1. Call to order/Roll Call (Quorum = 5)
   a. Chairperson: Nina Sutaria, Vice Chair: Kathy Evans
   b. Members: Ying Liu, Patty Radlo, Liza Reichert, Ingrid Sperow, Yibin Tang, Scott Vanderlip
   c. Staff: Sarah Robustelli, Chris Knopf
   d. Council Liaison: Roger Spreen
   e. Associate Members: Rebecca Hickman, Helene Karlsson, Kjell Karlsson, Val Metcalfe, Jim Basiji, Craig Murray, Alisa Bredo, Nick French, Andrea Angquist
   f. Committee has 2 vacancies; need more representative members with children

2. Review of DRAFT Minutes - June 17th, 2019

3. Public Comment: list members of the public

4. New Business
   a. Movie Nights at Purissima
   b. Presentation from Prop 68 Subcommittee
   c. Voting on Prop68 ideas
   d. Facility Use Policy for Purissima Park

5. Old Business
   I. Subcommittee Reports
      a. Prop 68: Nina, Kathy, and Scott
      b. Legacy Giving: Scott and Ying
      c. Garden Update: Craig/Ingrid/Scott
      d. Senior Programming: Jim Basiji
      e. Preschool Programming: Andrea
      f. Joint Softball Game: Liza/Nick
      g. Family Campout
   II. Event Dates
      a. Hoedown (September 7th)
      b. Holiday Barn Lighting (December 1st)

Future Meetings: August 19th, September 16th, October 21st, November 11th, No December, January 20th
Prop 68: Bring Community to Los Altos Hills

Parks & Recreation Committee
August 2019

Nina Sutaria - Kathy Evans - Scott Vanderlip
Overview

- Prop 68 grants us $200k ($50k match) for parks & recreation
  - With constraints on where, when, how the money may be spent
- Rare opportunity to take back and make use of our only neighborhood park land
  - Centrally located, but underutilized
  - Long-standing desire to make it a more attractive and usable park
  - Minimal impact to existing public uses
- Purissima Ballfields:
  - 7 acres used by a very small number of residents for a single sport (87% non-residents)
  - Town subsidy to Pinewood & Little League $50k/year
  - Site sits empty much of the day most of the year
- Proposal: More features, for more activities and more ages, and build community in LAH
This cool park can be yours in Los Altos Hills..
Background
What is Proposition 68?

80000. This division shall be known .. as the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and **Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018**.

80001. (a) The people of California find and declare all of the following:

1. From California’s beautiful rivers, streams, coastal shorelines, and other waterways, to our federal, state, local, and regional parks and outdoor settings, to our vast network of trails connecting people with natural landscapes, **Californians value the rich diversity of outdoor experiences afforded to this state and its citizens.**

2. **Demand for local parks has exceeded available funding by a factor of 8 to 1**, with particularly high demand in urban, disadvantaged communities.

3. Many Californians across the state **lack access to safe parks**, wildlife, trails, and recreation areas, which **limits their ability to experience the outdoors, improve their physical and emotional health, exercise, and connect with their communities.**

- State funds to increase outdoor options for communities, especially those which are “park-poor”
- Grants $200k (+$50k match) to build a badly needed park
- Funds must be used for new projects on land designated “Recreation”: Westwind, Purissima or Edith
Need for a Park

Where do people meet to hang out in Los Altos Hills?

- Pathways
- Open Space Preserves
- .. or, Neighboring Towns

Problems

Pathways & Open Space
- provide limited options for recreation
- not accessible to all (seniors, disabled, groups with differing ability levels e.g. families)

Purissima
- Little use by residents
- Special uses only (must play baseball or own a horse)
- Original intent was to be a recreation space for all children (“youth recreation space”)

No place to form community
- Lacking a community space
- Lacking park with playground (for older than toddlers)
- over 1,800 residents under 18 yrs

City comparisons
- Los Altos, population 30,531: New community center + 9 playgrounds
- Atherton, population 7,187: 22-acre community center + 2 playgrounds
- Los Altos Hills, population 8,559: No community center + “Tot Lot”
What was considered?

- Walked all three qualifying sites (Purissima, Westwind, Edith) multiple times
- Edith: too close to Shoup, no parking, no bathrooms, neighbors across creek
- Westwind: fully built out and dedicated to horseback riding
- Purissima: Examined riding ring, but ring is
  - In current use (as well as historic)
  - Beautiful and unique to LAH
  - Important to residents (480 + 79 signature petitions in ‘05)
  - Integral component of LAHAA
Purissima Ballfields: 8 acres of flat land in the center of town with bathrooms, parking, grass and drainage already in place
Purissima: Current Use Statistics
## Little League: Field Use Statistics

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Replace this subsidy and inefficient use of precious town-owned land with our own badly needed neighborhood park.
Ideas
Not just baseball, not just for boys..

1. Multi-Sport Court (AYSO stat here)
2. Tricycle area
3. Water features
4. Place to learn to ride a bike
5. Picnic Tables
6. Community Room
7. Etc.
Who else might use the sports field

**AYSO**: In 2019, 33 out of 219 children are residents of LAH (15%)

Fewer play soccer (63 Little League residents vs. 39 AYSO residents)

But 33 is close to the number of resident kids playing baseball at Purissima site (39 kids)
Downtown Green: A model for community

Vibrant Town - August 2019

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We need community in LAH too

- Movie night
- Hang out with other families
- Picnics in the park
- A place to hang out with other adults (that is not Town Hall or Peet’s Coffee)
- Family Campout
- Town Picnic
- And more events like these..
A Useful Building for All

Shoup Garden House: has an accessory room for events

- New Snack Shack for Little League needed
- Little League board meetings & parties
- Resident children’s birthday parties
- Classes
- Need more space for Committee Meetings (current congestion at Town Hall)
- Need more space for Classes & Recreation (especially exercise classes)
Other Funding Possibilities to Consider

Grant provides initial $250k

Other options:
- Town
- LACF (Los Altos Community Foundation)
- LACI (Los Altos Community Initiative)
- Private Donors
How to Proceed
To Do

1) Motion to present this idea to council
2) Flesh out implementation/ideas (Scott)
3) Get cost estimates (Staff)
4) Submit grant paperwork by deadline (Staff)
FAQ

What about the Tot Lot?

- Tot Lot is for toddlers, more ages 1-3 than the 3-7 printed on the side (legal reasons)
- No shade, caged-in feeling
- No sandbox
- No water features
- Nothing of interest to older children or adults

What about doing just the room?

- Grant intent is to get people outdoors to improve health and increase rates of exercise
- Known as the “Outdoor Access for All Act” of 2018
- Park will anchor and complement community room, like Shoup’s Garden House (classes, birthdays, etc.)

Isn’t there a deed restriction on Purissima?

- Deed placed at time of purchase makes clear the purpose is public recreation
- Mary Davey, councilmember at the time the deed was placed, clarified in subsequent meeting site is for all recreation uses (including as a school).

Didn’t we just spend money on the ball fields?

In 2007, Council approved a $1.3M renovation of the newly renamed “Purissima Park”

- Improved drainage and irrigation
- Improved parking
- Picnic tables
- Basketball court
- Safety fencing
- Landscaping
- ADA compliant bathrooms (~300K)

All of which can still be used by the new park. Source: “Our Town”, Winter 2009 [15]
FAQ (continued)

What is the overall impact to Little League?

- If P2 decommissioned, loss of Juniors division at Purissima (kids 13-14).
- Affects 5 LAH kids and 30 Los Altos kids.

What is the overall impact to the Riding Ring?

- No change recommended.
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