



Meeting Date: August 19, 2014

**TOWN OF MORAGA**

**STAFF REPORT**

**To: Park and Recreation Commission**  
**From: Jay Ingram, Parks and Recreation Director**  
**Subject: August Agenda Items**

**New Business**

**Item VIII. A. Commons Park Pathway – (discussion/action)**

Attachment A shows different options for a path of travel with an Americans with Disabilities (ADA) compliant pathway in the Commons Park. Since our last meeting, staff met with Roger Poynts, Civil Engineer, and Graig Crossley, local resident, to discuss details and options for an additional proposed pathway in the Commons Park. Mr. Poynts agreed to provide the work to date, pro-bono. This proposed project request dates back to this past spring, when Mr. Crossley approached the Park and Recreation Commission.

The original path proposal from Mr. Crossley was intended to be similar to the one designated in red ink as shown on Attachment A. The topographical map used by Mr. Poynts for this project identified a grade exceeding 5%, creating a non ADA compliant pathway. Mr. Poynts developed plans to share with the Commission. As shown, the pathway, while much longer than originally envisioned, follows a contour that, with some grading, could be made ADA compliant.

Attachment A is intended to show three options. Option one is in green, option two is in blue and option three is in red. There might be additional options, not yet discovered, options one and three could be combined for maximum access, and status quo could be an option as well. The black lines coming off the band shell stage and pointing north, are included to show the maximum viewing area for a function at the band shell.

For this item the Commission will need to provide direction to staff. Items to consider for discussion include, preferred pathway location, pathway surface materials, pathway width, and associated costs.

**Preferred pathway location:**

As previously mentioned Attachment A shows at least three options. There may be more options yet to be identified. The Commission should discuss and provide further direction to staff regarding a preferred pathway location.

### Surface materials:

#### Decomposed Granite (DG)

Pros – Permeable. looks more natural than other surfaces.

Cons – Increased maintenance, slope of the hill and water runoff will encourage ruts. Not the recommended surface by in-house engineer and consulting Landscape Architect for maintenance issues as well as safety.

#### Asphalt

Pros – Same surface as existing interior pathways. Maintenance is minimal. Potentially the most affordable option. Recommended by in-house engineer and consulting Landscape Architect. Would blend into our current pathway system.

Cons – Petroleum based product. If not done correctly edge cracking could occur.

#### Concrete

Pros – Minimal maintenance. Looks more finished than asphalt. Recommended by consulting Landscape Architect. Can be tinted to have a more natural color.

Cons – One of the more expensive options

#### ADA Walk, set-in-place walkway system (staff will bring sample to the meeting)

Pros – Can be used (set-up) per event, as-needed. No excavation needed.

Cons – Would need to be set-up before each event and removed after. Designed in a way where accessible path is a few inches above existing grade. One of the more expensive options.

### Pathway width:

Pathway width can vary depending upon trail use; bike, pedestrian, maintenance vehicle, etc. Give the potential use of this path, staff would suggest six feet wide. Four feet appeared too narrow if people wanted to pass each other while on the trail. Six foot allows enough space for passing. Eight foot was viewed as too wide, but a good width for a viewing space just up the hill from the band shell building.

### Current Cost Estimates:

*Decomposed Granite* - \$6-\$8/sf., but with some form of stabilizer added it becomes \$8-\$10/sf. Contractors are currently charging between \$6-\$12/sq. ft. for DG path.

*Asphalt* – a little harder to estimate due to this product being charged by the ton, but current cost figures show approximately \$6/sf.

*Concrete* - \$10-\$12/sf., but currently contractors are charging between \$10-\$15/sf.

*ADA Walk* - \$15/sf. assuming a six foot wide path

*\*A general rule of thumb is that landscaping, whether its plantings or pathways, cost should be estimated to be between \$8-\$10/sf.*

| <b>Cost Estimates<br/>for pathway shown in green on Attachment A</b>                         |                  |
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| <i>provided by Poynts and Associates, Civil Engineers and Land Surveyors</i>                 |                  |
| Rough Grading  | \$9,000          |
| Demolition   | ?                |
| Irrigation repair/rerouting  | ?                |
| Sod replacement  | ?                |
| Associated drainage (sub-drainage)   | ?                |
| Pathway Surface (DG on AB)   | \$58,000         |
| Pathway Surface (AC paving at 1.5" overlay, optional)  | \$20,000         |
| Civil Engineering and Construction Staking   | \$20,100         |
| **Contingency and Construction Management (20%)  | \$21,500         |
| <b>Total Estimated Cost</b>  | <b>\$128,600</b> |
| <b>Total Estimated Cost without AC paving</b>  | <b>\$108,600</b> |
| <i>* Estimates assume 670 lf of 6' wide path and 200 lf of 9' wide viewing path section.</i> |                  |
| <i>**cost added by Town, for the purposes of this report</i>                                 |                  |

Fiscal Impact:

For a landscape architectural firm to develop plans, specifications and engineers estimates and make this a “biddable” project, the cost would be approximately \$18,000. This fee is not included in the table above and will be an additional cost, above the \$108,000 or \$128.000.

There are currently no funds allocated for this conceptual project. With existing workloads, Town staff is not available to develop plans, specifications and engineer’s estimates to package this project to put out to public bid, and is likely a project that will be lead by a professional landscape firm for the previously mentioned cost of \$18,000. Should the Commission desire to study this project further, Town staff will need to take a funding proposal to Town Council, requesting funds to develop plans, construction documents, and construction/installation costs.

Alternatives

1. Provide a recommendation on proposed pathway
2. Not provide a recommendation for a proposed pathway
3. Study further and provide direction to staff

Recommendation

Based on the information in this report, provide feedback and direction to staff.

## **Item VIII. B. Fiscal Year End for Parks and Recreation – (report)**

Attachment B shows the year end unaudited July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014 Parks and Recreation Department numbers. The revenue is listed at the top of the page, with Account Number 810 being all non- Hacienda revenues, such as enrichment programs at the schools and SMC, park rentals, special events like the triathlon and Pear and Wine Festival and Moraga Movers excursions. Hacienda Programs, Account Number 850, is all the revenue generated from the Hacienda, such as rentals, enrichment classes, camps and special events. Expenditure accounts Parks and Recreation are responsible for include; Hacienda buildings and grounds maintenance, Library buildings and grounds maintenance, parks and open space maintenance, recreation programs and Hacienda programs.

## **Item VIII. C. “Toast to Moraga” 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration - (discussion)**

One of the Commission goals under “projects” is the celebration of the Town of Moraga’s 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events. The first celebration will be the evening of the Pear and Wine Festival, September 27, 2014 and the second will be on Saturday evening, October 18, 2014. More details will follow for the October 18 event. The focus for this item is on the September 27 “*Toast to Moraga*” outdoor community picnic style event at the Commons Park. The following is information from the Town website.

### *Toast to Moraga - 40th Anniversary Celebration*

**Saturday, September 27, 2014**

**6:00-8:00 pm**

**Moraga Commons Park**

**[Pre-Registration Required](#)**

**Registration Begins 8/8, deadline is 9/12!**

Join the community for a picnic-style (bring your own), dinner in the park to celebrate the Town of Moraga’s 40th anniversary of incorporation! **[Sign up today!](#)** Celebrate by sharing a meal with friends, family and neighbors.

On Saturday, September 27, dinner tables will be placed in the Moraga Commons Park for dinner under a canopy of lights. At 6:30 pm, the dinner bell will ring and we will toast to our wonderful community! DJ RyanO and the Campolindo High School musicians will provide the evening’s entertainment. Attendees are encouraged to bring a potluck from home or pre-order food from your favorite local restaurant and bring it with you. Shop Moraga First! and be sure to check for specials at participating restaurants. **[Reserve your table early!](#)** Each 6' table comes with 6 chairs and a bottle of sparkling juice for \$35.00 (you can reserve as many tables as you like). **[Register Online](#)** or download the **[application form](#)**.

### **Participating Restaurants**

Coming Soon!

If you are a restaurant interested in participating, **[please fill out the application form](#)**.

### **Table Decorating Contest**

Get creative and enter the table decorating contest! Centerpieces, place settings, etc. will be judged by a panel of staff/volunteers the evening of the event. Categories are:

- Most Moraga
- Most Artistic
- Best Use of Recycled Materials
- Over the Top

### **Toast Contest**

The Toast to Moraga will kick-off with short and sweet winning toasts from community members. The contest for toasts no longer than 140 characters (tweet-length) will run through September 22, winners will be notified by September 24. Toast contest winners will join town officials on stage to lead the crowd in the 6:30 pm toast! [\*\*Enter the Toast Contest!\*\*](#) Alcohol is permitted at this event. This is a no-pet event with the exception of services animals. No BBQs or other heating elements.

### **Recommendation**

Staff is requesting all Commissioners attend this event. Commissioners will be needed as judges for the Tweet and Table Decorating Contests. Commissioners will also be needed to help work the event, mainly seating guests and support with marketing the event to neighbors, encouraging everyone to sign up and participate. We have reserved outdoor seating for 400 and would like to reach that goal.

### **Item VIII. D. City Ventures Pocket Park, Moraga Way – (discussion)**

Attachment C is the Town Center Homes Conceptual Design for the proposed pocket park. This is the proposed development adjacent to MOFD Station 41, on Moraga Way. Since the development only has 36 units proposed, it is not possible for the Town to require the developer to dedicate land. This requirement can only happen with 50 units or more. Therefore, this developer is providing a pocket park that will not be owned, maintained or managed by the Town. Town Staff is asking the Park and Recreation Commission to provide feedback on the conceptual design (attachment C). The Planning Commission will discuss this project at their September 18, 2014 meeting.

### **Recommendation**

Provide feedback to Town staff on the proposed pocket park. Feedback will be forwarded to the Planning Department for the September meeting.