



County of Santa Cruz

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PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION Minutes of April 3, 2017, 7:00 p.m. meeting 979 17th Avenue Santa Cruz, CA 95062

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Kate Minott, Jim Rapoza, Alex Sibille
Staff: Jeff Gaffney, Jennifer Mead, Will Fourt

II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS:

Motion to accept agenda as presented. (Sibille/ Rapoza 3/0)

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Approved minutes from Feb 6, 2017 and accept and file items and reports. (Sibille/
Rapoza 3/0)

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- Jean Brocklebank: Concerned about dogs in a public swimming pool while humans are in the pool. Read a report on diseases dogs carry. It's a matter of time before someone catches a disease and the County is liable, I hope Parks will reconsider not having dogs in the pool next year.

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

- We are so excited about having our Volunteer Coordinator. I support volunteerism because it is a great way to engage the community about parks
- We created a Parks Superintendent position hoping to hire someone in the next month.
- LEO's Haven Update – Monterey Peninsula Foundation gave a \$250,000, Land and Water Conservation Fund is granting \$500,000 and we have a lot of in kind donations.
- We estimate over \$1M dollars in storm damage, the state approved OES funds, the feds approved federal fund from FEMA. Many parks were affected by the storm. Looks like less than 10% will come out of pocket from Parks. Everyone worked really hard to get the fields open.
- Strategic Planning continues- the most important thing is we'll have community input.
- Will Fourt: Regarding Strategic Plan- We compiled background info, convened a working group and we will be able to give you a report back at your next meeting – June 5th.

VI. REGULAR AGENDA – Information Items

1. Postponing By-law review to next meeting (June 5, 2017)

2. Considered item: Direct Staff to prepare a study concerning the expansion of Santa Cruz County Park staff to include Santa Cruz County Park Rangers.
 - a. [Discussion]: The report will propose and examine the role of on-site County Park Rangers in county parks.
 - b. The report should distinguish the role of volunteer docents, and the Rangers as paid staff whose job description could include Rangers as nature guides and peace-keepers in county parks

VII. REGULAR AGENDA – Action Items

1. Approved motion regarding commissioners sending correspondence about the Strategic Plan on behalf of the commission (Sibille/ Rapoza 3/0)
2. Approved motion to create a ‘commissioner reporting section’ in the agenda, during which time a commissioner may request a letter of endorsement from the commission (Rapoza/ Sibille 3/0)
3. Approved motion for staff to work with (new) Chair to write a letter of congratulations to the Artist of the Year from the commission (Rapoza/ Sibille 3/0)
4. Commissioner Rapoza was nominated Chair and Commissioner Sibille was nominated Vice-Chair (Minott/Rapoza 3/0)

VIII. ADJOURNEMNT – Meeting Adjourned at 8:16 p.m. (Sibille/ Rapoza 3/0)