



STAFF REPORT

SAUSALITO PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

AGENDA TITLE:

Proposal to install a light in Dunphy Park to light up the flag pole.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Authorize Staff to work with the Rotary Club of Sausalito and appropriate City Departments to have a light installed at Dunphy Park to light up the flag pole.

SUMMARY

The Rotary Club of Sausalito has offered to install a light in Dunphy Park to illuminate the flagpole so that flags could be properly displayed both during the day and at night. The Rotary Club will cover all expenses including labor and materials.

BACKGROUND

On July 4, 1976, the people of Sausalito erected a flagpole next to the gazebo at Dunphy Park (attachment A). The flag pole is used events such as the 4th of July and the Chili Cook Off. However, as it is not legal to fly the United States Flag at night without proper illumination, the pole is rarely used otherwise.

The Rotary Club of Sausalito has generously offered to not only pay for but install a light to light the flag pole. Having a light would permit the United States, California, and possibly even the Sausalito Flags to be flown 365 days a year both during the day and at night.

The light would either be installed on top of the existing gazebo, on the flagpole, or in the ground next to the flagpole. Power currently exists at the gazebo so trenching would minimal if at all. The light would be on a timer or photo cell to save electricity. The Rotary is also looking into the option of a solar powered fixture.

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ISSUES

There is the possibility that some members in the community would not like to see a light in Dumphy Park at night. Care would be taken however to ensure that the light is focused on the flag(s) and not the surrounding areas.

Another issue is the possibility that the fixture could be stolen. This is especially true if the fixture were solar powered as solar fixtures have been stolen in the City before. These stolen fixtures often end up on live-aboard boats to provide power for the occupants. If a solar option is chosen, the panel could be mounted on a high location on the existing flagpole to deter theft.

FISCAL IMPACT

As the Rotary Club of Sausalito has agreed to underwrite all direct costs associated with the installation there would be no upfront cost to the City. If the light is powered by “the grid” then the City would be responsible for paying the utility bill. The City may also have to pay for periodic replacement of the flag(s) however the Rotary Club may agree to take on this cost.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that they be authorized to work with the Rotary Club of Sausalito and appropriate City Departments to have a light installed at Dunphy Park to light up the flag pole.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – Photos of Existing flagpole

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ATTACHMENT A – EXISTING FLAGPOLE

