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County of Santa Cruz

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BARRY C. SAMUEL, DIRECTOR

May 15, 2001

AGENDA: June 5, 2001

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

County of Santa Cruz

701 Ocean Street

Santa Cruz, CA 95060

SUBJECT: ROAD TO RECOVERY PROJECT

Dear Members of the Board:

Several months ago a group of parents approached the Parks Department with the proposal to create a "Road to Recovery" at the Anna Jean Cummings Park. The purpose of the project is to provide youngsters who have successfully been rehabilitated from drug and alcohol abuse with a venue where they could provide words of encouragement to their peers to help keep others from walking down the same path as they did.

Youths who participate in the "Road to Recovery" project would write short poems or statements in an attempt to persuade other youth not to get involved with drugs or alcohol and to make good choices instead of poor choices. The poems, see some examples in exhibit A, would be reproduced on bronze plaques (approximately 8" x 4") and placed around the walking path at Anna Jean Cummings Park (see exhibit B). There would be a maximum of 50 plaques installed flush with the ground and spaced approximately 50 feet apart around the path (exhibit C).

This project has been discussed with the Arts Commission. They feel it is a worthwhile project. Deborah Turner, of the Arts Commission, has agreed to review the submissions to make sure they are appropriate for placement in a public park.

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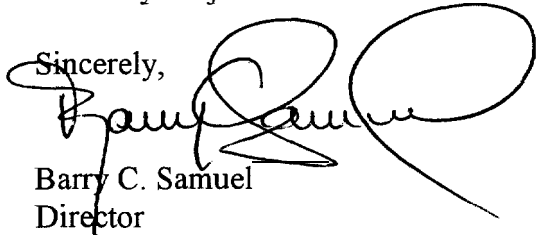
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The parent group has offered to raise all the funds necessary for this project and in fact have already held a couple of successful fund-raising events and have collected over \$4,000 for this project.

On May 14th, 2001 the Parks Commission conducted a public hearing (exhibit D) on the "Road to Recovery" Project. At the conclusion of the public hearing the Parks Commissioners voted (5/0) to recommend to your Board that the Road to Recovery be approved for installation at the Anna Jean Cummings Park.

It is therefore RECOMMENDED that your Board approve the installation of the Road to Recovery Project at the Anna Jean Cummings Park.

Sincerely,



Barry C. Samuel
Director

RECOMMENDED:



SUSAN A. MAURIELLO
County Administrative Officer

Attachments: Exhibit A , B, C and D

cc: CAO, Auditor-Controller, County Counsel, Risk Management, Parks

EXHIBIT A

Being in Recovery,
Is like Living,
Life after Death.
B.S.

You can't change someone else,
But you can change yourself.
C.M.

School can be hard,
Kicking drugs is harder.
S.S.

Never turn your back on your friends,
To get high.
D.Q.A.

Change is uncomfortable.
D.Q.A.

Think that you're not an addict?
Neither did I.
N.R.

Want to get high?
You need a skate board and cement.
N.R.

Don't blame him,
You said yes.
What will you say next time.
No?
Anonymous

I am thankful for every day that I am sober,
I regret every day that I wasn't.

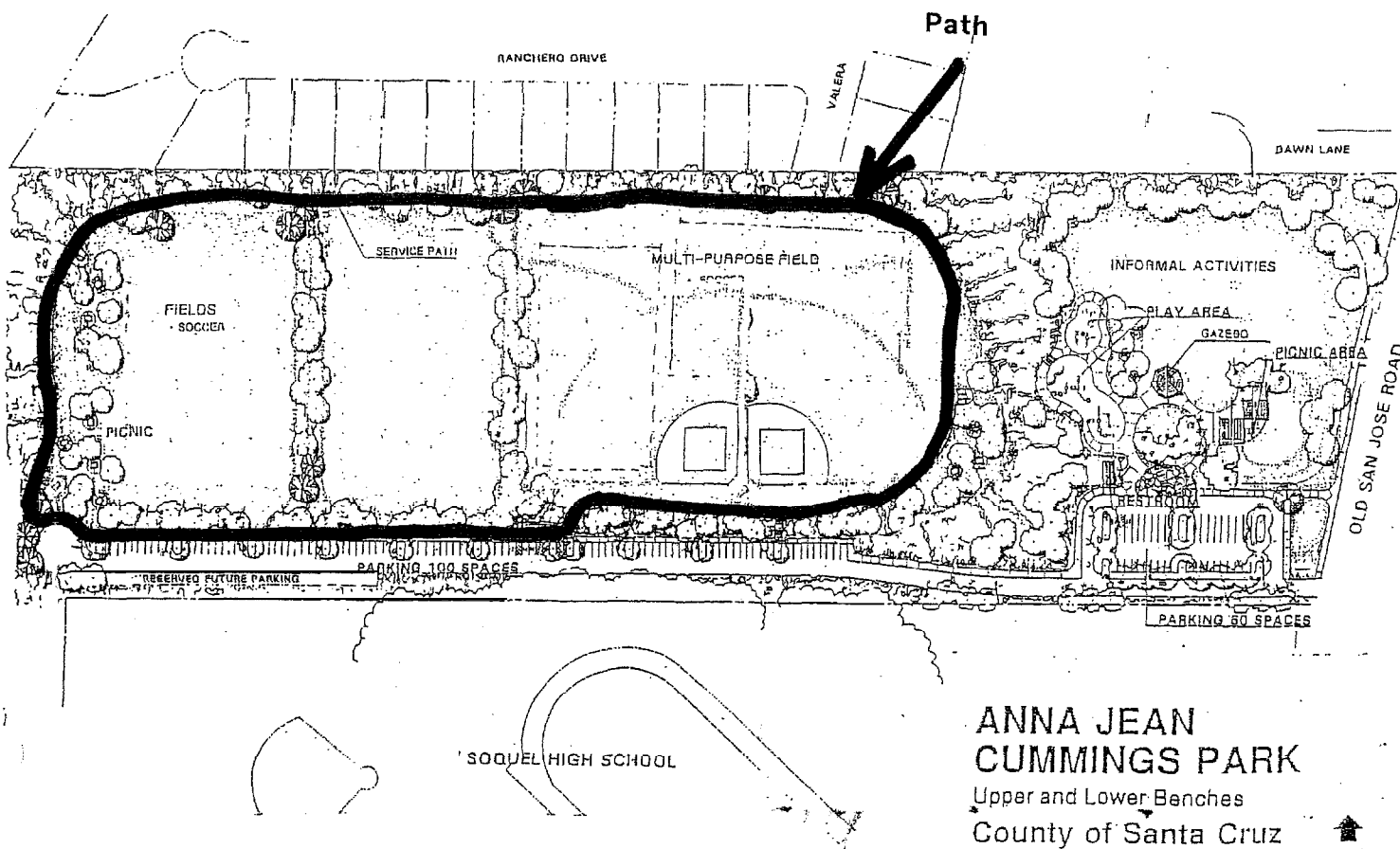


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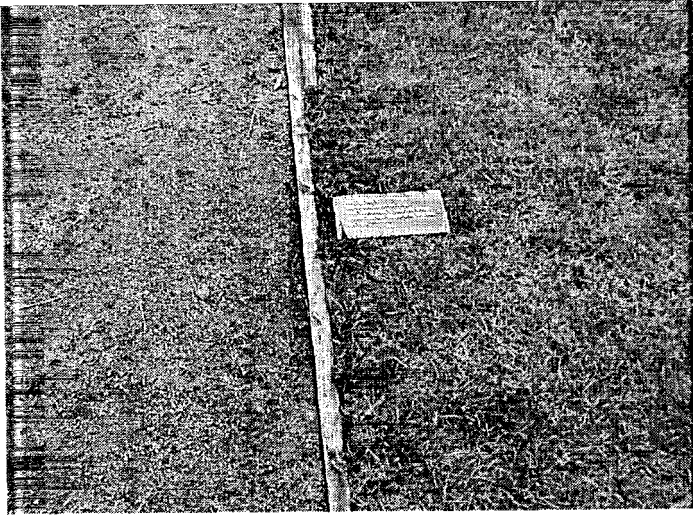
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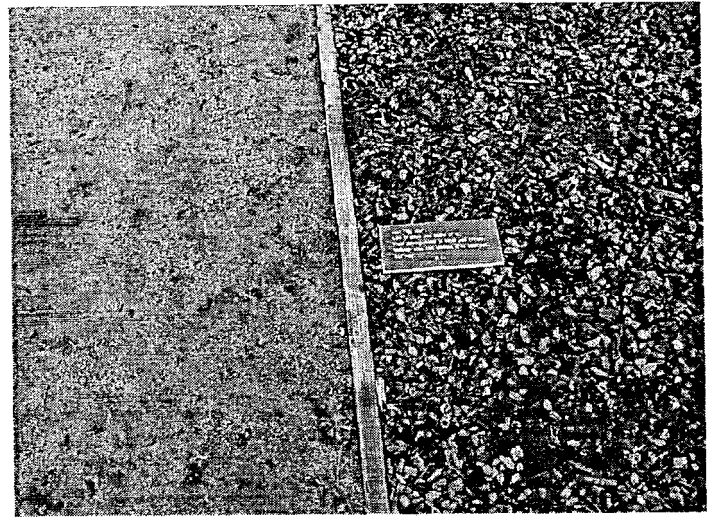
1. The path around the athletic fields 'is approximately 3,000 feet long.
2. Placing a plaque every 50 feet would allow for a total of 60 plaques.
3. The text on the plaques could be done in the authors handwriting.
4. A couple of signs which describe the project would be placed around the park.
5. The plaques could be mounted in a colored concrete which would make them more obvious. They would be flush with the ground to eliminate excess maintenance.



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Plaque set in grass



Plaque set in woodchips

Public Hearing
County of Santa Cruz

Anna Jean Cummings County Park
"Road to Recovery" Project

The Santa Cruz County Parks & Recreation Commission will hold a Public Hearing to give persons an opportunity to testify on the inclusion of the "Road to Recovery" project at Anna Jean Cummings Park. The Project will consist of a series of plaques containing short poems or statements to discourage youth from drug and alcohol use.

Monday May 14, 2001 at 7: 15 P.M.
701 Ocean Street, 5th Floor
Board of Supervisors Chambers

For additional information please contact
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