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To Peters, Lindy <lpeters2@fortbragg.com>; Albin-Smith, Tess <talbinsmith@fortbragg.com>; Reno, Emily <Ereno@fortbragg.com>

Dear Councilmembers Peters and Albin-Smith~

Good morning. I hope that this afternoon you will select a sign or signs to bring forward to the City Council that is/are in keeping with the architecture of the park and proposed pavilion as those are features that will be long-lived and continuity with them improves the overall look of the park. I have some comments about the park signage:

It's unfortunate that the current sign is a mish-mash, with the metal sign added to the top of the original, but the signs on the tennis court fence are in much worse shape than the sign at the corner. It seems like they should be a higher priority. And the park hours should be posted at all of the park entrances with signage matching the main sign. The sign to be replaced isn't located at a park entrance. Perhaps a simpler design could be obtained and all signage could be replaced and look good, rather than a lone nice sign in the corner while the others are in such a sad state.

A maintenance issue to consider is that it would be more difficult to access the grass and weeds between a monument style base and the fence than mowing between the posts from the front. And, as trimming doesn't happen on a regular basis in the park, a post style sign will not look as unkempt as a monument style when the grass grows tall around it.

You might want to re-consider requiring a double-faced sign since it will be located along the outer fence at the corner of the park. The "back" side of the sign will not be easily seen or read. You could opt to have a mural painted by a local artist on the back instead.

Why isn't the current bronze plaque included in the design for historic purpose? If it is not included, what is the plan for it?

Although they propose to use redwood, not just generic "wood" stained to match redwood as others propose, I would be a bit wary considering a company whose proposal includes "DUST TO DAWN" instead of "DAWN TO DUSK" as the park hours on both sign options. It might be an indication of lack of attention to detail.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely~
Kathy Silva