



County of Santa Cruz

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PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION Minutes of Dec 7, 2020, 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 (none)

III. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (none)

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Minutes & reports approved (Rapoza/Roberts 5/0)

V. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Minott 2nd District: Not a lot to report. I look forward to discussing the items on our agenda.

Rapoza 5th District: Nothing much to report either. I want to wish the staff and commissioners Happy Holidays. Hope you and your families are well.

Bennett 4th District: I share those sentiments also. I've had a couple meetings with Supervisor Caput, it sounds like he is looking at properties for a south county soccer field which would be awesome for the community.

Roberts 1st District: The number of people surfing and in parks is amazing. It goes to show that parks are critical to people and our community right now.

Duncan-Merrell 3rd District: There was large scale graffiti at Moore Creek Reserve. "TRUMP" was spelled in big letters. I received several emails and calls and contacted City parks who had it removed immediately the next day. I am grateful to our City Parks employees for working so hard to keep things beautiful.

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- There are probably some questions around the impending lock down. It is possible playgrounds may shut down. We've been allowing ceremonies and certain gatherings outdoors. The Board of Supervisor's will be discussing the Stay at Home order tomorrow.
- Heart of Soquel is close to being opened up.
- We are working on plans for Hidden Beach and Moran Lake – we received grants for both. We are also doing some improvements at Pinto Lake.

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- Looking into the potential for fields in South County area. We don't have many parks in that area so we are excited about possibly finding land to build some.
- We've been working with the Tannery and County Park Friends on Black Health Matters programs. They are getting a lot accomplished in their partnership.

VII. REGULAR AGENDA – Action Items

- a. Motion: Meeting schedule was approved for 2021 (Roberts/Rapoza 5/0)

VIII. REGULAR AGENDA – Information Items

- a. Director Gaffney shared updates regarding dog waste bags in County Parks
- b. The Commission discussed increased dog use in parks and beaches
- c. Director Gaffney and the Commission reviewed the agenda process

IX. WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE LISTING (none)

X. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m. (Bennet/Roberts 5/0)