

November 18, 2004

Staff Report

TO: Katherine Hess, Planning Department Administrator
FROM: Vicki Crescitelli, Community Services Administrator
SUBJECT: October 21, 2004 Recreation and Park Commission Motions on the proposed Covell Village Project

At the October 21, 2004 Recreation and Park Commission meeting, Community Development Administrator, Katherine Hess reviewed the Covell Village staff report. Michael Corbett, representing Covell Village Partners, made a presentation on the proposed project.

After discussion the following actions took place:

Action: Michael Bartolic moved, Lamar Heystek seconded a motion recommending “to have this item come back to the Recreation and Park Commission and staff after the EIR is completed and staff have had an opportunity to review it”.

The motion failed 1-5-0 with Commissioner Michael Bartolic voting for the motion and Commissioners Dana Welch, John Dixon, Lamar Heystek, Charles Russell and Susan Sabatier voting against the motion.

Action: Dana Welch moved, Lamar Heystek seconded a motion recommending:

1. “Retention of the linear green as recommended by the developer.
2. The central north-south greenbelt be widened to a minimum of 100 feet, with a greater width adjacent to the multifamily and high-density areas.”

Substitute Motion: Lamar Heystek made a substitute motion to preserve the linear greenbelt while broadening the central north-south greenbelt”.

The motion failed for lack of a second.

Friendly Amendment: Charlie Russell offered a friendly amendment recommending “staff and developers work together to design the central north-south greenbelt to minimize maintenance while still providing a sense of openness.

Dana Welch and Lamar Heystek accepted the friendly amendment.

Action: The Commission voted on the motion made by Dana Welch, seconded by Lamar Heystek and amended by Charlie Russell recommending:

1. “ Retention of the linear green as recommended by the developer.
2. The central north-south greenbelt be widened to a minimum of 100 feet, with a greater width adjacent to the multifamily and high-density areas.
3. Staff and developers work together to design the central north-south greenbelt to minimize maintenance while providing a sense of openness”.

The motion passed 4-1-1 with Commissioners Dana Welch, John Dixon, Charles Russell and Susan Sabatier voting for the motion, Commissioner Lamar Heystek voting against the motion and Commissioner Michael Bartolic abstaining from the vote.

Action: Charlie Russell moved, Susan Sabatier seconded a motion “stating the system proposed by the developer makes appropriate connections with the remainder of the city system”.

The motion passed 5-1-0 with Commissioners Dana Welch, John Dixon, Lamar Heystek, Charles Russell and Susan Sabatier voting for the motion and Commissioner Michael Bartolic abstaining from the vote.

Action: Susan Sabatier moved, Charles Russell seconded a motion recommending “that the project include developer construction and maintenance of parks and greenbelts concurrently with residential development”.

The motion passed 5-1-0 with Commissioners Dana Welch, John Dixon, Lamar Heystek, Charles Russell and Susan Sabatier voting for the motion and Commissioner Michael Bartolic abstaining from the vote.

Action: Dana Welch moved, Charles Russell seconded a motion “to state the project contributes to the Parks and Recreation system for the City of Davis and recommending 1) that the project include community-serving recreation uses 2) there be an opportunity for the City to discuss community needs for the privately-owned community building and 3) an analysis be completed on the impact on existing recreational facilities and programs (e.g. athletic fields, pools, recreation programs) if the project does not include recreational facilities”.

Friendly Amendment: Lamar Heystek offered a friendly amendment to add the following phrase after the word “uses”: “which could include additional active amenities”.

Dana Welch and Charlie Russell accepted the friendly amendment so that the motion reads: “to state the project contributes to the Parks and Recreation system for the City of Davis and recommending 1) that the project include community-serving recreation uses which could include additional active amenities 2) there be an opportunity for the City to discuss community needs for the privately-owned community building and 3) an analysis be completed on the impact on existing

recreational facilities and programs (e.g. athletic fields, pools, recreation programs) if the project does not include recreational facilities”.

The motion, as amended, passed unanimously.

Action: Susan Sabatier moved, Michael Bartolic seconded the motion “that City Council and staff work with developers to explore modifying the northern habitat area to include active water recreation”.

The motion passed unanimously.

Action: Susan Sabatier moved, Lamar Heystek seconded the motion “that City Council and staff work with developers to explore the idea of adding a mini park close to the high- density area”.

The motion failed 2-4-0 with Commissioners Lamar Heystek and Susan Sabatier voting for the motion and Commissioners John Dixon, Michael Bartolic, Charles Russell and Dana Welch voting against the motion.

Dana Welch requested that City staff add the following to the list titled: “Covell Village Application” Public/Commission/Council Issues and Review Assignments”:

- Opportunity to include Sports Fields at Covell Village or Con Agra to avoid Facilities East of Davis.