

Champ Car race will move from San Jose to Monterey

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After burning through a \$4 million taxpayer subsidy, the 3-year-old San Jose Grand Prix abruptly called it quits Tuesday.

Race organizers said future downtown construction would make the current race circuit unusable and an alternative route couldn't be found in the city. But potentially more troublesome was a local political climate that turned decidedly chilly after the city council approved the much-criticized subsidy in January 2006.

That gave the already money-losing venture no chance of landing additional city funds to pay for an alternate race course.

Reactions to the announcement were as polarized as the political debate that raged over the subsidy itself. Race supporters bemoaned the loss of a high-profile event that drew tens of thousands downtown, while critics bid good riddance to a noisy production that disrupted businesses and created little financial benefit.

The Grand Prix had been part of

the Champ Car World Series, which announced Tuesday that a replacement race would be held next year at Laguna Seca raceway in Monterey County.

In announcing the Grand Prix's cancellation, race president Dale Jantzen said the event was "no longer viable in its current location" because of plans by developer Boston Properties to move forward on a three-tower office development on Almaden Boulevard, where the race had set up its main spectator grandstands.

Grand Prix and city officials have known since the downtown course was established in 2005 that Boston Properties could begin construction at any time on its project, which was approved in 2000. The project has been on hold because of the downturn in the market for Silicon Valley office space.

Whether the developer actually plans to begin construction next year remains unknown. Boston Properties regional executive Robert Pester did not respond to a request for comment.

Jantzen said the decision was

made based on "direct conversation from Boston Properties." City officials said that while the developer has indicated it may begin building next year, nothing definitive has occurred yet.

The \$4 million subsidy — paid both in cash to the race promoter and in city-financed construction and free services to the race — covered the second and third years of the event. The city also would have provided an estimated \$600,000 annually in free services — including building inspection and on-duty police and fire protection — for the remaining years of the contract, which was supposed to run until 2014.

The council approved the subsidy in a controversial vote in January 2006, having provided almost no public notice that the request from the Grand Prix was pending. The quick vote, pushed by then-downtown city councilwoman Cindy Chavez and opposed by then-Councilman Chuck Reed, was considered a major reason for Reed's 19-point victory over Chavez in last year's mayoral election.

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Rivalry leads to gruesome injury

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OKLAHOMA CITY — To some Oklahoma football fans, there are things that just aren't done in the heart of Sooner Nation, and one of them is to walk into a bar wearing a Texas Longhorns T-shirt.

That's exactly what touched off a bloody skirmish that left a Texas-shirt-wearing fan nearly castrated and an Oklahoma fan facing aggravated assault charges that could put him in prison for up to five years.

The shocking case has set off a raging debate in this football-crazed region about the extreme passions behind a bitter rivalry. Some legal observers have even questioned whether this case could ever truly have an impartial jury.

"I've actually heard callers on talk radio say that this guy deserved what he got for wearing a Texas T-shirt into a bar in the middle of Sooner country," said

Irven Box, an attorney in this city 20 miles from Oklahoma's campus in Norman.

According to police, 32-year-old Texas fan Brian Christopher Thomas walked into Henry Hudson's Pub on June 17 wearing a Longhorns T-shirt and quickly became the focus of football "trash talk" from another regular, 53-year-old Oklahoma fan Allen Michael Beckett.

Thomas told police that when he decided to leave and went to the bar to pay his tab, Beckett grabbed him in the crotch, pulled him to the ground and wouldn't let go, even as bar patrons tried to break it up. When the two men were separated, Thomas looked down and realized the extent of his injuries.

"He could see both of his testicles hanging on the outside of his body," said Thomas' attorney, Carl Hughes. "He was wearing a pair of

white shorts, which made it that much worse."

It took more than 60 stitches to close the wound, and police interviewed Thomas at a nearby hospital emergency room.

Beckett's attorney, Billy Bock, concedes that his client commented about Thomas' shirt, but said it was just good-natured ribbing and that he apologized to Thomas when it appeared to upset the Texas fan. Later, Bock said Thomas approached his client at the bar and threatened him.

"My client is a little man, and this guy (Thomas) is 30 to 40 pounds bigger than him," Bock said. "He's bigger, stronger, younger and probably faster, and he aggressively leaned in and touched my client and threatened to beat him up. ... My guy was defending himself and just took control of the situation."

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Restoration Advisory Board

Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) for former Naval Air Station (NAS) Moffett Field will be held:

**On: Thursday, September 13, 2007
7 to 9:30 p.m.**

At: Moffett Field, Building 943, Mountain View, CA

Building 943 (Public Affairs Building) is located just before the main gate on NASA Parkway.

The RAB reviews and comments on plans and activities about the ongoing environmental studies and restoration activities under way at Moffett Field. Regular RAB meetings are open to the public and the Navy encourages your involvement.

To review documents on Moffett Field cleanup projects, please visit the information repository located at the Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin Street, Mountain View, CA 94041, 650-903-6887. For more information, contact Mr. Darren Newton, Navy BRAC Environmental Coordinator, at 619-532-0963 or darren.newton@navy.mil.

October 22, 2007

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RE: *Community Relations Support for Former NAS Moffett Field*
Transmittal: Paid advertisements announcing the 12 July 2007 RAB Meeting

Dear Mr. Schaal:

This letter serves to inform you that ads announcing the 12 July 2007 RAB meeting were published in the newspapers listed below. Enclosed are tear sheets for proof of publication.

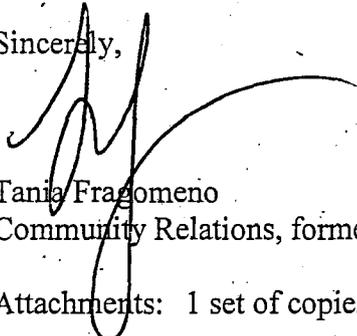
- ❖ Sunnyvale *Sun* – published 12 September 2007
- ❖ San Jose *Mercury News* – published 12 September 2007
- ❖ Mountain View *Voice* – published 07 September 2007
- ❖ Palo Alto *Daily News* – published 12 September 2007
- ❖ San Mateo *Daily News* - published 12 September 2007
- ❖ Redwood City *Daily News* - published 12 September 2007
- ❖ Burlingame *Daily News* - published 12 September 2007
- ❖ San Mateo *County Times* – published 12 September 2007

In addition to the paid advertisements, a news release announcing the RAB meeting was faxed to 45 television and radio stations and to the 25 following newspapers:

<i>Alianza Metropolitan News</i>	<i>Los Altos Town Crier</i>	<i>The Santa Clara Weekly</i>
<i>The Campbell Reporter</i>	<i>Los Gatos Weekly Times</i>	<i>Saratoga News</i>
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<i>La Oferta Review</i>	<i>San Jose Peninsula Reporter</i>	

Please note I have sent the originals and one set of copies to Diane Silva for the Administrative Record file and one set of copies to Darren Newton. Photocopies are included in this package. If you have any questions about this transmittal, please do not hesitate to call me at 858-926-4022.

Sincerely,



Tania Fragomeno
Community Relations, former NAS Moffett Field

Attachments: 1 set of copies

cc: D. Newton, BRAC PMO West
D. Silva, Records Manager (originals + 1 copy)