

MCCC
Park and Rec Subcommittee 1995

The Park and Rec Subcommittee met many times in 1995. It had a consistent place to meet (the Airport MCC Office).

The largest objective of the Park and Rec Subcommittee in 1995 was determining what, if anything, was a proper response to the failure of Measure F in 1994. The fact that Measure E passed indicated that the community was willing to support a park gave encouragement to the subcommittee to search for alternatives.

The meetings were held on time, and run in an orderly manner. As can be expected in any public issue, there were sceptics. They were not excluded from meeting notice nor participation in the discussion. In fact, their positions and explanations were actively sought.

Access to MCC Agendas and TV access was very helpful to furthering the objectives of the subcommittee.

The presence of MCC board members was a sometime thing. Their presence was always welcome. On the other hand, it did not at all seem required. The chairing of the subcommittee changed from time to time, and any concerns about how the meetings were being run were addressed immediately.

All in all, it was a success! The goal to find a home for the Quarry Park was met. Nobody indicated they felt they were left out.

The things that might have made the subcommittee run more smoothly were:

1. a more accessible meeting notification process: e.g. telephone tree, internet bulletin board.
2. Occasionally, a slightly larger place to meet.
3. A more accessible place to put minutes of the meetings, solicitations for help, drafts of documents or positions for public commentary. E.g. a web site might be a good help here.
4. A clearer mechanism for request for support and assistance from the MCC Board.
5. There were times when the subcommittee felt a need for the MCC Board members to be actively involved in specific aspects (e.g. our relationship with the county) , but their availability and interest were absent.

The input to this report was limited. Other members of the subcommittee may have further comments.

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