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PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA

7:00	nday, December 7, 2015) pm jular Meeting		Simpkins Family Swim Center 979 17th Avenue Santa Cruz, CA 95062
I.	CALL TO ORDER / ROLL C	ALL	
11.	AGENDA MODIFICATIONS	OR LATE ADDITIO	NS
III.	CONSENT AGENDA (Action	n)	
	 B. Consider Reports: 1. Maintenance Section 2. Facilities Section – S 3. Recreation Section – 	ı – Status Report tatus Report Status Report	Page 1 Page 2 Page 3 Pages 4-7 Pages 8-9
IV.	scope of responsibility of the	Commission but not nutes in length, and	on on matters which are within the on today's agenda. Presentation individuals may speak only once
٧.	DIRECTOR'S REPORT		

- VI. REGULAR AGENDA Action Items
 - 1. Vote on a Mission Statement for the Commission (p. 10)
 - 2. Review list of people for holiday thank you cards (p. 11)
 - 3. Discuss increasing the frequency of Commission meetings and discuss proposed workshop dates: Jan 15th, March 4th, May 6th (p. 12)
 - 4. Adopt proposed 2015 Commission meeting calendar (p. 13)
 - 5. Review biennial Commission report and make suggestions (p. 14-18)
 - 6. Discuss and set goals for 2016
- VII. REGULAR AGENDA Information Items (none)
- VIII. WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE LISTING (none)
- IX. ADJOURNEMENT



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PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
Minutes of October 19, 2015, 7:00 p.m. meeting
979 17th Avenue
Santa Cruz, California

I. ROLL CALL

Present:

Steven Bennett, Kate Minott, Mariah Roberts

Absent:

Dave Mercer, Jim Lang

Staff:

Jeff Gaffney, Will Fourt, Jennifer Mead

II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS:

Commissioner Minott made a motion to move Consent item C to item 1 on the Regular Agenda. (Minott/Bennett 3/0)

III. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approved Minutes from August 17, 2015 and September 25, 2015 meeting and accepted and filed reports. (Minott/ Bennett 3/0)
- IV. DIRECTOR'S REPORT Director Jeff Gaffney gave his report to the Commission.
- V. REGULAR AGENDA Action Items
 - 1. Approve appointment of Fish William to the Friends of Santa Cruz County Parks Board of Directors. (Minott/ Bennett 3/0)
 - 2. Public hearing to consider naming the inclusive playground at Chanticleer Park *LEO's Haven*. (Bennett/ Minott 3/0)
 - Discussion about next steps for Commission mission statement. Motion was made to have staff present 1-2 mission statements for Dec. 7th Commission meeting. (Bennett/ Minott 3/0)
- VI. REGULAR AGENDA Informational Items
 - 4. Discussion about developing a strategic plan for the Commission.
- VII. ADJOURNEMNT Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 p.m. (Minott/ Bennett 3/0)



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JEFF GAFFNEY DIRECTOR

DATE: DECEMBER 2, 2015

TO: PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

FROM: GRETCHEN ILIFF, MAINTENANCE DIVISION

RE: PARKS BUILDING AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE STATUS REPORTS ON

CURRENT PROJECTS

NORTH COUNTY PARKS (Highlands, Ben Lomond, Felton Covered Bridge, Probation, Michael Gray Field, Quail Hollow Ranch and the North Coast)

New curtains and hardware were hung at the Highlands house by staff this month.

The CCC spent three days clearing the beach trail at Greyhound Rock Park.

Border fencing was repaired on the Sunset trail at Quail Hollow Ranch.

MID-COUNTY PARKS (AJC, Government Center, Emeline Complex, Twin Lakes, Brommer, Felt, Floral, Coffee Lane, Soquel Lyons, Jose Avenue, Winkle Farm, Willowbrook Lane, Moran Lake, Maplethorpe, Santa Cruz Gardens, Mid-County beach access areas)

The athletic fields at Anna Jean Cummings were closed, fertilized and over seeded this month.

Another leak was repaired at Anna Jean Cummings Park. This one was discovered on the 2" mainline serving the lower restroom.

A water recharge project and new asphalt paving was completed at Brommer Park.

SOUTH COUNTY PARKS (Polo Grounds, Valencia Hall, Hidden Beach, Seascape, Aptos Village, South County Beach access areas, Scott Park, Scott Estate, Aldridge Lane, Mesa Village, Pinto Lake, Freedom Government Annex)

Tree work was completed at the Freedom Governmental Center.

The athletic fields at Pinto Lake and Polo Grounds were closed, fertilized and over seeded this month.

The Carmichael trail got a new dog waste bag dispenser.

SIMPKINS FAMILY SWIM CENTER

Staff received training on El Nino preparedness and protection.

A new chemical feed pump was installed this month.

Several diseased trees were removed.



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JEFF GAFFNEY DIRECTOR

DATE:

December 2, 2015

TO:

Parks & Recreation Commission, Arts Commission

FROM:

Gretchen Iliff, Facilities Management Division

RE:

Status Report on Current Projects

Summary for Reservations in the Parks for the Months of November and December 2015, (excluding SFSC):

Attendance at Reserved Facilities:

The very busy 2015 season has slowly entered the winter off-season. November and December continued to host picnics, meetings, weddings, memorial services, special events and athletic field rentals. Staff estimates that over 22,500 park visitors attended events in reserved facilities during these two months.

Center and Meeting Room Rentals in November and December 2015:

November and December hosted over 16 weddings, receptions, memorial services and events at our various Park Centers with rental revenues totaling \$9,000, in comparison to the same months in 2014 that hosted 15 events with revenues totaling \$7,000 (approximately 22% increase in revenues). The annual Run for Pie 5k (Fleet Feet Sports) took place at Aptos Park and was another successful Thanksgiving run. The Cabrillo Host Lions hosted a Breakfast with Santa fundraiser on Dec. 5th at Aptos Park, with proceeds to benefit the Polo Grounds Restrooms. There were also 44 meeting room rentals totaling \$1,340.

The winter season provides opportunities for painting and refreshing park centers as well as various projects of general maintenance and preparation for a new season. The Facilities office updates and prepares its policies and procedures during this time as well.

Picnic Rentals in November and December 2015:

There were 12 picnics in the reservable picnic areas with rental revenues totaling \$1,625.

Athletic Fields:

Athletic fields closed countywide as of November 15th. There were over 150 individual bookings in the 18 athletic fields with rental revenues totaling \$8,400 during the first two weeks of November. The off season closure between mid-November to mid-March allows for reconditioning during the winter weather. The process for completing the 2016 reservation contract paperwork is beginning as renewal requests have gone out to up to 30 baseball, soccer and volleyball annual leagues, with 90% being non-profit youth and adult leagues.



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DATE:

Director

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TO:

Arts Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM:

Kathy DeWild, Program Coordinator

RE:

Recreation & Cultural Services Division Status Report – November/December 2015

ARTS AND CULTURAL

Public Art Program

The public art project at Seacliff Village Park has been installed. Community members will have a chance to see it at the grand opening of the park, Dec. 10 from 1-3 p.m.

Rigel Hunter has begun work to install the Hidden Beach Pump Station public art project; he expects to have the fencing installed by end of January, 2016.

<u>Art Exhibitions</u> – Artists' applications for 2016 exhibitions at the County Government Center, as well as other county facilities, are due to the Arts Council on Dec. 7.

ADULT AND SENIOR PROGRAMS

In November, 41 trip-goers enjoyed a day at the races at Golden Gate Fields in Berkeley. Six participants had the privilege to meet the winning jockey of one of the races and have their photo taken with him near the track.

The first couple of weeks in December are very busy! The Mall Walkers will have their annual holiday potluck party on Friday, 12/4. On Sunday, 12/6 trip-goers will travel to the Dunsmuir estate in Oakland for the annual Holiday Tradition event. During their tour of the 37-room mansion, participants will enjoy festive decorations, with each room featuring a uniquely decorated tree. On 12/8 we'll take a trip to San Francisco for shopping in Union Square and, upon nightfall, a guided tour of the holiday lights and festivities in the City. Both trips are fully booked.

YOUTH RECREATION PROGRAMS

Mar Vista ACE - November is always fun as staff and participants alike enjoy the festivities of the season. Up In the Sky Week featured activities such as Fire on the Tarmac, parachute games, candy airplanes and disc golf. We also took advantage of the warm November weather and went swimming at Simpkins Family Swim Center. During Money Matters Week staff developed fun activities such as a version of The Price is Right game to teach program participants the value of a dollar and the concept of budgeting. Children made their own wallets and earned "ACE dollars" to spend in the ACE store. The weeks of Turkey Fun and Give Thanks featured field trips to Pump'D Inflatable Fun Center, the Roller Palladium and the Santa Cruz Museum of Discovery. We played games such as Turkey Ball, Gobble, Gobble, football, Turkey Feed and made festive art and craft projects such as egg carton turkeys and Oreo turkeys.

December began with Music Week during which participants made harmonicas, button tambourines and experimented with drawing to different genres of music. Also, special guest singer/songwriter Freesia Raine conducted music workshops with participants on 12/2. December will also feature Celebrations and Happy Holidays themed weeks during which participants will make gifts, have a potluck party and take a field trip to Pump'D Inflatable Fun Center.

Staff is also busy preparing for this year's Winter Camp which will take place Dec. 28 – Jan. 11 at Aptos Village Park.

<u>Kinder Enrichment</u> - In the month of November the themes were Scarecrows, Family Gatherings, and Harvest. The first week of the month we discovered the usefulness of a scarecrow. The children got to put together a gift pack with apple cider mix to give to someone special in their lives, and it was called Scarecrow Stew. The second week of November the theme was Family Gathering. The children learned about their families as a community and shared about their family gatherings. The third week of November programming was Harvest/dining. We packed in lots of thanksgiving fun, including hand turkeys, fall bingo and an autumn matching game. We also talked about the concept of what a cornucopia is.

December themes include Winter Wonderland, Holiday Delights, and Gifts of the Season. Winter Wonderland took over the Kinder room the first week of December with many creative snowflakes for décor. Sock Snowmen were created for someone special at home. The children also made flannel pillows. Holiday Delights included making gingerbread designs, which the kids baked, constructed, and frosted. The children had so much fun that staff extended the gingerbread fun with gingerbread people, decorating them with fun icings candies, sprinkles, and fruit. Frosty the snowman puppet came to visit at circle time this week and helped lead in music and movement activities with the children. The third week and last week before the holiday break is Gifts of the Season where children will talk about why we give and share. Projects will include making cinnamon-stick stars, as well as apple-cinnamon dough creations to be placed in a drawer to make it smell good or hung up in a room as an air freshener.

QUAIL HOLLOW RANCH INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS

Recent Interpretive Programs and Activities:

- Beginning Birding was offered on Sunday, November 1 from 8:00 10:00 a.m. A total of 14 people attended the walk. Unfortunately Eric Feuss was unable to lead the walk; Jim Williams took his place.
- Carol Nickbarg offered a class: *Pruning Small Trees and Shrubs* to six people on Sunday, November 1 from 1:00 3:00 p.m.
- The Santa Cruz Astronomy Club was back for another star gazing evening on Friday, November 13 from 6:00 to around 10:30 p.m. A total of 34 people enjoyed looking through the club's telescopes, learning about our celestial neighbors.
- Acorn Preparation the Ohlone Way was offered by Lee Summers to a group of 10 adults who enjoyed learning about the Ohlone people on Sunday, November 15 from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.
- A total of 36 kids and parents from Tierra Pacifica's 1^{st} and 2^{nd} grade class came out to Quail Hollow on Monday, November 16 from 1:00 2:30 p.m. for a field trip to learn about the Ohlone people.
- Lee Summers led a ranch house tour called *If Houses Could Talk for* 15 adults on Sunday, November 22 from 1:00 2:00.
- The *Mushrooms 101* class scheduled for Sunday, November 29 from 10:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. was cancelled due to a low population of mushrooms at the park. We are hoping to reschedule the program for January or February.
- A Fungus Foray offered by the Santa Cruz Fungus Federation took place on Saturday, December 5 from 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.
- Life as a Pioneer, a program offered by Lee Summers, was held on Sunday, December 6 from 1:00 2:30 p.m.
- Paul Haskins was back for the beginning of his season of guided hikes In Search of Herps on Sunday, December 6 from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Terris Kasteen from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife scheduled a restoration day to rake plots at the Quail Hollow Ecological Reserve on Friday, November 13. Staff along with five volunteers joined the efforts to help set up plots, rake away vegetative duff, and plant approximately 200 wallflowers in each. Depending on how well the seeds germinate, it is hoped that these efforts will lead to continued raking.

The volunteer trail crew has been working with maintenance to help keep hikers from accessing private property along the Sunset Trail. The trail crew "brushed" (filled in) trails made by trespassers, and maintenance repaired and built additional fencing. The neighboring property owners have agreed to maintain the work completed.

Upcoming Interpretive Programs and Activities:

- 1. On Friday, December 11 from 6:00 p.m. midnight, the Santa Cruz Astronomy Club will be back for another *Stellar Experience* as they share what's up in the night sky with the public. The club is interested in continuing a monthly offering of such programs in 2016.
- 2. A *Pioneer Birthday Party* is scheduled for Saturday, December 12 from 11:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m. Lee Summers will lead the group in a collection of old-fashioned games.
- 3. Lee Summers will also lead a group of children in *Mad Scientist Experiment* on Sunday, December 13 from 1:00 3:00 p.m.
- 4. Another *Old-Fashioned Birthday Party* will take place on Sunday, December 20 from 1:00 4:00 p.m. Lee Summers will be available to assist the birthday girl in leading a collection of old-time games for party guests.

Chris Berry from Santa Cruz City Parks has organized a meeting to discuss frog habitat along the newly renovated Quail Hollow Creek. Saturday, December 5 from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. will find park staff and staff from Save the Frogs joining Mr. Berry.



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DATE:

December 2, 2015

TO:

Arts Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM:

Margaret Ingraham, Aquatics Supervisor

RE:

Aquatics Division Status Report – December, 2015

AQUATIC PROGRAMS

Our winter pool schedule runs December 1, 2015 – February 28, 2016 and is as follows:

Lap Pool Hours:

Monday thru Friday: 6:00 am to 7:30 pm

Saturdays: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm All pools will be closed on Sundays

Warm Water Pool Hours:

Monday, Wednesday and Fridays:

6:00 am - 10:30 am

3:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Tuesday and Thursday

6:00 am - 7:30 pm

Saturday

9:00 - 10:30 am Adults only

10:30 am – 12:30 pm Adults and children 6 years and under.

1:00 - 4:00 pm all ages

Sunday

Pool Closed

Winter Swim lessons will be held Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10:30am - 12:30pm and Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday evening from 4:00 - 7:00pm.

Adult Fitness Swimming - Adult Fitness Swimming is very popular at the Simpkins Family Swim Center. The best-attended workouts are Tuesday and Saturday mornings; up to 35 swimmers fill the 50-meter pool at these times. Fitness swimmers may choose from several different workout times: Monday's 6:00 am; Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday workouts are at 6:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.; Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

Water Aerobics & Exercise - The water exercise classes this year continue to reach their highest capacity to date. Water exercise is an excellent way for people to meet their fitness goals without impact on the joints. Classes are designed to appeal to all levels of ability including, healthy, pre-natal, seniors, and rehabilitating or cross training fitness enthusiasts. A monthly calendar is available with dates, times and instructors names. Previous swimming or water-exercise experience is not required for participation in any of the water exercise classes.

Lifeguard Training Exercises – The November In-service training focused on handling issues that arise at the swim center in the winter months such as: Thunder and lightning, power outages, heavy rain, strong winds, extreme cold; and visibility issues from glare, steam, and fog. The November in-service was well attended and anyone that was not able to attend is required to attend a make-up session so that they are informed and trained to handle the many challenges the winter months present.

In **December** we do not schedule an in-service training and instead skill checks staff individually during their shift. This individual and spontaneous skill checking ensures our staff is always rescue ready.

Special Events – On October 18th the swim center hosted the 19th annual Super Kid Triathlon which is put on by Penni Bengston of Finish Line Productions. Over 350 children attended and all of them finished their swim, run, bike course and received finishers' medals!

Swim Teams - The Cabrillo Threshers and Santa Cruz County Aquatics swim teams continue to rent lanes in the 50-meter pool. The swim teams offer school-age competitive swimming programs Monday through Friday from 4:00-7:30 p.m.

Private Pool Parties —A variety of rental packages are available to accommodate small gatherings as well as groups of up 110 people. Private Pool Parties are scheduled on weekends after the facility has closed to the public.

Pool Closures and Holiday Schedule

The swim center will be closed on December 25^{th} 2015. The swim center will be open holiday hours of 6:00 AM - 1:30 PM on December 24^{th} and 31^{st} . On January 1^{st} the swim center will be open 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

Live Oak Community Rooms - The Live Oak Community Rooms at the swim center are rented out regularly throughout the year for meetings, small events and classes.

Draft Mission Statements:

Option 1: (Recommended) To support and encourage the provision, maintenance, acquisition, promotion and enjoyment of high quality and accessible parks, open spaces, recreational programs, facilities and activities that promote health and enhance the quality of life for the benefit of all (park visitors).

Option 2: To support a vibrant, effective and responsive County Parks Department that provides equitable access to safe and well-stewarded parks and open space, and to healthy activities and enriching cultural experiences for all.

Holiday Thank You card recipients - Parks & Rec Commission

Name	Affiliation	Position
John Presleigh	DPW	Director
Betsey Lynberg	DPW	Director
Melodye Serino	DPW	Director
Melissa Young	DPW	Exec. Secretary
Tricia Potts	SCPP	Organizer
Fred Keely	CAO	Volunteer
Jessica Wolf	Meetings that Matter	Facilitator
John Leopold	BOS	Supervisor
Zach Friend	BOS	Supervisor
Ryan Coonerty	BOS	Supervisor
Greg Caput	BOS	Supervisor
Bruce McPherson	BOS	Supervisor

Friends of Corcoran Lagoon Beach Friends of Anna Jean Cummings Park Friends of Santa Cruz County Parks 0 = Commission meeting = Workshop

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PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETINGS

PARKS DEPARTMENT OFFICES 979 17TH AVENUE, SANTA CRUZ

2016 Schedule

MONDAY	February 1, 2016	7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
MONDAY	April 4, 2016	7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
MONDAY	June 6, 2016	7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m
MONDAY	August 1, 2016	7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
MONDAY	October 3, 2016	7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m
MONDAY	December 5, 2016	7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m



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PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION 2014-2015 BIENNIAL REPORT

ROLE OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Assess the needs and resources of the County for parks, open space and cultural services and recommends programs to satisfy those needs.

- I. Advise the Board of Supervisors on matters regarding parks, recreation and open space plans for the County.
- II. Advise the Board of Supervisors on the preservation of historical and cultural resources in the County.
- III. Review the annual budget for Parks, Open Space and Cultural Services, and makes recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

MEETINGS AND STRUCTURE

The Commission meets on Mondays six times a year at 7:00 p.m., on dates determined by the Commission. Meetings are held at a park site or the Parks, Open Space and Cultural Services Office, 979 17th Avenue, Santa Cruz.

The Commission is made up of five members, one nominated by each Supervisor, which operates using the Sturgis Rules of Order and a structure that includes a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson. Staff support is provided by the Department of Parks, Open Space and Cultural Services.

COMMISSION STAFF

Jeff Gaffney, Director; Will Fourt, Park Planner; Jennifer Mead, Secretary

ATTENDANCE

Attachment A displays the attendance of the Commissioners for the past twenty-four months.

2014-2015 Commission Activities and Accomplishments

Considered proposals brought forward by members of the community:

- Proposal to build an inclusive playground at Chanticleer Avenue Park by Santa Cruz Playground Project
- Proposal to preserve open space at Anna Jean Cummings Park by eliminating homelessness requested by Friends of Anna Jean Cummings Park

Received reports on the status of various park improvement projects including:

Chanticleer Inclusive Playground
Farm Park Habitat Restoration and Community Gardens Grant
Felton Covered Bridge Grant
Heart of Soquel Plaza
Polo Grounds Restroom and Concessions
Seacliff Village Park
Quail Hollow Brook Restoration Grant

Received regular reports regarding participation in and revenues received for various recreation programs and facility rentals

Received regular reports on the activities of the Parks Maintenance and Facilities sections

Reviewed proposed Parks Division Budgets for Fiscal Years 2014/2015 and 2015/2016

Appointed members to the Board of Directors of the non-profit Friends of Santa Cruz County Parks (FoSCCP)

Received training from County Counsel regarding the Brown Act

Participated in a workshop to develop a mission statement for the Parks and Recreation Commission

Approved naming the inclusive playground at Chanticleer Avenue Park "LEO's Haven"

Proposed 2016 Commission Goals

Park Facilities

Review and make recommendations regarding proposed park improvements for: The Heart of Soquel Plaza and Soquel Creek Trail; Chanticleer inclusive playground "LEO's Haven"; Polo Grounds restroom and concessions; and Twin Lakes Beachfront.

Recreation Programs

Review and make recommendations regarding proposed youth recreation and senior programs in South County

Community Proposals

Consider proposals for Special Patrol units for various County Parks

Review empirical data regarding off-leash dogs on County Beaches and make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors

General

Review the FY 2015/2016 and FY 2016/2017 Proposed Budgets and provide recommendations to the Board of Supervisors

Prepare letter of support as necessary for various grant opportunities

Support efforts to collaborate with volunteers and other partners to provide parks, recreation, and cultural opportunities

Support, collaborate and advise staff regarding community outreach opportunities, including, marketing and branding, for county parks and recreation programs

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION - Attendance 2014

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