

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: MICHAEL LEBRUN
DATE: FEBRUARY 5, 2010



LETTER IN SUPPORT OF DANA ADOBE [REVIEW AND PROVIDE DIRECTION]

ITEM

Letter in support of Dana Adobe [Review and provide direction]

BACKGROUND

At the January 27, 2010, regular Board Meeting, Dr. Kandel spoke during public comment and requested the Board of Directors consider writing a letter in support of the Dana Adobe Nipomo Amigos request for the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program 2008 Grant Application.

Dr Kandel presented the Board of Directors with a draft letter prepared by the Dana Adobe Nipomo Amigos group for Board consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that your Honorable Board review and provide direction.

ATTACHMENT

- Draft Letter prepared by Dana Adobe Nipomo Amigos

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1-27-10
Item C-5
From Herb Kandel

Dana Adobe Nipomo Amigos Request letter for support for the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program of 2008 Grant Application

DRAFT

Marina Washburn
Dana Adobe Nipomo Amigos
671 S. Oakglen Rd.
Nipomo, CA, 93444

Dear Ms. Washburn,

The Nipomo Community Services District endorses the Dana Adobe Nipomo Amigos efforts to acquire 17.7 acres of property to develop a neighborhood park. The proposal is an excellent fit for the Proposition 84 California State Parks, "Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program of 2008" grant application. The proposed park would serve the Oakglen Road neighborhood that is located within the NCSO Sphere of Influence and is certainly one of the most critically underserved communities in our service area. The development of the park and passive recreational amenities within the Oakglen neighborhood will help address unmet needs for this community in several ways:

- * Trails will provide safe walking area and passive recreational opportunities to families, getting them off the dangerous and narrow Oakglen Road.
- * Youth opportunities for education and volunteerism will provide mentorship in a neighborhood where low-income levels, youth truancy, underage drinking and gang activity is known to exist.
- * The proposed park location next to the Dana Adobe will provide cultural activities that will establish a multicultural learning environment in a bilingual community with a rapidly changing social-cultural demographic.
- * The project will be an important step in the revitalization of an area of need and located within the Nipomo Community Services District boundaries.

The NCSO has begun/committed to the process to activate park powers in the community. This proposed park is within the NCSO Sphere of Influence a compliment to existing plans and a good candidate for consideration for a partnership with the Dana Adobe Nipomo Amigos. Partnerships with well-established non-profit organizations such as the Dana Adobe Nipomo Amigos provide excellent cost-effective ways for Service Districts to combine efforts to establish and maintain community parks.

We also endorse DANA's neighborhood and community advisory group providing advisory input on the design, implementation and eventually operation and maintenance of the park. The NCSO is committed to providing a representative to this group.

In conclusion, the NCSO wholeheartedly endorses the Dana Adobe Nipomo's proposal for a neighborhood park on Oakglen Road.

Sincerely,

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NIPOMO COMMUNITY



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February 10, 2010

Marina Washburn
Dana Adobe Nipomo Amigos
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Nipomo, CA 93444

Dear Ms. Washburn,

The Nipomo Community Services District (NCSO) endorses the Dana Adobe Nipomo Amigos (DANA) efforts to acquire 17.7 acres of property to develop a neighborhood park. The proposal is an excellent fit for the Proposition 84 California States Parks, "Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program of 2008" grant application. The proposed park would serve the South Oakglen neighborhood that is located within the NCSO sphere of Influence and is certainly one of the underserved communities in our service area. Development of the park and passive recreational amenities on South Oakglen would help address unmet needs for this community in several ways.

- Trails would provide safe walking areas and passive recreational opportunities to families, getting them off the dangerous and narrow South Oakglen Road.
- Youth opportunities for education and volunteerism would provide mentorship in a neighborhood where low-income residences prevail.
- The proposed park location next to the Dana Adobe would provide a multi-cultural learning environment.
- The project would be an important step in the revitalization of an area close to the NCSO boundaries.

The NCSO has committed to the LAFCO process to activate park powers in the community. The proposed DANA park would be within the NCSO Sphere of Influence, would compliment existing park plans, and be a good candidate to help purchase supplemental water in the second phase of our Water Intertie Project.

Name:
Subject:
Date:

We also would encourage Dana Adobe Nipomo Amigos to form a neighborhood and community advisory group to provide public input on the design, implementation, and eventual operation and maintenance of the park.

In conclusion, the NCSD endorses the DANA proposal for a neighborhood park on South Oakglen Road and supports your request for a Prop 84 grant.

Very truly yours,

James Harrison
President

DRAFT

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from H. Kandel

(Optional) Name
Phone
Email

Dana Adobe Nipomo Amigos (DANA)
 671 South Oakglen, Nipomo, CA 93444
 www.danaadobe.org

DANA Community Park Survey

DANA has composed this survey to elicit responses from Oakglen neighborhood residents about favored elements of a possible community park that would be located near the Dana Adobe. This community survey **supports DANA's application** for a State grant that would fund land acquisition and park amenities. Your response to this survey and attendance at a community meeting supports the application. **We cannot do this without you. Thank you!**

1. What would you like to see in terms of open space, recreation, or facilities for cultural activities near the Dana Adobe?
2. What are your concerns about this neighborhood?
3. How can we make this neighborhood better, safer, and more enjoyable?
4. How will you or your family use a community park?

Other comments?

Please select up to five (5) park amenities from the list or suggest your own.

- A play space that maintains the rural appearance of the surroundings
- An area with picnic benches
- An area with farm animals
- A multi-purpose Exploration and Visitor Center
- An amphitheater for art displays and cultural performances
- A community garden and/or orchards
- A BBQ area, with Food Prep Building.
- Availability seven days a week
- Hiking trails
- Equestrian staging area, parking, trail head
- A stable with horse rentals
- Other items not listed above

Address
Age _____
Gender M F
Ethnicity _____
of people in your household

DANA is a Nipomo community non-profit organization-- we are not a government agency. We may not get funding or be able to proceed with the recommendations provided. However, your feedback is important and we will pass on the information to the Nipomo Recreation Association and the SLO County. **Please join us for the community meetings so we can learn more from you.**

Handed to Bd
2-10-10 for Item E-1
from Dr. Herb Kandel

Proposition 84 Fact sheet

Statewide Park Development and Community Retaliation Act of 2008
(Statewide Park Program)

Competitive Program Intent

Creation of **New Parks & New Recreation Opportunities** in Proximity to **Critically Underserved Communities**. **New Parks** in neighborhoods will be **given priority** Benefits Families, youth, senior citizens, and other populations by meeting cultural Social, educational and environmental needs

Amount of Funds Available: \$368,000,000

Minimum grant request: \$100,000

Maximum grant request: \$5,000,000

Timeline: Application Due March 1, 2010 (requires willing seller for acquisition)
Awards announced 6 months later
One year to complete CEQA Compliance (see handout)
Three years to complete contracts—funds eligible when contract is complete
Eight years to complete Project

Eligible Applicants: Non Profits, Counties, Cities, Districts

Eligible Projects:

Land Acquisition with development of Recreational Amenity
Development of Recreational Amenity w/o Land Acquisition
(Must develop a Recreational Amenity)
Matching Funds NOT a requirement

Examples given but not limited to:

Recreational Feature/

Community center
Community gardens
Recreational trails (non motorized)
Open Space natural area
Performing arts venues
Picnic areas
Playgrounds

Major Support Amenity

Restrooms & parking lot
Additional that enhance use
& Appearance, e.g. landscape/ public art

Project Selection Criteria:

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| 1. Critical Lack of Park Space | 18 points |
| 2. Significant Poverty | 18 points |
| 3. Type of Project | 12 Points |
| 4. Community based planning | 18 points |
| 5. Sustainable Techniques | 11 points |
| 6. Project Funding | 0 points |
| 7. Fees & Hours of Operation | 5 points |
| 8. Youth Outdoor Learning Employment
Or Volunteer Opportunities | 3 points |
| 9. Community Challenges and
Project Benefits | 15 points |

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From H. Kandal

RANCHO NIPOMO DANA ADOBE ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAGN
Discover the History, Share the Vision

A DESTINATION

The Dana Adobe Nipomo Amigos (DANA) has made great strides in acquiring and developing a unique and valuable asset - Rancho Nipomo Dana Adobe located at 671 South Oakglen Road, Nipomo. The site currently serves the community members with tours, nature walks, field trips, concerts, campfires, and cultural heritage celebrations. In its fully realized form, Rancho Nipomo Historical Park will also be a tourism destination and a popular Central Coast gathering place that provides education, recreation, and economic benefits to the community. DANA's recent progress includes:

Land Acquisition

- 29 acres of DANA-owned land and 100 acres of county-owned land secured via a 99-year lease

Restoration

- Complete restoration of three interior rooms
- Progress toward the reconstruction of the east side of the house
- Critically needed restoration of the unstable south wall

Community Programs

- Festive Heritage Day with engaging reenactments
- Cultural history and nature programs serving more than 1,000 children annually
- Hit concert series with award-winning professional entertainers
- Family-friendly campfires and expert-led Saturday Talks

Research

- Exciting archeological discoveries
- Valuable historical documents, including personal letters and maps
- Compelling biographies compiled on local historical figures

OPPORTUNITIES AHEAD

DANA is reaching out to out to inform our neighbors of our plans and we want to include you in our planning process. DANA is also seeking new members and pursuing public funds and grants. These efforts will enable DANA to continue with the development of *Rancho Nipomo Historical Park*. The park will be a living history museum showcasing the Dana Adobe and reflecting the everyday and historically significant life and times of the many peoples of California's rancho period.

YOUR ROLE

The completed park will also be an asset to the neighborhood. We need your input to help us design the Rancho Nipomo Historical Park in ways that also serve your needs as a neighbor.

Please help us by attending our community meetings and give us your input—Please fill our the survey form and bring to a meeting or drop it the mailbox 671 Oakglen Road, or mail it to DANA P.O. Box

Did you know that South Oakglen Ave. is one of the most historically significant places in California? Join us and find out why.