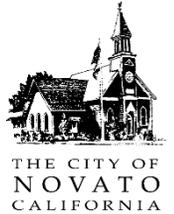


# BAHIA MINI PARKS COMMUNITY MEETING

**Location:** Bahia Clubhouse  
**Date/Time:** Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at 7:00pm

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## Meeting Synopsis:

The Public Works Deputy Director/City Engineer and the Bahia Mini Parks Project Manager met with Bahia residents on Tuesday, Nov. 21 to provide more information about the project, explain construction delays and review the new anticipated completion schedule. PW Staff reviewed the project's history and award process, as well as the contractor's history of poor performance and failure to appear. The City had to go through due process and file a bond claim against Breneman Inc. before any work at the project location could commence. Similar to filing an auto insurance claim, this project had to be assessed in detail and approved before any money was released that would allow the continuation of work.

Residents asked about the fence that was placed around Park B (Night Heron Park), which prevented public use. Staff explained the liability involved in allowing the public to use an incomplete facility, and also explained that the fence was not the City's property – it was the contractor's fence, so the City could not remove it.

Residents inquired about the uninstalled benches at Night Heron Park. Staff explained that the benches belonged to Breneman Inc., and could not be removed (or installed) until the bonds claim process was complete and a new contractor was in place. The new contractor removed the benches on Monday, Nov. 20. Replacement benches won't be installed at this time, but the City will have them installed in the future.

The new replacement contractor that will be finishing work on this project is McNabb Construction. McNabb Construction will resume work on this project on Monday, November 27. The contractor visited the site on Monday, Nov. 20 and performed some clean up in preparation for work to begin this Monday. McNabb Construction is going to focus on completing Night Heron Park first, and will then move to the larger park (Bahia Oak Park) to complete unfinished work, repair the irrigation system and replace dead plants and grass. This project should take 4 - 6 weeks to complete, weather permitting.

A question was asked regarding the proposed crosswalk at the corner of Andale Ave. and Topaz Dr. and whether the location could be changed. Staff explained that decisions involving new crosswalks need to be made by a licensed Traffic Engineer after conducting traffic studies. Public Works has a Traffic Engineering Consultant who will be carefully reviewing the best possible location for a crosswalk, she will take all recommendations into consideration and will provide the City Engineer with a final recommendation.

A few different residents expressed concern about the state of general park maintenance. The City Engineer explained that the City could not perform any maintenance at the properties until the bond claim process was completed. If the City had performed maintenance or made any improvements it would be similar to paying to get your car fixed after an accident before showing it to your insurance company to get an estimate.

Residents inquired about project funding sources, which is primarily Marin County Parks Measure A revenue.

Residents also inquired about increased lighting in the parks. Staff stated that while lighting is not an easy addition, they would talk to the city's Traffic Engineering Consultant about the possibility of adding lighting.

Staff stated that whatever is included on current plans will be completed. The current plans include Decomposed Granite (DG) path installation, sod installation, partial irrigation for the sod and stub out for irrigation for future use.