:

I'm writing on behalf of a group of neighbors who object to the concept and process by which the proposed development at Park Lane has been pursued without first considering facts.

Much evidence exists in the record of unaddressed and continuing problems at the Winifred Allen bench and at other places in our neighborhood, all of which should be addressed before any new projects are initiated.

Our main objections include:

- smoking and fire dangers
- loss of privacy
- creating an attraction/nuisance
- lack of comprehensive Environmental Impact Report


During his presentation at the March 10, 2022 POSC meeting, designer Gary Rasmussen mentioned the risk that people using it could be "hiding something or somebody hanging out there for too long." He also mentioned the risk that people using the space could "feel like you're stuck in someone else's yard." This all sounds like the common sense of a neutral party.

The potential for loitering and 'hanging out there for too long' raises the issue of what people are likely to do: smoke and add to fire danger. At the Winifred Allen bench and other gathering spots, public and private, the record shows people are smoking. Not to mention drinking and leaving beer bottles, trash, bongos, paraphernalia – and continued trespassing onto private land.

The record clearly shows how far the cart is before the horse. Former POSC chair Kemnitzer stated at the September 9, 2021 POSC meeting that "Nancy and I and somebody else had said we'd donate for the bench, like a teak bench there, and get this thing done." Is there an imperative to develop this new attraction without due consideration under an EIR?

Your Neighbor's Perspective: we question whether City has the right, unilaterally and without EIR, to undertake a 'quid pro quo' with a property owner to get their home plans approved and then covert that residentially-zoned parcel into a public attraction which extracts a cost from neighboring properties - without consent. We ask for explanation in writing of the legal basis for development without EIR or other due process. We also ask that a complete EIR (to include the added fire risks) be produced for the proposed Park Lane development project so that all the relevant facts and neighbor concerns can be duly considered.

Sincerely,



Klaus Johannsmeier