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AGENDA ITEM _____

TO: **Members of the Planning Commission**
FROM: **Kevin Bryant, Advance Planner**
SUBJECT: **General Plan Update:
Parks & Recreation Element Issues Paper and Public Hearing**

MEETING DATE: **July 14, 2004** REVIEWED BY: _____

BACKGROUND

The Goal, Policy, and Program Refinement stage of the General Plan Update continues with the fifth of a series of issues papers, the *Parks & Recreation Element Issues Paper*, now before the Planning Commission for discussion. The paper is intended to provide a common reference point for discussion and deliberation of goals, policies, and programs to be included in the new Parks & Recreation Element of the updated General Plan, *Tiburon 2020*.

GENERAL PLAN UPDATE PROCESS

Issue Identification/Data Collection (Spring - Fall 2002) – COMPLETE

Goal, Policy, and Program Refinement (2003 - 04)

Housing Element – Review Complete
Downtown Element – Review Complete
Land Use Element – Review Complete
OSC Element – Review Complete
Circulation Element – Review Complete
Parks & Recreation Element
Safety and Noise Elements – August '04

Plan Preparation, CEQA Compliance, and Plan Adoption (Summer 2004 - March 2005)

OBJECTIVES OF PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

The objectives of the Planning Commission meeting are to provide a forum to receive public comment and for the Planning Commission to provide feedback to Staff. The input received from the public and Planning Commission will be reported to the Town Council.

Staff has sent out nearly 400 fliers, 180 emails, and placed a ¼-page advertisement in the *Ark*, all inviting participation at the July 14 Planning Commission meeting. Members of the public are encouraged to share their opinions about the recommendations in the *Parks & Recreation Element Issues Paper* with the Planning Commission. People who are unable to attend this meeting will have a similar opportunity before the Town Council, most likely in August.

The Parks and Open Space Commission and Belvedere – Tiburon Recreation Committee have also received copies of the *Issues Paper* and will have the opportunity to forward comments to the Planning Commission and/or the Town Council.

The role of the Planning Commission at this meeting is to take the information, analysis, and recommendations presented in the *Issues Paper*, combined with the comments provided by the public, and to provide feedback to Staff concerning the goal, policy, and program



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recommendations in the *Issues Paper*. This feedback will be reported by Staff to the Town Council.

This is the time in the General Plan Update process to give direction for substantial changes to the recommendations presented in the *Issues Paper*. Following Planning Commission and Town Council review, Staff will begin preparation of the Parks & Recreation Element that will be part of the Draft General Plan, *Tiburon 2020*.

PARKS & RECREATION ELEMENT ISSUES PAPER: OVERVIEW

Many of the existing goals, policies, and programs are included in the recommendations for the updated General Plan. Staff has also recommended policies and programs to plan for future park and recreation needs for the entire community; to preserve Blackie's Pasture for passive, informal uses; and to foster a positive relationship with Angel Island.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission take public comment on the goal, policy, and program recommendations contained in the *Parks & Recreation Element Issues Paper*, and to provide feedback and recommendations to be forwarded to the Town Council.

ATTACHMENT

1. *Parks & Recreation Element Issues Paper (July 2004)*

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