



County of Santa Cruz

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PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION Minutes of October 7, 2019, 7:00 p.m. meeting 979 17th Avenue Santa Cruz, CA 95062

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Jim Rapoza, Mariah Roberts, Maggie Duncan-Merrell, Kate Minott, Steven Bennett
Staff: Jeff Gaffney, Jennifer Mead

II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

Accept agenda as presented (Bennett/Rapoza 5/0)

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes were approved. Reports accepted and filed. (Rapoza/Minott 5/0)

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

1. Jean Brocklebank Subject: Scott Creek Beach
2. Michael Lewis Subject: Scott Creek Beach
3. Lisa Sheridan Subject: Anna Jean Cummings Park
4. Vivian Evan Subject: Anna Jean Cummings Park
5. Burke Poole Subject: Anna Jean Cummings Park
6. Bryan Largay Subject: Collaboration with County Parks
7. Katherine Sweet Subject: Anna Jean Cummings Park

V. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Duncan-Merrell 3rd District: Lots of events going on at Santa Cruz City Parks this month. Oct 13 is Open Streets Santa Cruz; West Cliff Drive turns into a pop-up street park from 9-2pm. The Santa Cruz Wharf will host 13 days of Halloween Oct 19-31. Oct 26 will be Zombie Night on The Wharf.

Minott 2nd District: Via Campbell, lost her life on the dive boat fire. There is a go fund memorial for her husband and kids; Via helped with the signage at Seacliff Village Park. We are excited to get a flush toilet at Seacliff. There's a new mural in Seacliff Village across from Marianne's. We also got a basketball hoop at Aldridge.

Roberts 1st District: LEO's Haven is on track, it is really exciting. County Park Friends has a big grant to begin programming at the playground. Want to thank everyone for their involvement in Anna Jean Cummings. Heart of Soquel has some new developments with accessible pathways through the Soquel Village that are really exciting.

Rapoza 5th District: I was out at Anna Jean Cummings, would like to compliment staff on the fields, they look really good. The all crew workday at Felton Covered Bridge really helped the park look fantastic. I encourage everyone to swing by Felton Library and see the construction starting at the park.

Bennett 4th District: Pajaro Valley Sports foundation has leads on creating more sports fields. The young kid who was at the Pinto Lake pump track opening was part of a bike contest and ended up winning. It's great to have the Pinto pump track for youth to enjoy and practice their skills.

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- October events coming up: Coco Movie playing at Pinto Lake Oct 13. Floating Pumpkin Patch at Swim Center on Oct 20, Water Harvest Fest at AJC on Oct 20. Trunk or Treat at Sheriff's HQ on Oct 25, Día Run at East Cliff Shopping Center on Oct 27.
- Davenport restroom renovation is completed.
- We are looking at Greyhound rock improvements and ways to improve coastal access for users.
- At the NRPA conference I heard speaker, Haben Girma, who is deaf and blind, talk about access for all and inclusiveness. She learned how to surf and has done so much in her life, her story is very inspiring. I would like to get her to come speak in Santa Cruz County.

VII. REGULAR AGENDA – Action Items

- a. Felton Discovery Park was recommended for the name of the new park in Felton (Minott/Rapoza 5/0)
- b. Parks Director work with appropriate stakeholders to develop strategy for management of Snowy Plover habitat at Scott Creek Beach (Rapoza/Minott 5/0)

VIII. REGULAR AGENDA – Information Items

- a. Anna Jean Cummings park update was given
- b. Parks & Recreation funding challenges in other jurisdictions was discussed

X. WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE LISTING (Page 22)

XI. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.