

MINUTES of a regular meeting of the Environmental Review Committee of the City of Redlands held on December 4, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

PRESENT Don Young, Municipal Utilities and Engineering
Jeff Frazier, Fire Department
Sean Reilly, Development Services

I. ATTENDANCE

Mr. Don Young called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. All members were present with the exception of the Police Department and the Quality of Life Department.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes of November 6, 2017

Due to a lack of a quorum. Mr. Young requested the minutes of November 6, 2017 be continued to the December 18, 2017 Environmental Review Committee.

III. OLD BUSINESS – None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

**A. RICH CROWTHER, APPLICANT
(PROJECT PLANNER: Sean Reilly)**

PUBLIC HEARING to consider a recommendation to the Historic and Scenic Preservation Commission on the appropriate environmental process for **Demolition No. 297** to demolish an approximately 875 square-foot accessory structure over 50 years of age located at 253 S. Michigan Avenue within the R-2 (Multiple-Family Residential) District. (APN; 0171-312-01)

Mr. Sean Reilly gave a brief overview of Demolition No. 297.

Mr. Young opened the Public Hearing, there were no public comments forthcoming and the Public Hearing was closed.

MOTION

It was moved by Mr. Jeff Frazier, seconded by Mr. Young and carried on a 3-0 vote (Police Department and Quality of Life absent) that the Environmental Review Committee recommended to the Historic and Scenic Preservation Commission approval of the Initial Study, as prepared in accordance with Section 15.44.060 of the Redlands Municipal Code, and found that the proposed structure to be removed was not a Historical Resource and had no historical significance, and that removal of the structure was considered to be ministerial and exempt from the preparation of the Negative Declaration or Environmental Impact Report.

B. CITY OF REDLANDS, APPLICANT
(PROJECT PLANNER: EMILY ELLIOTT, AICP)

PUBLIC HEARING to consider a recommendation to the City Council on an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the following project;

Redlands Skate Park Project: The construction and operation of a 15,000 square foot, in-ground, skate park including bowl, stairs, curbs, transitions, ledges, rails, and ramps, with landscaping and amenities including a 2,500 square feet of decomposed granite gathering area for spectating and staging, safety/security lighting and cameras, bench seating, located within the southwestern portion of Sylvan Park, a public park owned and maintained by the City of Redlands, north of E. Park Avenue and West of N. University Street (APN: 0170-142-07). An Initial Study has been prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act, there is no substantial evidence of any potentially significant environmental effects, and a Mitigated Negative Declaration may be recommended in accordance with Section 15074 of the CEQA Guidelines.

Mr. Reilly requested a continuance on the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration to the December 18, 2017 Environmental Review Committee meeting.

Mr. Young opened the Public Hearing.

Ms. Amanda Frye, expressed concerns about the skate park's location within the park and its possible impacts to historic resources. Ms. Frye suggested alternate locations such as Texonia Park.

Ms. Deborah Fielder, felt it was unclear where the skate park would be located, what its footprint was and was interested in potential impacts to the Zanja.

Ms. Janet Marquese, expressed concerns related to tree removal, and its location in relation to the historic Lawn Bowling Club and the Zanja.

Ms. Kathleen Beall, stated that she had concerns related to the location of the skate park in relation to historic resources such as the Lawn Bowling Club and potential cultural resources in the area.

Steven Rogers expressed his concerns about the skate park's proposed location and suggested alternate locations such as the Redlands Sports Park.

Ms. Kathleen Beall, read a letter from Mr. John P. Beall who also expressed his opposition to the location of the Redlands Skate Park's proposed location.

Mr. Young closed the Public Hearing.

V. COMMUNICATION/INFORMATION - None

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mr. Young opened the Public Comment period.

Mr. Rogers expressed his concerns regarding possible contaminants from underground storage tanks located at a tentative tract located at Sylvan and Wabash.

Ms. Frye expressed concerns regarding environmental review of the new orange groves located near Walmart and potentially contaminated soil, as well as concerns related to drainage and the recent paving of her street.

Mr. Young closed the Public Comment period.

VII. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING TO MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2017

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m. to the next regularly scheduled Environmental Review Committee meeting of Monday, December 18, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,



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Sean Reilly
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