

FALLBROOK COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP  
**Parks & Recreation Committee**

Wednesday, April 14, 2021; 11 AM

Meeting Location:

Zoom Meeting

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**Present:** Stephani Baxter (Committee Chair), Michele McCaffery, David Lynch, Victoria Stover, Dave Knopp (Chief of Operations (North) at County of San Diego, Department of Parks and Recreation), Stephanie Kopplin (Park Project Manger County of San Diego), Anna Strahan, Eileen Delaney, Jean Dooley, Collin Stephens, Ross Pike

**Absent:** Jedda Lorek, Jackie Heyneman (provided feedback via email), Lee DeMeo

Meeting was called to order at 11:02 AM

- A. The Minutes for the Meeting 1/13/21 were approved as presented. (5 Aye, 2 Abstain, 2 Absent)
- B. Public Communication: There was no Public Communication speakers at this meeting.
- C. Action Items:

1. Discussion of new San Diego County park on Fallbrook Street including the name of the park.  
**Community input. Non-voting item.**

Stephanie Kopplin presented an update on the status of the park planning (presentation attached).

The park is currently in the Environmental Review phase.

There have been meetings with consultants and focus groups from the community for the skate park and play elements of the park.

The skate park focus group consists of 97 community members including students from Potter Jr High School. The most popular elements include a mini half-pipe and snake run.

The play elements focus group consists of 27 community members. The most popular elements include a log climbing structure and climbing wall.

The County anticipates contractor bids to be awarded Fall 2021 and construction to begin Winter 2021 with completion late Summer 2022.

Several grants have been applied for include a new grant for interpretive signage throughout the park.

Stephanie Kopplin met recently with CSA-81 to discuss naming the park and sought input from this committee concerning the name of the park.

Some names brought up at the CSA-81 meeting were:

*Golden Morro Park*

*Katuktu Park*

*Paavara Park*

*Village Vista Park*

*Morro Vista Park*

Committee comments:

Michele McCaffery said that because of our close proximity to the City of Vista, any name that included Vista could be confusing and community members may not realize events advertised at the park were actually happening in Fallbrook.

Victoria Stover asked why the Parks & Recreation Department had moved away from naming parks after people. Victoria said there had been a suggestion to name the park after Jim Russell. Victoria expressed concerns that the area's history was being erased. Victoria

agreed the use of Vista in the name was not a good idea.

Stephanie Kopplin and Dave Knopp said that the County had moved away from naming parks after people because over time the names lost their meaning and there was a risk of a later discovery of undesirable actions of the person could arise. Therefore the County is unlikely to approve naming the new park after any one person. Victoria suggested that the County work with the Fallbrook Historical Society when choosing a name.

Jean Dooley said that she loves Live Oak Park because she loves the Live Oak trees. Jean said that according to Jackie Heyneman, Fallbrook Street is known as Jaracanda Street with Save Our Forests. Jackie would like to see the park name tied to the vegetation in the park. Stephanie Kopplin confirmed that she is working with Jackie Heyneman regarding a donation from Save Our Forests of Jacaranda trees.

Dave Lynch mentioned the park land was previously an avocado grove.

Collin Stephens asked what incorporating the area's history in the name looked like if it wasn't named after a person.

Victoria Stover mentioned the many parks in Fallbrook currently named after people and said the property of the new park has historically been agricultural land and the name should reflect the area if it wasn't going to be named after a person.

Stephani Baxter asked if the County had considered a tractor theme for the play area.

Stephani mentioned there was a similar themed park in Temecula and since the park is located an area that was historically agricultural this might be a good fit. Stephanie Kopplin agreed to present it to the focus group.

More support was expressed by the committee for the County to work with the Fallbrook Historical Society when planning for the interpretive signage throughout the park to ensure that it incorporates the history of Fallbrook and/or the park property.

There was more discussion about the great views that the new park will have of the village area.

Eventually the following names were preferred by the committee:

*Village View Park*

*Morro View Park*

Stephanie Kopplin will compile the name suggestions from this meeting and the CAS-81 meeting to present to the San Diego County Park Director.

Jackie Heyneman was unable to connect to the meeting but provided the following input via email to all committee members:

I really would like the name to be Jacaranda Park. Save Our Forest/ Fallbrook Land conservancy hopes that the County will accept a donation of Jacaranda tree for the new County Park. When the treescape Project was developed in the mid to late '90's, Specific streets in town were a particular variety of street tree. Fallbrook Street was Jacarandas. Others were Podacarpus, Australian Willan and so on. The property before the acquisition for the park was a grove of Avocado Trees. In honor of the community's Agriculture heritage, the Avocado Capital of the world, It could be Grove Park,  
Thank you for the opportunity to submit my thoughts.

D. ADJOURNMENT – 11:39 AM

*Minutes respectively submitted by Michele McCaffery*

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