

The plan for Otis Johnson Park seems ambitious and well-thought-out, and staff is to be congratulated on its thoroughness.

I do have one major concern under the heading of "removal of invasives." The huge acacia trees near the Cedar Street entrance to the park are not native species, and so I assume would be subject to removal as "invasives." However, they have been there for at least 40 years and are part of the eco-system now whether we like it or not. Their removal now would dramatically change the view and environment of neighbors' properties and would affect the rest of the trees in the area in unknown ways. The acacias provide a wind-break and shade for the caretaker pad and for neighbors. And, as mature trees, they draw a great deal of carbon dioxide out of Fort Bragg air, which the small redwood seedlings currently being planted throughout the park cannot yet manage. Perhaps, if they absolutely need to come out, it could be one at a time, over time.

An integral and impressive part of the plan for the park is the "downstream" effects of what we do there. Please take into account the wider effects of removing the big acacias, especially all at one time.

Thank you.



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To: Nancy P. 961-2802

From: Susan Fernbach

Re: Otis Johnson Park hearing 1/27/2010

Thanks for your patience, Nancy. Call if any questions, 472-6447

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RE: DR 9-09 Otis Johnson Wilderness Park

Dear Commissioners,

Our property is located on the corner of Cedar and Lincoln Streets in Fort Bragg, across from the Otis Johnson Wilderness Park. As neighbors to this park, we would like to make the following comments on the proposed project:

We stress the importance of upholding the original intention of the donor of this property (Mrs. Otis Johnson) which was to provide a **wilderness park** within the city limits. Developing these seven acres of land in a manner that would change the character of the park would dishonor the donor.

We recommend as little development as needed to provide the public a natural habitat to enjoy. This would include keeping the interpretive signage to a minimum; the staircase and gate rustic, the trail surface of natural materials (no concrete) and any proposed lighting downcast and low in wattage.

We support the proposal to remove invasive plants and restore coastal natives.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kathleen and Rod Cameron

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