



County of Santa Cruz

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PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION Minutes of February 5, 2018, 7:00 p.m. meeting 979 17th Avenue Santa Cruz, CA 95062

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Steven Bennett, Kate Minott, Jim Rapoza, Alexandra Sibille
Staff: Jeff Gaffney, Lynna Hemeryck, Eric Sturm, Will Fourt

II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS:

Motion to add item (d) to VIII. Regular Agenda, requesting that Parks Commission Chair and staff collaborate on a letter to congratulate the 2018 chosen artist of the year, Cheryl Anderson. (Minott/Sibille 4/0)

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Approved minutes from December 4, 2017. (Bennett/ Sibille 3/0/1)
Accept and file items and reports. (Bennett/ Sibille 3/0/1)

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (None)

V. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- Sibille – Excited to see 30 volunteers from UCSC fraternity Tau Kappa Epsilon come out to Scott Creek Beach to unearth three benches. Acknowledgement to staff for coordinating this volunteer effort on two separate occasions.
- Bennett – Pinto Lake Bike Pump Track meeting was successful. There were about 50 people from the public in attendance, all positive except for a few concerns. Received an invitation from the Rotary Club, facilitating a grass roots movement to get more soccer fields in Watsonville and an ultimate plan to get a sports complex out there.
- Minott – Nothing to report. Aptos is happy.
- Rapoza – Thanks to staff for all the work on the core of Fifth District Parks – Highlands, Quail Hollow, Felton Covered Bridge and Ben Lomond Dam. Also getting good reports back on the work being done with Boulder Creek Parks and Rec on Bear Creek Estates.

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

- AmeriCorps has been doing great volunteer work in the San Lorenzo Valley.
 - Santa Cruz County Parks is hoping to become a regular site for AmeriCorps volunteers.
- County Parks received another \$2,000 donation in addition to the \$10,000 received last year for improvements to Hidden Beach Park.
- The Parks Department has been developing an Encroachment Policy to provide better beach and coastal access in areas where private properties have encroached on public access points.

- Some encroachments will be removed and others may be subject to an encroachment fee, funds of which will be put back into the improvement of the access area.

VII. REGULAR AGENDA – Information Items

- a. Park Planner Will Fourn provided an update on the County Parks Strategic Plan.
- b. Copies of the Commission By-laws were available for review, revised with the date adopted and approved by the Board of Supervisors.

VIII. REGULAR AGENDA – Action Items

- a. Motion to adopt community and Commission input for revision of Parks and Recreation Commission 2016-2017 Biennial Report. (Bennett/Minott 4/0)
- b. Motion to support Proposition 68 and direct staff to provide a formal resolution at the April 2, 2018 Commission Meeting for full approval. (Sibille/Minott 3/0/1)
- c. Motion to change location and time of June 4, 2018 Commission Meeting to Bear Creek Country Club from 6-8p and staff to provide directions. (Minott/Bennett 4/0)
- d. Motion to direct Parks Staff and Commission Chair to write a letter of congratulations and send a card to Cheryl Anderson who was recently chosen as 2018 Artist of the Year. (Bennett/Sibille 4/0)

IX. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting Adjourned at 7:57 p.m. (Minott/Sibille 4/0)