

WNA SC meeting – 12/11/08
John Caner reports

Physical Environment

1) **Plastic Willard Signs**

When I went to Kinko's get extra laminated signs made, I asked if there were any alternatives, since the paper in the laminated signs gets wet when it rains because of the holes punched to attached signs to poles. They told me we could get plastic signs for \$13 each (vs. \$3-4 laminated signs). (The plastic signs are bigger copy area also.) I ordered eight to fill in the vacant spots in the neighborhood. I would like to have Joe show them to the group and get feedback. If everyone likes them we could replace the other 12 signs, or leave a hybrid mix up. If they prefer the laminated signs I can eat the extra \$80.

2) **Willard Pool**

As I think most of you know I am serving on the Berkeley Pools Task Force that is responsible for developing a long term plan for the Berkeley Pools and aquatics programs.

The commission is considering recommending a 25yard x 25 meter pool (roughly twice the size of Willard Pool) for competitive swimming. The Barracudas youth swim team is already at capacity with current pools and further demand for swimmers that it cannot accommodate. There are also lots of other program that could be scheduled in such a pool.

The King Pool location is the more likely location because of more room for parking, and higher usage of the current pool. But Willard also could be a possible location. Hence I would like to get your feedback before the Task Force makes a recommendation.

The plus of locating a 25yd x 25m pool at Willard is that we get a large year-round pool in our neighborhood. The minus is that we would have significantly more programs and people--and hence more traffic and parking--especially with the youth competitive swimming program.

At minimum I have been telling that we continue to need seasonal pool at Willard. Year round is unlikely do to higher cost of operation in winter. Permanent closing of Willard Pool could add to blight of Telegraph Ave, and Willard neighborhood. We are supported in this position by BUSD, that would like to continue to have option of doing swim program for Willard students in late spring and/or early fall.

Please let me know if you have a preference, concerns, comments or questions. I cannot make Thursday's steering committee meeting so please e-mail me your comments, or report back to me if there is time for discussion on Thursday.