

Summary of Workshop Notes 1st Community Meeting Hahamongna Watershed Park Annex City of Pasadena

Thursday, April 6, 2006 6:30-8:30 p.m. Jackie Robinson Center, Multipurpose Room 1020 N. Fair Oaks Avenue, Pasadena, CA

The following is a condensed version of the input provided during the April 6, 2006 community meeting. Input was sorted into groupings based on similarity and then synthesized to eliminate duplication while preserving the essence of the individual statements. Documentation of the original input and the steps undertaken to develop this summary is available from the City of Pasadena.

Existing tenants and uses

- Keep the present range of tenants and their programs and uses
- Preserve as is for non-tenant uses (e.g. camps, multi-use trails including hiking, biking, riding, disc golf)
- Keep the present range of tenants and uses with improvements (e.g. physical: improve stables and riding areas, structures and landscaping; better guidelines/requirements for current uses; and programs e.g. public equestrian programs, integrate public access/benefits, more equestrian facilities)
- Ensure that any tenants are able to improve and care for the property

Potential New Uses

- Evaluate current uses (including uses not represented by organized groups) and broad recreation needs (including Pasadena youth) and balance them creatively
- Have complimentary uses-partnership among tenants/users.
- Opportunities for City/public programs (e.g. outdoor/environmental/nature education, diverse programs, nature/art/equestrian overnight camping)
- Concerns about active recreation on site and over use/over development
- Work with partners/volunteers
- Regional trail hub (i.e. Rim of the Valley, regional trail networks, Angeles National Forest trails)
- Provide off-road/trail cycling (not just on roads-safety issue)

What will happen to old structures?

- Should the structures stay as is, be rehabilitated, selectively demolished or totally removed
- Potentially have staff living in on-site housing
- Convert buildings to educational, cultural, and interpretive facilities—potentially for overnight programs (i.e. camping)

Natural Resource Protection

- Preserve, enhance and restore habitat (including oak woodland)
- Keep site as natural as possible
- Maintain the integrity of the wildlife corridor

Water resources

Increased water recharge opportunities (e.g. minimize pavement in park)

Access & Parking

- Minimize roads, traffic and parking and their impacts (including JPL access)
- Keep the trail system available during the rainy season
- Provide 24 access to park/trails

Safety & Security

- Presence of positive uses (including tenants and trail users) promotes safety
- Lighting for security
- Safety and monitoring of overnight campers
- Fencing as needed (i.e. around equestrian areas)
- Accommodate multiple uses in a safe way

Funding/finance

- Use available funds to improve and maintain the Arroyo trails infrastructure
- With maintenance backlog, where will funding come from for this project

Planning process issues

- How to balance, respect, and include range of stakeholders and viewpoints
- Project longevity—how long will this be in place
- Why is a plan needed
- Concern about a "clean slate" alternative in charrette
- Can uses currently planned for other parts of the HWP be moved to the Annex if it would be a more appropriate fit