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Public Comment

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From: Peter Conn <pconnt43@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2023 3:46 PM
To: sbcob; Supervisor Das Williams; Laura Capps; Hartmann, Joan; Bob Nelson; Lavagnino, Steve
Subject: Rocky Nook Park 3 letters, Chumash, 3rd gen SB, Susan Chamberlin Landscape historian/architect
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Dear County Board of Supervisors,

These three important letters supporting Rocky Nook Park Landmark designation were found in the P & D folder not in your Public Comment folders. I took photos shots as they seem not to be transferable as complete documents.

Sincerely,

Paulina Conn

December 21, 2022

Robert La Cava
1332 Shoreline Drive
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Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
c/o Clerk of the Board
123 E. Anapamu St.
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

RE: I SUPPORT COUNTY HISTORIC LANDMARK STATUS FOR ROCKY NOOK PARK

Dear Honorable Supervisors: Joan Hartman, Chair; Das Williams, Vice chair, Laura Capps, Bob Nelson and Steve Lavagnino,

Please vote in favor of making Rocky Nook Park a County Historic Landmark. It is the County's compliment to the City's Mission Historical Park, but more complete as the natural/cultural history time line is shown authentically going backwards and forwards from the time of contact in 1782. This landscape is still so natural.

I am of Chumash descent. I am part of the Barbareño Band of Chumash Indians.

Rocky Nook Park is our ancestral land with a place name of "Axtayuxash", place of the wild cherries. Cherry trees still exist here in their natural setting. It's known that the ancestors gathered there to collect wild cherries.

The natural landscape of the park conveys the feeling of Chumash time on the land - The natural stream with wildlife and associated plants and oak woodland trees were important to the ancestor's way of life. Stories that tell of the great flood may be describing the abundance of huge boulders strewn all around the Park.

The spiritual feeling of the ancients can be felt in the park. The many descendants in SB as well as all visitors to the park appreciate the peacefulness of being in nature. Landmark status would give a better appreciation for its value. The Chumash community is eagerly awaiting this long overdue honor for the park.

The Chumash period is just one historical period represented but may be the most important period with important values and influence today.

Chumash made aqueduct remnants remain as an archeological site in the park. Historic Landmark status gives this extra protection as well.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Please vote to make Rocky Nook Park a County Historic Landmark. It is the essential link that make the City's Mission Historic Park complete.

I am a third generation Santa Barbara and an artist who, at this time in my life, is creating painted rocks inspired by the Chumash legends, oral history, and stories that come from their explanations of the world in which they lived. They were in touch with nature. As an artist I have been too. Rocky Nook Park is a place that still contains the Chumash spirit. It was, after all, their ancestral land. This is a public park that still exists almost intact as the Chumash land would have been before European development. This is a treasure and inspiration for more oral histories and artistic creativity.

The old oak trees bending across paths and caressing the ancient giant debris flow boulders in the public Rocky Nook Park, create designs as the light moves during the day. The land has a timeless feeling that is important to keep and protect, especially since it has been lost nearly everywhere near urban areas. The aesthetic unity of Rocky Nook is valuable and should be recognized. Places like this are needed for thoughtfulness and creativity.

Please make Rocky Nook Park a County Historic Landmark. It is an essential part of the human and natural story of Santa Barbara. It should have been recognized as part of Mission Historical Park decades ago.

Thank You.

From: Susan Chamberlin
To: williams@countyofsb.org; Supervisor Das Williams; sbcob
Cc: [Laura Capps](#); [Hartmann, Joan](#); [Rob Nelson](#); [Lavagnino, Steve](#)
Subject: Jan. 24 Meeting RE: Rocky Nook Park
Date: Sunday, January 8, 2023 5:58:39 PM

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TO: The Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
FROM: Susan Chamberlin, MA
landscape historian & landscape architect (CA #2001)

RE: Rocky Nook Park

Santa Barbara Supervisor Sam Stanwood was a visionary who led the effort to acquire Fanny Oliver's Rocky Nook property as a County Park. Today Rocky Nook Park is before you because the County Historic Landmarks Advisory Commission believes it should become a Landmark.

It is hard to argue with that. There are Chumash archaeological sites in the park from when it was part of a Chumash village called Xana'yan. It is natural and little changed from the period when the Olivers owned the property. A Landmark designation would ensure that when changes are proposed they would be carefully considered.

At a meeting with Supervisor Williams on January 5 to urge him to vote yes on landmarking, he said that those attending had a "hidden agenda"--a desire to obstruct any future widening of the road through Mission Canyon. Because the park deed has a restriction that the park can only be used for park purposes, it is unlikely that land could be taken from the park for the road.

I live near the park. I would like to see it landmarked because that would add it to the list of sites that represent the best of our County and help preserve it for future generations.

I hope you will be visionaries and make Rocky Nook Park a Landmark.

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From: foragedesigner@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2023 3:56 PM
To: sbcob
Cc: Supervisor Das Williams; Laura Capps; Hartmann, Joan; Bob Nelson; Lavagnino, Steve
Subject: Testimony Letter in Support of Rocky Nook Park
Attachments: Rocky Nook Advocacy Letter.pdf

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January 23, 2023

RE: Support for Rocky Nook Historic Landmark Designation

Dear Board of Supervisors:

I am writing to support the recommendations for preservation and landmark designation of Rocky Nook Park. While I currently live in Oregon, Santa Barbara is my hometown, and spent much of my childhood in that park. This place holds great significance to the Santa Barbara community and should continue to provide benefits for current and future generations that can be ensured with an appropriate designation.

Nearly every summer picnic was spent there, birthdays, graduations, company annual meetings, and daytrips with kiddos were spent marveling at this unique and magical park, unlike any I have come across in all my travels and research as a career urban designer and planner, and former County Planner with SBC.

This park deserves to be designated for its unique design features, its special history, and its proximity to other landmarks structures like the Natural History Museum and the Santa Barbara Mission.

One of my most special childhood memories is of getting up early before school and having my parents bring their camping stove and cast iron pans to make us a pancake breakfast there – just because it was such a great way to connect with nature. My three younger sisters and I return to Santa Barbara whenever we can, and now bring our small children there to teach them about the history of Santa Barbara, to show its natural geological features, study bugs, trees, plants and other water creatures in the local habitat, and play safely in one of our most accessible natural classrooms. Its proximity to our downtown makes it more accessible to those that do not own cars, and may not have the privilege of being able to get farther out into nature and it is a well loved and used place by all ages and communities across Santa Barbara.

I have no doubt that this place helped cultivate a strong connection to the land and sense of discovery that was formative in influencing my future work as a planner, urban designer, and environmental educator.

I strongly support any measures that will help preserve and designate it as a conservation or landmark resource. One of Santa Barbara's greatest assets are its parks and landscapes, which have drawn landscape architects from around the world to study its unique climate and flora that has resulted. This is a jewel among jewels and deserves to continue its legacy as a protected resource. I hope that this might elevate opportunities to access further grants and resources as well and appreciate your consideration. This place matters, and deserves to be preserved.

Sincerely,

Heather Flint Chatto, Urban Planner & Ecological Designer

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From: Alikoi Oi <mimiwgpventuracounty@gmail.com>
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To: sbcob
Subject: Rocky Nook Park

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am Alikoi Parra, a Chumash Native with lineage from Santa Ynez, Santa Barbara, Ventura, and the Channel Islands. I'm emailing to urge you to vote to designate Rocky Nook a historical landmark. Rocky Nook is a village site that my ancestors have lived in for thousands of years pre-colonization. The boulders in Rocky Nook Park are the largest remaining site of the debris flow. The ancient ones also built the aqueducts that the Mexican and Spanish government would later benefit from.

I also believe the board of supervisors need to consider land repatriation. Our relationship with our ancestral land is sacred and it's very telling that Santa Barbara still has not given any land back to the original people of this land with documented lineage.

Being that protecting Rocky Nook as a historical landmark is consistent with the Mission Canyon Community Plan, I hope you feel the need to make the right choice. After all, Rocky Nook is a historical, environmental, and sacred space that needs to be preserved for the future generations.

Thank you,

Alikoi Parra

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From: Thomas Long <sobobastudios@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2023 4:19 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Rocky Nook Pard

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I support rocky Nook Pard as a Historic Landmark.....Thomas Long

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From: Nikolaus Schiffmann <nikschiemann@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2023 11:55 AM
To: Supervisor Das Williams; Laura Capps; Hartmann, Joan; Bob Nelson; Lavagnino, Steve; sbcob
Subject: Rocky Nook Park
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Dear Members of the Board,

As a native Santa Barbaran, I have many fond memories of Rocky Nook Park. It's the ideal combination of history and nature. It's perhaps the largest oak woodland south of Foothill Road in Santa Barbara. The remnants of the debris flow that formed it continue to typify it. It's a physical and spiritual oasis, and of special value to the children in our community.

Please vote to give Rocky Nook Park the maximum protection possible. Please vote to protect its oak and sycamore trees as much as you can. Please protect Mission Creek. Please preserve the Chumash, Spanish, Mexican, and early American elements in Rocky Nook so they are always there for future generations of Santa Barbarans to learn from and enjoy.

-Nik Schiffmann

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From: Robert York <a77staryork@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2023 4:02 PM
To: Supervisor Das Williams; Laura Capps; Hartmann, Joan; Bob Nelson; Lavagnino, Steve; sbcob
Subject: Support Rocky Nook Park

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Dear Supervisors Williams, Capps, Hartmann, Nelson, and Lavagnino,

As a resident of Mission Canyon, I strongly support historic landmark status for Rocky Nook Park. It is long overdue. Our neighborhood greatly benefits from Rocky Nook, and so does all of Santa Barbara County. Landmark designation will help to protect this irreplaceable resource in perpetuity.

Thank you for your consideration.

Robert York