



SONOMA COUNTY OPEN SPACE FISCAL OVERSIGHT COMMISSION  
**COMMISSIONERS**

**Mike Sangiacomo**  
**Todd Mendoza**  
**Patrick Emery**

**Brian Ling**  
**Jorge Inocencio**  
**Jeff Owen**

**APPROVED SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**JOINT FOC/AC MEETING**

**October 24, 2024 | 5:00 pm**

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**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Jorge Inocencio, Jeff Owen, Brian Ling, Todd Mendoza, Patrick Emery

**STAFF PRESENT:** Misti Arias, General Manager; Aldo Mercado, County Counsel; Amy Ricard, Community Resources Manager; Pamela Swan, Grants Coordinator; Sara Ortiz, Fiscal Oversight Commission Clerk.

**1. Call to Order**

Thembi Borrás, Advisory Committee Chair, called the joint meeting to order at 5:03 pm.

**2. Agenda Items to be Held or Taken Out of Order; Off-Agenda Items**

None.

**3. General Announcements Not Requiring Deliberation or Decision**

No announcements.

**4. Public Comment**

Chair Borrás opened comments on items not listed on the agenda.

Public comment:

- Dwayne Dewitt

**5. Community Spaces MGP Funding Recommendations**

Amy Ricard, Community Resources Manager | Pamela Swan, Grants Coordinator

Public comment:

- John McCaull, Sonoma Land Trust
- Karen Fies, Mark West Community Fund
- Scott Wilkinson, Santa Rosa Recreation and Parks
- Mimi Enright, UC Master Gardener Program
- Anne Haddix, UC Master Gardener Program
- Toby Stafford, Atlético Santa Rosa Soccer Club
- Adolfo Mendoza, Atlético Santa Rosa Soccer Club
- Michael Reynolds, Russian River Park
- Andrew Rowley, Fieldturf
- Caryl Hart, Occidental resident
- Mary Szcsey, Occidental resident
- Imelda Montaña, Russian River Park
- Laura Núñez, Atlético Santa Rosa Soccer Club
- Oscar Deniz, Atlético Santa Rosa Soccer Club

- Efren Carrillo

After deliberation, Jeff Owen motioned to approve the funding recommendation below. Patrick Emery seconded the motion. Commissioners Owen, Emery, and Ling voted aye, Commissioners Inocencio and Mendoza voted nay. The motion carried.

PROJECT	APPLICANT	DISTRICT	TYPE	SCORE MAX = 100	REQUEST	MATCH	TOTAL PROJECT COSTS	FISCAL OVERSIGHT COMMISSION	%	JUSTIFICATION
1 GRATON TOWN SQUARE	Graton Community Services District	5	Acquisition & Improvement (Combination)	84	\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 750,000	100%	Highest scoring project Projects scoring 70+ recommended for 100% funding Acquisition projects prioritized Demonstrated strong Program Intent, Planning & Design and Readiness
2 COLGAN CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD PARK PH 5	City of Santa Rosa	3	Improvement	76	\$ 1,555,000	\$ 4,301,269	\$ 5,856,269		0%	Second highest scoring project Noted previous ~\$4.4M in Community Spaces funds to date
3 MARK WEST AREA COMMUNITY PARK PH 2	Sonoma Land Trust	4	Improvement	73	\$ 300,000	\$ 160,500	\$ 460,500	\$ 300,000	100%	Third highest scoring project, tied with Tom Schopflin Fields Ph 2 Scoring 70+ recommended for 100% funding Demonstrated strong project County Strategic Priorities, Planning and Design, and Readiness
4 TOM SCHOPFLIN FIELDS PH 2	Atlético Santa Rosa Soccer Club	4	Improvement	73	\$ 993,342	\$ 506,658	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 990,000	100%	Third highest scoring project, tied with Mark West Community Park. Score 70+ recommended 100% funding. Demonstrated strong project Need, County Strategic Priorities, Planning & Design and Readiness
5 LOS GUILICOS MASTER GARDENERS' DEMONSTRATION GARDEN	UC Regents	1	Improvement	69	\$ 1,046,084	\$ 523,042	\$ 1,569,126	\$ 210,000	20%	Fifth highest scoring project Demonstrated strong Intent and Needs, relatively low score in Readiness
6 RUSSIAN RIVER COMMUNITY PARK	Sonoma County PI	5	Improvement	68	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 750,000	50%	6th highest scoring project Score between 60-69 recommended for 50% funding. Demonstrated strong Program Intent, Strategic Priorities, relatively lower scores in Planning & Design and Readiness
7 OCCIDENTAL COMMUNITY PLAZA	Sonoma County PI	5	Improvement	53	\$ 700,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 1,000,000		0%	7th highest scoring project Score less than 60 recommended 0% funding. Demonstrated strong project Need, low in Program Intent, County Strategic Priorities, and Readiness
					TOTAL REQUESTED	\$ 6,844,426		\$ 3,000,000		FOC recommendation aligns with 2024 budget.
					Initial Budget	\$ 3,000,000		\$ 3,000,000		
					Difference	\$ (3,844,426)			0	

## 6. Adjournment

Thembi Borrás adjourned the meeting at 7:44 pm.

## 7. Suggested Next Meeting

December 5, 2024

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