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**To:** Turner, Dave; Deitz, Scott; Hammerstrom, Doug; Peters, Lindy; Cimolino, Michael; Ruffing, Linda; Perkins, Scott; Smith, John; Lemos, June  
**Subject:** Comment on Consent Calendar Item 5D, Bainbridge Park Master Plan  
**Attachments:** Bainbridge Park Master Plan comments 28 November 2016.pdf

Good afternoon~

Please see my attached written comments on tonight's City Council meeting's Consent Calendar Item 5D. Thank you. And thank you for the work that you have all put into planning the enhancements to our small but vital city park.

~Kathy Silva



28 November 2016

Dear Mayor Turner and Fort Bragg City Councilmembers~

I'm unable to attend tonight's City Council meeting and have the following comment on Consent Calendar Item 5D, the Bainbridge Park Master Plan: I hope that you will accept the Bainbridge Park Master Plan as presented by Scott Perkins. Bainbridge Park is used by many families in Fort Bragg who are the backbone of the City and I trust that the City Council still supports the park enhancements.

I agree that perimeter fencing that complements the Wiggly Giggly fence is a top priority. It is an important safety feature and a style that matches or complements the existing fence will give the park a cohesive look.

The Council stated as a whole that the architecture of the pavilion should match that of the bathroom and Veterans Hall and I wholeheartedly agree. I don't see an image of a pavilion of that style in the Master Plan but I trust that the intent is to build a pavilion that matches the existing architecture.

As it would be relatively inexpensive to create, I hope that you will support the installation of a temporary StoryWalk earlier, along with the fencing, rather than in a later phase. It will help attract children to the open area of the park and it will help occupy children who might be at a picnic and in need of amusement. Since the picnic tables are located in an area where the parents can't see the Wiggly Giggly playground, it would be nice to have activities for the children on that side of the park. As more funds become available, a permanent StoryWalk with art can be installed. Perhaps area residents or community groups can be given the opportunity to sponsor a post on the permanent StoryWalk and students in local classrooms can create the artwork, lessening the cost to the City considerably. And taking part in its creation will give the children a sense of ownership in the StoryWalk and in the park itself.

Comments on related non-agenda items: A follow-up to the tennis courts lighting replacement: The new lights have been installed much lower on the poles than those they replaced. How about removing, adding weathervanes to, artistically carving, painting, or ... (fill in the blank) the areas of the light poles that now extend above the new fixtures? It will greatly improve the appearance of the tennis courts.

And a (repeated) request: New signage with the correct hours has been ordered for the park. Will someone please correct the park hours on the City's website? It says 7am – 10pm but the hours are officially dawn to dusk with the exception of the tennis courts closing at 10pm. People do go to the park at night and perform illegal activities in the dark. If the police are called and the officer doesn't witness the illegal activities, they cannot ask the people to leave since the park hours state that it is open until 10pm. I have seen people stumble and fall in the park in the dark, including falling off of Wiggly Giggly playground equipment. Last night a young man took a spill by the utility shed and he stayed on the ground for a moment before getting up and stumbling off. I would hate to see someone get hurt and sue the City because they were in an unlit park during "open" hours. Please pass this on to the person who can update the City's website. Thank you.

Sincerely~  
Kathy Silva