

News from the Helotes Heritage Association

Dear Readers,

All of the efforts of the last eight months by the Helotes City Council to develop a wonderful municipal park for Helotes are being undermined by Mayor Schoolcraft, and we need your help on Thursday to stop him. He is attempting to block purchase of the beautiful 33 acre property on Scenic Loop Road.

Despite the generous efforts by our state legislators to designate over a million dollars for a new Frank Madla Memorial Park, and despite the efforts of our community to raise over \$120,000 for the Scenic Loop site, last week the mayor put out a press release to lobby for the park in Iron Horse Canyon subdivision instead.

The Iron Horse Canyon land is unsuitable for a park. It is fragmented, has been used as a dumping ground for construction crews, and is really nothing more than steep ravines between houses.

In contrast, the land at Scenic Loop on Helotes Creek is stunningly beautiful. It has open meadows, oak forests, and gorgeous limestone bluffs.

At the last Council meeting, Mr. Schoolcraft blocked the city council from discussing the Scenic Loop park and subverted our municipal government in the process. Now he is trying to sway public opinion in favor of the land donated in Iron Horse Canyon by portraying it as something it is not.

The council will vote on the Scenic Loop land this Thursday at the Helotes City Council meeting at 7:00 pm. Please come and voice your opposition to Mr. Schoolcraft's underhanded shenanigans to sabotage our first city park in Helotes. Our state representatives, our city council, and all of you have worked too hard to make the new park happen.

Sincerely,
Ron Green
HHA, President