

TULARE COUNTY PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING NOTICE

**LOCATION:
LEDBETTER PARK
45779 ROAD 128
CUTLER, CA 93615**

3:00 PM on April 21, 2016

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

At this time, members of the public may comment on any item not appearing on the agenda. Under state law, matters presented under this item cannot be discussed or acted upon by the Committee at this time. For items appearing on the agenda, the public is invited to make comments at the time the item comes up for Committee consideration. Any person addressing the Committee will be limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes so that all interested parties have an opportunity to speak. At all times, please state your name and address for the record.

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Welcome**
- 3. Approval of Minutes of March 10, 2016 Committee Meeting**
- 4. Public Comment**
- 5. Ledbetter Park Background Information**
- 6. Visalia Feral Cat Coalition Trap, Neuter, and Release – Follow up**
- 7. Park Well Status Report**
- 8. Mooney Grove 20 Year Conceptual Master Plan – Implementation Strategy**
- 9. Committee Member Matters**
- 10. Next Meeting Date**
- 11. Parks Manager Update & Ledbetter Park Tour**
- 12. Adjournment**

Contact Person: Tulare County General Services (559) 624-7227

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AGENDA ITEM No. 5

AGENDA DATE: April 21, 2016

SUBJECT: Ledbetter Park Background Information

REQUEST(S):

That the Parks Advisory Committee:
Receive a report from staff regarding Ledbetter Park.

SUMMARY:

At the December 8, 2015 meeting, the Parks Advisory Committee decided to hold future meetings at the different parks to take the opportunity to see them firsthand and learn more about their history.

Ledbetter Park unites the neighboring towns of Cutler and Orosi, which have a combined population of approximately 13,770. The Park's 11 acres were acquired by the County of Tulare in April 1971, from Lee and Hazel Ledbetter. This area serves as a hub for the small, predominantly low-income community, regularly hosting church gatherings, health fairs, and other community events.

The Sheriff and Fire substations and a Senior Center are adjacent to the Park. Ledbetter Park also has a soccer and baseball field, six arbors, a stage, and a skate park. The skate park was constructed in 2011, made possible through community fundraising, a stewardship council grant, and County matching funds.

In January of 2014, the County applied for funding to the State of California, Department of Housing and Community Development (Department) Housing-Related Parks Program Grant (HRP). Ledbetter Park was the only Tulare County park that met all of the State's requirements. The grant allowed for replacement of the Park's irrigation system and will result in substantial water conservation and improved Park conditions.

The total project cost is \$364,040 of which HRP provided \$199,775, the balance was covered by the Tulare County Capital Parks Improvement fund. Additional HRP grant funds have been applied for to do another project next year.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

None

Attachment(s)



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AGENDA ITEM No. 6

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AGENDA DATE: April 21, 2016

SUBJECT: Visalia Feral Cat Coalition Trap, Neuter, and Release Proposal

REQUEST(S):

That the Parks Advisory Committee:

1. Receive a report from staff regarding the Visalia Feral Cat Coalition proposal for a Trap, Neuter, and Release Program at Mooney Grove Park.
2. Provide a recommendation on the Visalia Feral Cat Coalition Proposal.

SUMMARY:

The Visalia Feral Cat Coalition (VFCC) has requested that the County authorize a Trap, Neuter, and Return program at Mooney Grove Park in order to stabilize the population of feral cats at the Park. The Parks Advisory Committee has heard presentations from staff, VFCC representatives, partners, and members of the public regarding the proposed activities.

VFCC and County staff are prepared to take this matter to the Board of Supervisors for consideration of a 12-month pilot project. If approved by the Board, the County and VFCC will begin collaborating on the TNR project at Mooney Grove. At its March 10, 2016 meeting, the PAC voted unanimously to receive a report from staff detailing the project. However, the PAC did not render a recommendation regarding the proposal in its vote.

Accordingly, staff is requesting that the PAC provide a recommendation regarding the proposed TNR activities at in Mooney Grove Park in advance of the Board of Supervisors' consideration. At this time, the matter is anticipated to be considered by the Board of Supervisors at its May 10, 2016 meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

VFCC will be incurring all direct costs associated with a TNR pilot project; it is not known what, if any, costs the County will have in facilitating this project.

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AGENDA ITEM No. 8

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SUBJECT: Mooney Grove 20 Year Conceptual Master Plan Implementation Strategy

REQUEST(S):

That the Parks Advisory Committee:

1. Receive a presentation regarding the Mooney Grove 20 Year Conceptual Master Plan.
2. Establish an implementation strategy for the Mooney Grove 20 Year Conceptual Master Plan.

SUMMARY:

The information below was presented to the Parks Advisory Committee at the September 15, 2015 meeting. This information ins included to assist the Committee with the establishment of an Implementation Strategy for the Mooney Grove Park 20 Year Conceptual Master Plan, described in greater detail below.

The Mooney Grove Park 20 Year Conceptual Master Plan is a planning document intended to provide a vision for the future of Mooney Grove Park while recognizing the Park's historic value. The document is a starting point for future comprehensive planning, engineering, architectural and landscape concepts. In this way, the Plan is not an operational or strategic plan and, therefore, does not identify current facility, landscape, or maintenance needs. These items are addressed in a variety of documents, including, but not limited to, the County's Capital Improvement Plan, Facilities Improvement Plan, and annual Parks budget.

The Plan's recommendations are designed to increase attendance and create a greater diversity of activities available at the Park for visitors. The proposed recommendations would enhance the public's experience while visiting the museum complex, the historical buildings, and recreational facilities. The Plan provides a concept for development that includes the relocation of existing features reconfigured into a Main Street plan, new trails and venues, historic monuments, public art spaces, improved utilities and circulation, and Cameron Creek improvements.

The Mooney Grove Park 20 Year Conceptual Master Plan was prepared by Kleinfelder, Inc. in cooperation with County staff, community organizations, and County residents. Kleinfelder was selected by the County in 2008 to provide four contract deliverables for Mooney Grove Park, one of which was the Conceptual Master Plan. To support the recommendations, the Plan includes:

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a conceptual layout of the proposed improvements; elevations or cross-sections of major elements, scaled figures and photographed elevations of structures to be reconstructed; a concept for dry utilities, domestic water, sanitary sewer, recharge water and waterways, storm drainage, internal circulation, and parking.

The Board of Supervisors adopted the Conceptual Master Plan on January 27, 2015. In summary, the Plan includes six major improvement categories, which are:

- Utilities: water, sewer, and dry utilities*
- Roads and Trails: new vehicle entries, trails, parking, and roads*
- Park in the Park concept: a central, dedicated area surrounding the lake and museum complex for identified recreational and historical activities*
- Cameron Creek improvements: new vegetation and naturalization of existing stream banks*
- Main Street concept: rehabilitate and relocate existing historic structures into a newly designed Main Street configuration*
- Public Space features: a variety of improvements for public use, including an outdoor performance venue, ball field, outdoor art, and picnic areas.*

The proposed Plan outlines the County's priorities in regards to the future of the Park and includes a proposed set of recommendations for the Park that will enhance the recreational experiences for visitors. Staff will provide the Committee with the details of the plan and copies of the plan. It is the intention of the County to solicit input from the Committee regarding the implementation of the Plan's recommendations.

One of the goals of the Parks Advisory Committee is to review the Master Plan and prepare final recommendations regarding the implementation of the Plan's proposed improvements. These recommendations would be in the form of a Committee-approved Implementation Strategy. Staff suggests that the Committee adopt the following timeline for the upcoming Fiscal Year 2016/17 Committee meetings to achieve this goal. The proposed schedule will allow the PAC to become familiar with the Master Plan and its proposals and to prioritize those proposals. The Committee will continue to hear other matters and conduct other business during this time period.

Quarter 1 – July 2016	Conduct a work session to become familiar with the details and proposals of the Master Plan.
Quarter 2 – October 2016	Establish a list of priorities for the proposed improvements.
Quarter 3 – January 2017	Review and modify First Draft Implementation Strategy.
Quarter 4 – April 2017	Finalize and Approve the Implementation Strategy.

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FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

N/A

Attachment(s)

Master Plan Cost Estimate

Mooney Grove 20 Year Conceptual Master Plan available on the County's website at:

<http://tularecounty.ca.gov/cao/index.cfm/mooney-grove-plan/>