

# MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Westlake Village, California

April 14, 2010 Study Session

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**CALL TO ORDER** This study session meeting of the Westlake Village City Council was called to order by Mayor Rutherford on Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at 4:10 p.m., at 31200 Oak Crest Drive, Westlake Village.

**ROLL CALL** **Present:** Councilmembers Klessig, McSweeney, Mayor Pro Tem Davis, Mayor Rutherford  
Councilmember Slavin arrived at 4:40 pm  
**Absent:** None  
**Also Present:** City Manager Taylor, Assistant City Manager Brown, City Attorney Boga, Planning Director Theobald, City Clerk Schott, City Engineer Knipe, Senior Planner Wolfe

## STUDY SESSION:

### CONCEPT REVIEW OF PERIMETER SLOPE LANDSCAPING AND PUMP STATION EXTERIORS AT THE NEW COMMUNITY PARK

**Public Comments:** Nancy Devore, WLV - would like the Garden Club to be invited to participate in the plans for the park landscaping, and encouraged the use of Tabebuia Pigemtoza and Arbutus trees. Ms. Devore also stated she would like to see a children's garden in the City.

**Staff Presentation:** City Engineer Knipe reported the City Council's Park Ad-hoc Committee has been reviewing a landscape concept for the perimeter slopes and exterior concepts for the pump station at the new Westlake Village community park. The Park Ad-hoc Committee has explored the time it will take for the planting to cover the slopes and the cost of water to maintain the slopes before the landscaping becomes self sustaining in 5-10 years.

Lee Newman, L. Newman Design Group, described the landscape concept plan, noting the primary goal is to replicate the natural plant palette that surrounds the park site, and noted water conservation is a priority. Mr. Newman provided a chart which compared standard vs. non-traditional irrigation systems.

City Manager Taylor requested policy issues be addressed for the three major cut slope areas and the slope area directly along Thousand Oaks Blvd., the latter of which is more ornamental than natural.

Mr. Newman and Mr. Knipe responded to questions from the