

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE

Special Meeting

RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Bill Shinn, Chair

Mark Peterson, Committee Member

5:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 20, 2010

Please Note Meeting Location:

**Permit Center Conference Room
1950 Parkside Drive, Concord**

- ANNOTATED AGENDA -

ROLL CALL: All present

STAFF PRESENT: Valerie Barone, Assistant City Manager, John Montagh, Redevelopment and Housing Manager and Florence Weiss, Downtown Program Manager/City Events.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ADDRESSED THE COMMITTEE: Jeff Woods, Edward Andrews, Thomas Bloxham (Downtown Property Owners/Representatives), Denice Dennis, County Tobacco Prevention Program, Bruce Bergeson, private citizen, and Rene Tanguay (Ice Rink).

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: None

- 1. DISCUSSION** – Restricting/Limiting Smoking in the Downtown Business District – Report by Florence Weiss, Downtown Program Manager.

ACTION: There was discussion and consensus among the three property owners present that the recommended 20 foot restriction be expanded to 30 feet.

Bruce Bergeson, a member of the Public, stated his viewpoint that the smoking restriction needed to be expanded throughout the City. He felt limiting it to the Downtown was not sufficient.

Representatives from the County Tobacco Prevention program answered questions about the County ordinance as well as ordinances in nearby/neighborhood communities.

The Committee requested Staff to prepare a report to the City Council as stated in the staff report restricting smoking in the 8 block area surrounding Todos Santos Plaza and expanding the distance of the no smoking restrictions outside doorways and eating areas from 20 feet to 30 feet.

The Committee also requested that Staff explore and bring forward to the full City Council expanding the smoking restrictions to commercial districts in the entire City, or to specific Districts in the City, as well as to new Housing developments.

- 2. UPDATE** – On Ice Rink in Concord – Report by John Montagh, Redevelopment and Housing Manager.

ACTION: Mr. Tanguay provided an update and stated that he is pursuing Sear’s parking lot off of Willow Pass Road to stage his Holiday Ice Rink event from October 2010 to January 2011. Mr. Tanguay affirmed that all event costs are his responsibility and that the City will have no financial liability associated with the event. Mr. Tanguay requested assistance, if needed, with facilitating his application through PG&E’s process. He also requested assistance with marketing the event and potential field trips to the ice rink through Community & Recreation Services Department. Mr. Tanguay also requested assistance with finding a location to store his ice rink equipment during the year. Mr. Tanguay estimated he has four 40 foot containers that would need to be stored through the year.

The Committee members were encouraged by Mr. Tanguay’s report. Councilmember Peterson requested Mr. Tanguay provide regular updates concerning the Ice Rink application status with PG&E and contract negotiation with Sears. While Councilmember Shinn was supportive he expressed concern that the impact on staff time and City resources should not become onerous.

- 3. ADJOURNMENT** at 7:45 p.m.



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