



January 14, 2019

City Council Meeting January 15, 2019

Agenda Item C.2

Comments from: Ingeborg Cox MD, MPH

Staff has placed Winchester II Open Space in the list of the four parks that require "minimal engineering". They placed it in the City's Adopted Capital Improvement Project List as "Miscellaneous Park Improvements". In my opinion what staff is planning is not minimal engineering and should be reclassified. It appears that Winchester II Open Space will finally be addressed as a whole and NOT just one area as staff was planning.

The proposed change does NOT demonstrate a harmonious relationship with existing housing and will impact the residences that surround the Open Space.

This project does not respect the privacy of neighbors and is not considerate of private views. We hope that all the mature trees will be preserved.

We seniors are considered sensitive noise receptors under state law. If not mistaken Title 25, Section 1092 of the California Code of Regulations sets forth requirements so families are not exposed to potentially harmful noise. This factor is not addressed in the planned changes so far as we can tell.

In the Recreation Study prepared in 2008 for the City of Goleta by Consultant Carol Belser a professional recreation director, she makes NO recommendations for possible future use ideas for Winchester II Open Space (1.2 acres). (See attached)

For Winchester I (3.62 acres) the recommendation is Biodegradable air soft/paintball. Also her study under number 11 an undeveloped site La Goleta is mentioned that parallels Las Vegas Creek. The acres are over 6.10. Has this site been considered for open space? (See attached)

Earth moving equipment, traffic congestion, and continual noise will impact Winchester II Open Space for an indefinite time during construction. After construction impacts will be increased parking, traffic congestion and increased noise for the residences surrounding the Open Space.

In one of these questionnaires for Winchester II, the public had chosen to leave the Open Space as is. Why is it that this option is ignored? How many households that abut the park have been informed in writing about all the changes planned by the City and what are the possible effects of exposure of the unitary playground surface materials planned for Winchester II? (Continued on page 2)

I hope the Council has gotten the Safety Data Sheets from Staff as they were requested in the December 4, 2018 meeting.

The playground surfacing that was installed at Evergreen and Bella Vista according to what I got from staff appears to contain: Styrene-Butadiene Rubber, Natural Rubber, MR 1136 (an Isocyanate) and also Ethylene Propylene Diene Monomer (a rubber hydrocarbon). I have already shared the possible effects of these substances as reported in the medical literature with the Park Commission. I hope Staff has provided you with the current Safety Data Sheets for the unitary surface and coating.

The ribbon cutting for Evergreen Park was September 2012. This surface already shows signs of wear. (See attached picture). In Bella Vista Park we have 2 repairs where the surface was replaced. (See attached picture)

What happens when the subsurface which I understand contains the SBR, is violated? What are the exposures to the children using this surface?

Has the City of Goleta requested an updated Safety Data Sheet (SDS) from 2002 for SBR? The EPA retracted its assurances of safety in 2009.

There are other problems with the proposed play equipment for Winchester II Open Space.

According to the Public Playground Safety Handbook of the US Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) multiple occupancy swings are not recommended because of their greater mass, as compared to single occupancy swings, and present a risk of impact injury.

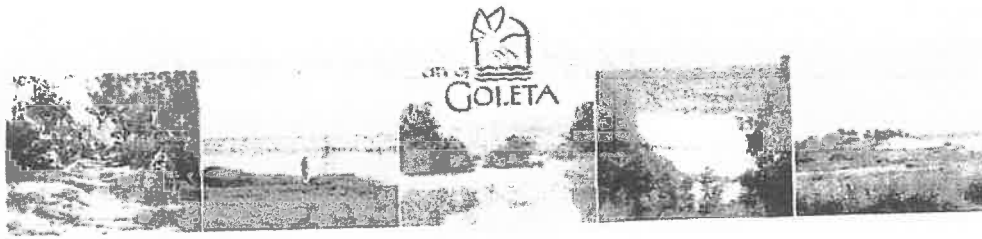
CPSC also suggests **age separation** by a buffer zone. It will reduce the chance of injury from older, more active children running through areas with younger children who generally have slower movement and reaction times.

Sliding poles are not recommended for preschool age children since they usually don't have the upper body and/or hand strength to slide according to the CPSC handbook.

Children have suffered serious injuries and died by getting parts of their clothing tangled on protrusions or gaps on slides. (5.3.6.7)

If you are going to change the play surface, make sure that the material you choose does not affect the health of the children.

5 pages of Attachments: 1) Surface at Evergreen May 12, 2017 Ribbon Cutting September 2012 2) Surface at Bella Vista 12/17/18 3) City of Goleta Recreation Study: An Analysis of Recreation Services and Programs in the Goleta Community (3 pages)



CITY OF GOLETA

Recreation Study: An Analysis of Recreation Services and Programs in the Goleta Community

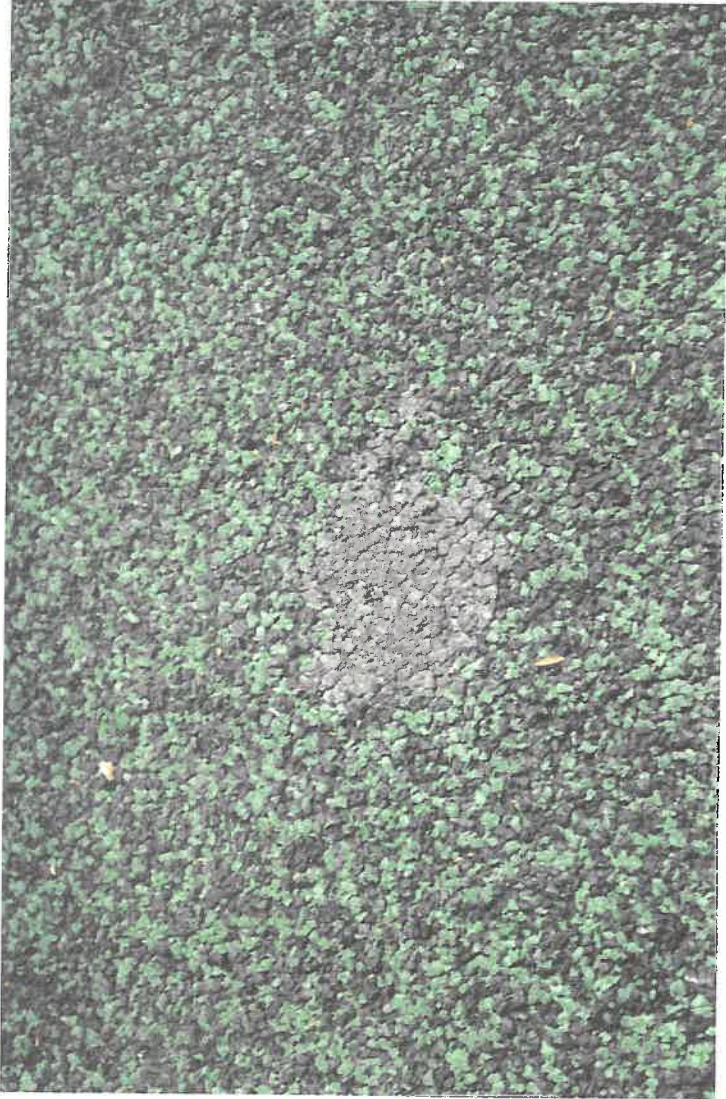
Prepared for the City of Goleta
by Carol Belser,
professional recreation director
municipal, private, and non-profit recreation services

June 2008

10 Koarts Teardrop	7500 blk Calle Real, to San Rossano Dr. to 100 blk. San Milano Dr.	79-465-01 0.05 Acre	Cul-de-sac Island	
11 La Goleta	Goleta 5900 blk. Cathedral Oaks, to 800 blk. Fairview, to 6000 blk. La Goleta, to 6000 blk. Paseo Palmita, to 6000 blk. Manzanilla Dr.	77-470-51, 52 77-480-62 6.15 ?	Parallels Las Vegas Creek; undeveloped	
12 Los Cameros	Los Cameros, Covington, La Patera, Calle Real	77-160-43, 46, 48, 49 139.99 Acres	25 acre lake, hiking paths, elevated board walk over lake, 3 Benches; 2 portable toilets; George Adams picnic area has 3 tables; 1 bench; earth dam	Tai-Chi and various non impact activities such as easel art, stretching yoga.
13 Mathilda	311 Mathilda Drive	79-554-07 .16 acre	play equipment, picnic table	
14 Nectarine	5800 blk. Hollister Ave, to 100 blk. Nectarine Ave.	71-061-23 0.13	A sandlot w/play equipment & bench	
15 Oro Verde	5500 blk. Cathedral Oaks, to 700 blk. Cambridge Dr, to 5500 blk. Via Salerno	69-380-11 69-391-01 69-392-08 69-401-01 (five parcels) 7.35 Acres total	Undeveloped	Skate park, bmx (earth built) course,
16 Saint Charles Place	7600 blk Calle Real, to St. Charles Place	79-37 0.05 Acre	A traffic island	
17 San Miguel	7700 blk. Calle Real, to 7900 Winchester Canyon, to Winchester Dr, to 7900 blk. Rio Vista Dr, to end of Rio Vista Dr.	79-570-46 79-600-60, 61 5.78 Acres	0.52 acre lawn; playground; 2 picnic tables; drinking fountain; foot bridge; irrigation controller	Day camp activities, t-ball, field trip destination, youth soccer
18 Santa Barbara Shores	7500 blk. Hollister Ave, to 200 blk. Santa Barbara Shores, to 300 blk. Santa Barbara Shores Dr.	79-321-01 79-322-01 79-332-14 79-355-09 6.07 Acres	0.15 acre lawn; playground; 1 picnic table; irrigation controller	
19/20 Elwood Mesa/ Spearling Preserve	7700 blk. Hollister Ave. south side to ocean.	79-210-67 New Corner 1.04 Acres Total Acres 139.16 Includes Coastline parcels	Currently a large natural open space; trails; dirt parking lot at NW corner Butterfly preserve	Surf and ocean camps and classes, docent program, butterfly preserve education classes, soccer program,
22 Stow Grove Park	La Patera Ln.	77-160-09 580 11.10 Acres	Day use park; Reservation Group Areas 3, [All provide electricity and water]; #1- 210 persons w/ 1 Double large BBQ pit, 3 serving tables, 24 dining tables; #2- 75 persons w/ 1 Single large BBQ pit, 2 serving tables, 9 dining tables; #3- 50	Flag football leagues, 5 a-side Soccer games, canine classes, field practices and games. Reservation use, sand volleyball games, Horseshoe tournaments

Comments and possible
Future use ideas !!

			persons w/ 1 Single large BBQ pit, 2 serving tables, 8 dining tables; Single picnic tables with sm. BBQ -14; Single picnic tables-3; Kiddie picnic tables-7; Double Picnic tables with double BBQ-2; Play Areas- 1 Large, 1 small, 1 separate Kiddie swing area; Benches-11; Drinking Fountains-8; Bike Racks-2; Single trash cans-54, Large Trash Bins-2, Recycle Bins-11; Public Phone-1; Vending Machine-1 Horseshoe Pits-2; Volleyball Courts-2; Softball/Soccer Field-1		
23 Stow House Museum & Goleta Depot Railroad Museum	Cathedral Oaks, to 300 Los Cameros	9.5 Acres		0.45 acre lawn, Stow House Museum & Goleta Depot Railroad Museum - Managed by Goleta Valley Historical Society	
23 Stow Tennis Courts	5900 blk. Cathedral Oaks, to 400 blk. Fairview, to 6000 blk. Stow Cyn. to 6200 blk. Stow Cyn.	77-331-17 2.68 Acres	1.74 acre lawn; 2 tennis courts; 1 bench; Irrigation controller; parallels	Tennis programs, t-ball practice, field use, flag football	
24 University Village	Village 7200 blk. Hollister Ave. to Pacific Oaks Rd. to 7100 blk. Right on Georgetown	73-230-49 73-240-58 73-260-21, 56 5.29 Acres	1.74 acre lawn; irrigation controller	Exercise classes	
25 Winchester	7500 blk. Calle Real, to 7600 blk. Calle Real	79-371-05 79-383-13 3.62 Acres	0.20 acre lawn, swing set; play field; 2 benches; irrigation controller	Biodegradable Air Soft/paintball	
26 Winchester II	700 blk. Calle Real	79-341-09 79-344-14 1.2 Acres	0.7 acre lawn, swing set; softball backstop; play field; 2 picnic tables; irrigation controller		
COUNTY PARKS FREQUENTED BY GOLETA RESIDENTS					
GOLETA BEACH			Beach, reservations and beach	By permit: Surf camps and classes, Tai Chi class,	



Evergreen

5-12-17

Septemb 2012

Ribbon cutting
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Less than 5 years

Bella Vista 12/17/18



January 13, 2019

To: Goleta Mayor Perotte and Councilmembers
From: Vic Cox
Re: Jan. 15, 2019 agenda Item C2



Tuesday night you will be asked to vote on a sketchy idea of how to reorder the 1.1-acre open space of Winchester II and stuff it with thousands of dollars worth of new children's play equipment. All without benefit of an overall site plan detailing locations of the structures, their relationship to each other and how they could complement the existing baseball and soccer fields, which might have to be relocated.

Drawings of the "options" staff has hastily created have few measurements and are little more than fanciful approximations of a few elements that must be considered. There's no consideration of ADA-qualified entrance(s) much less paved wheelchair paths to any play structures. If you agree to concentrate the equipment as suggested by every option, especially number D, where will you install the toilet(s) the kids will need?

Speaking of overlooked problems, the east end of Winchester II has major water saturation that began years before the recent rainfall. The whole network of irrigation pipes, at least on that end of the parcel, will likely need replacement. Years ago the county installed a French drain along the southern edge shared by the Warwick Place property where my wife and I have lived for 35 years. We do not know if it still functions but our property is lower than the open space and often collects moisture.

Since the open space drains to the south, down Warwick Place, perhaps this slope can be leveled and regraded, particularly if new irrigation pipes are needed.

There's still no budget for even this piece of the larger project, though play structures, slides, swings and other items deemed appropriate to children ages 2-12 already have been ordered. I wonder if staff noticed that the price for the new play equipment does not include dismantling or disposing of any older structures or ground preparation and

(more)

installation of the new ones. The contractor helpfully suggests using a forklift or, if unavailable, five or six strong men to unload the trucks.

Lastly but not least, as one of the few flat, medium-sized green spaces with trees in west Goleta Winchester II is a stopover for migratory and breeding birds. Recently we have seen egrets, phoebes and both red-shouldered and a red-tailed hawks feeding here. Their presence underlines the difference between an open space and a park.

Though this is one of the six parks and open spaces scheduled for some kind of change in Goleta your decisions will set a precedent for the others. Please consider options not currently whipped up by staff, such as leaving Winchester II almost as is. If the City maintains it a portable toilet might be welcome, especially during team sports sessions.

Another undiscussed option would be to split up the concentration of play equipment so that it is not all crowded in a large rectangle in one park.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vic Cox". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Vic" and the last name "Cox" clearly distinguishable.

Winkler II Open Space
Swing area





From: Scott Missman <smissman@ucsb.edu>

Sent: Monday, January 14, 2019 11:35 AM

To: Deborah Lopez <dlopez@cityofgoleta.org>

Subject: Letter regarding the 01/15/2019 Goleta City Council meeting agenda

Good morning,

I am sending you the attached letter and pictures to be included into the Goleta City Council meeting agenda for tomorrow 01/15/2019. It is in reference to item C.2 Winchester Open Space II. There is a PDF document and relative pictures. Please pass this on to the appropriate parties for consideration.

Thank you,
Scott

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Goleta City Council
Winchester Open Space II - Project
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Dear Goleta City Council:

This letter is in reference to the Goleta City Council meeting agenda item C.2 Winchester II Park Playground Improvements. I understand that the agenda is to discuss the site plan. Unfortunately, the site plan has not been shared, so I cannot prepare an accurate rebuttal as I would like to have done.

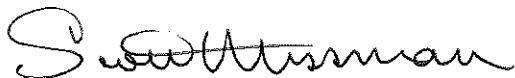
I am very much opposed to the original plan I have seen. The structure is way too large for the size of the park. This size of structure would be better served in a larger park or being donated to Girsh Park where it would serve many more residents.

This planned ~20' tall structure will be an invasion of our privacy, and interfere with our view of the sunset and mountains. See attached picture of how close the structure will be to my bedroom window.

If the construction of the planned structure cannot be halted, the location should be altered to eliminate the issues I have mentioned. In discussing this with the neighbors, who by the way knew nothing of this project, all agree that the north or north-east end of the park next to Calle Real would be the best location. It would be less intrusive and easier to comply with ADA requirements. See attached picture. An alternate location would be the west side of the park where it would be less intrusive to the neighbors due to a taller fence and trees that would block any view of the structure. See attached picture

Lastly, I would like to address the survey that was taken. I have tried to find out more about how it was taken and the results, but have not been provided any details. I can share the fact that none of the residents (~15) that I have talked to within a few blocks of the project knew anything about it. So, in my opinion, the survey process was seriously flawed, and the results void.

Sincerely,



Scott Missman
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From: Joanne Norman <joannemnorman@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, January 14, 2019 3:41 PM

To: Deborah Lopez <dlopez@cityofgoleta.org>

Subject: City council statement on Winchester II

Hi Deborah,

I'd like to make the following statement for the city council meeting tomorrow in regards to Winchester II Park. I'm unable to attend.

Thanks!

Joanne Norman

To whom it may concern,

My name is Joanne Norman, my husband and I bought our home on Bradford 4 years ago and have 3 young boys. Almost 5, almost 3 and a 13 month old. Since moving into the neighborhood we have thoroughly enjoyed visiting all the neighborhood parks. We are very excited to have an amazing neighborhood park only a couple blocks away.

Almost 2 years ago when I saw a post about getting feedback on our neighborhood parks I made sure to attend and give my input. Since then I've attended several other meetings on the topic of parks and recreation, including taking the city's survey. Even recruiting my other "mom friends" to have their positive voice heard on the expansion of the current parks in the city of Goleta.

While all of the new parks are very exciting to us, Winchester II is at the top of our list due to the proximity to our home. One of the aspects of Winchester II that I really appreciate is the location of the playground. Away from the busy street, Calle Real. This gives me peace of mind that my kids will be safe. Therefore, my vote is for Option D. Keeping the playground where the current swing structure is. In addition to Calle Real, the location of the play structure in Option D has a less of a risk of t balls entering the play structure.

If it is deemed necessary to move the playground structure closer to Calle Real, I strongly strongly urge you to put in gates along the fence. Especially given the ages of those using the playground structure, soccer field and those playing baseball. I reviewed the video from the last meeting and know there are off out fences there, however toddlers run FAST!

Our family and neighborhood friends look forward to playing at Winchester all upon completion.

Sincerely,

Joanne Norman

Sent from my iPhone

