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PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, April 13, 2009

Government Center, Board Chambers

7:15 p.m.

701 Ocean Street

Regular Meeting

Santa Cruz, CA 95060

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:18 p.m.

Members: Dave Mercer, Katharine Minott, Michael Rosenberg and Francisco Serna

Present: Dave Mercer, Katharine Minott, and Michael Rosenberg

Staff: Joe Schultz, Christine Bennett, Cristina James, Bob Olson

II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS OR APPROVAL

Correction to agenda changing January to March in Section A of the Consent Agenda list. The agenda was approved as modified (Minott/Mercer 3/0)

III. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of March 9, 2009 were approved as presented (Minott/Mercer 3/0)

B. Information and Reports (Accept and File)

- 1) Facilities Division – Status Report
- 2) Maintenance Division – Status Report
- 3) Planning Division – Status Report
- 4) Recreation & Cultural Services Division – Status Report
- 5) Arts Commission Agenda March 2, 2009

The Information and Reports were accepted and filed. (Minott/Mercer 3/0).

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Schultz stated that a Press Release was sent out by the Parks Department and an article was in the Sentinel to take a proactive approach and raise awareness regarding the Freedom Lake. There will be special elections held on May 19th which may impact departments even more. The Parks budget will be released in May and the budget hearings with the Board of Supervisors will be held in June.

VI. REGULAR AGENDA (DISCUSSION ITEMS)

A. ACTION ITEMS

1. Commission Chair and Vice-Chair

Commissioner Rosenberg removed himself from the list of nominees, and made a motion to elect Commissioner Minott as Chair and Commissioner Mercer as Vice-Chair. Commissioner Mercer made a second to elect Commissioner Minott, and Commissioner Minott made a second to elect Commissioner Mercer. (3/0)

B. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. RDA Presentation on Chanticleer Park

Paul Rodrigues and Jim Davies from RDA gave a Power Point presentation on the proposed Chanticleer Park development. Their presentation provided history on previous community meetings, feedback received, and the concept for the Master Plan. This park site is made up of two parcels, totaling approximately 4.5 acres. The concept is to have a historic farm type of setting, and one home on the property is to be restored, keeping with the character of that section of Live Oak. The Master Plan began with that structure, using the geometric design of how it would have been back in earlier days, and then becoming looser toward the periphery. As many large trees as possible on the property will be kept. A restroom and maintenance building will be created to look like an outbuilding/shed from the era, and a picnic pavilion will have the appearance of an old packing shed.

There has been much discussion about flowering orchard trees vs. fruiting trees because of public desire for edible landscaping. Commissioner Rosenberg expressed concern over the fruiting trees due to maintenance cost, liability issues which may arise, the sharing policy for park visitors, and the possibility of dogs eating fallen fruit when accessing the dog park areas. Commissioner Mercer expressed desire for basketball hoops geared toward smaller children being incorporated into the play area.

The top list of desires provided by the community are: edible landscaping, parking on-site and on the street, a 4-way stop at Chanticleer Lane, dog parks, and using the historic house to benefit the community. Commissioner Mercer suggested that foods from the era be created at the house using what is grown at the site, and perhaps classes can be held to teach the children how to cook them.

Lani Faulkner spoke in her support of the park and the inclusion of edible landscaping. She would like to see more than two BBQ's included on the site, and is very concerned over the speeding traffic on Chanticleer. She requested very bright paint at crosswalks or the type that illuminate which are on Capitola Road by Jose Park.

This Public Hearing will be an Action Item for the May Commission Meeting.

VII. AGENDA/MEETING FOR: Parks Commission, May 11, 2009 at 7:15 p.m. at the Board Chambers, 5th floor, 701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060 (Government Center).

A. ACTION ITEMS

1. Public Hearing Chanticleer Park

B. INFORMATION ITEMS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m. (Mercer/Minott 3/0)