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PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION Minutes of December 3, 2018, 7:00 p.m. meeting 979 17th Avenue Santa Cruz, CA 95062

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Steven Bennett, Jim Rapoza, Mariah Roberts, Kate Minott, Alex Sibille
Staff: Jeff Gaffney, Jennifer Mead

II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

Accept agenda as presented (Sibille/ Rapoza 4/0)

III. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approved minutes from October 7, 2019 (Rapoza/ Minott 4/0)
- B. Accept and file reports (Minott/ Sibille 4/0)

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Stacey Kyle – Speaking for the Live Oak Education Foundation, our mission is positive play for kids in Live Oak. We are looking at Brommer field as an area that can be developed and improved. There is a grant coming out and we want to ask the commission and Director to consider Brommer field for this grant. There is a need for field space from local softball and baseball organizations. In the Parks Strategic Plan, the community identified an all-weather field as a great need. We are happy to help and be involved in the grant process.

V. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Rapoza 5th District – There was a good chili cook off at Felton Covered Bridge. The Valley Press had a great article on Felton Community Deck. Everything else is already in the reports. We have rebar in the ground at Felton Library.

Sibille 3rd District - I was at the Be the Difference award, it was really cool to see a North Coast volunteer to be honored. I love seeing the Fraternity taking care of Scott Creek beach - I want to help with that and bring more involvement from UCSC. It was really exciting to see the groundbreaking from Chanticleer, I was honored to be part of it.

Minott 2nd District - Saturday was exciting at Rio Del Mar; the Rio Del Mar Improvement Association celebrated the installation of the new drinking fountain they raised funds for. The group is really motivated to work with Parks. Friends of Santa Cruz County Parks set aside money for a shade structure at Seacliff Village Park. Happiness abounds!

Bennett 4th District - My highlight was the Pinto Pump track opening. We had one biker show up which was good to see the pump track in action.

Roberts 2nd District - The biggest thing is Measure G passed with great support. It will have a wonderful effect on a number of parks.

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Director Jeff Gaffney gave his report to the Commission.

- Superintendent recruitment is open - extending to the 21st... need time to put together an interview panel.
- Library annex meeting tomorrow night - there are mockups online to look at.
- Dec 11th - we are advertising for Chanticleer park bids - opening bids Jan 24th
- I went to a workshop in San Diego to discuss homelessness in County Parks. They are turning parks over to the homeless to live in. We don't want to get to that point. It's a problem all over the state. Some Counties are providing services in parking lots. Talking more in a unified voice with Parks Directors and an opportunity to hear about what other Counties are experiencing. We focused on advocacy, transitional opportunities for people on the cusp of homelessness, service for mental health and addressing health issues. We also considered designating areas in the short-term.
- We've been talking about having a large event for the families in Butte County where they can come and enjoy the day, or go up to Paradise to build a park. We'd like this to coincide with the CPRS conference coming up in March 2019.

VII. REGULAR AGENDA – Information Items

VIII. REGULAR AGENDA – Action Items

- a. The Commission accepted meeting dates for 2019 (Rapoza/ Roberts 5/0)
- b. Motion to accept amendments to the resolution, with final review at the February 2019 commission meeting (Roberts/ Rapoza 5/0)

IX. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m. (Sibille/ Roberts 5/0)