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Bandshell Addition and Renovation: Park Foundation to Present PlansBy *Sophie Braccini*

Conceptual design of bandshell by architect Stan Nielsen

Everyone who has been to a summer concert at the Moraga Commons Park has smelled the aroma of hamburgers and hotdogs prepared on-site for the audience. Long lines form to the right of the stage, while inside the 'snack shack,' cramped volunteers do their best to satisfy hungry spectators. The facility needs an update, says Foundation vice president Bob Reynolds, "As our audience grows, we're a bit on top of each other working in the snack shack." Reynolds continued, "Additionally, we need to keep up with the Health Department regulations that require that food preparation be done inside."

On Thursday, April 14, the Park Foundation invites the community to view plans for the expansion and renovation of the food service facility. The meeting will be held at the Hacienda de las Flores from 7:00-8:00 p.m. and light refreshments will be served.

The improvements would double the size of the current facility, enclosing what is now a concrete slab that extends ten feet behind the current shack. The Park Foundation believes that the upgrade will permit other local groups to organize their own events, including food preparation, at the park as well. This season will be spent planning and getting permits. Exterior construction will start this October, and a presentation to the Town is scheduled for April, 2012.

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