



Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

May 6, 2009

City of San José Planning Commission
200 East Santa Clara Street, 3rd Floor
San José, California 95113

Subject: Spring 2009 – General Plan Amendments

Dear Planning Commissioners:

The Parks and Recreation Commission (hereinafter “Commission”) reviewed the proposed Spring 2009 General Plan Amendments dealing with future residential projects at the Commission’s regular business meeting on May 6, 2009. There was only one request that could directly lead to a housing project with 51 or more units. This letter transmits the Commission’s comments regarding the following General Plan Amendments to be considered by the Planning Commission and the City Council.

The Parks and Recreation Commission is neutral regarding the proposed General Plan Amendments being considered in the Spring of 2009 Cycle. None of the proposed projects will have a direct affect on the City’s parks and recreational facilities. The Commission does support the Alum Rock amendment (GP08-05-01 A-E) with the addition of a new neighborhood park near the intersection of Alum Rock Avenue and Sunset Street. GP08-03-01 will impact the proposed location of a new neighborhood park to serve the Rincon South Specific Plan Area. The City, in conjunction with the San Jose Redevelopment Agency should work together to create additional parkland to serve the Rincon South Specific Plan Area.

The Parks and Recreation Commission will be glad to answer any questions the Planning Commission may have regarding these recommendations.

Sincerely,

Melanie Richardson
Chair, Parks and Recreation Commission

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