

ARTS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting (virtual)
December 14, 2020, 4:30 p.m.

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ARTS COMMISSION - AGENDA

Monday, December 14, 2020

4:30 PM

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Microsoft Teams meeting platform

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I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS OR APPROVAL

III. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: Opportunity for persons to address the Commission on matters which are within the scope of responsibility of the Commission but not on today's agenda. Presentations must not exceed three (3) minutes in length, and individuals may speak only once during Oral Communications. Commissioners will not take actions or respond immediately to any public communications presented regarding topics not on the Agenda but may choose to follow up later, either later, or on a subsequent Commission Agenda

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve minutes from December 14, 2019..... Pages 2-3
- b. Consider Reports:
 - 1. Aquatics Section Report..... Page 4
 - 2. Maintenance Section Report..... Page 5
 - 3. Planning Section Report..... Pages 6-7
 - 4. Recreation Section Report..... Page 8
 - 5. Reservations Section Report..... Page 9
 - 6. Volunteer Section Report..... Pages 10-13

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

VI. STAFF REPORT

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Action Items

- 1. Consider the biennial commission report..... Pages 14-16
- 2. Consider 2021 Public Art Plan..... Page 17
- 3. Select Commissioners to serve on the Aptos Library renovations public art panel
- 4. Select Commissioners to serve on the Live Oak Library Annex public art panel

B. Information/Discussion Items

- 1. 2020 Artist of the Year
- 2. 2021 meeting schedule
- 3. Vote exhibition – acquiring artwork for County Collection

VIII. AGENDA /MEETING FOR: March 1, 2021 - 4:30 p.m. – Virtual Meeting

IX. ADJOURNMENT



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ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES

December 14, 2019, 9:00 a.m.

979 17th Avenue, Parks Conference Room - Santa Cruz, California

- I. Called to order at 4:40 p.m. Present: Alberti, Kilian, L Phillips, Gardner, J Phillips, Niven, Stabile, Kaplan, Oslapas, DeWorken (late arrival)
Staff: Kathy DeWild, Jeff Gaffney, Eric Strum
- II. Approved Agenda
Motion/Second: Stabile/Alberti
AYES: 9
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1
- III. Approved Consent Agenda
Motion/Second: L. Phillips/Alberti
AYES: 9
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1
- IV. Approved selection panel's recommendation of public artist for Seacliff Village Park Phase 2
Motion/Second: Gardner/Stabile
AYES: 10
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0
- V. Approved 2020 public art plan
Motion/Second: Gardner/Stabile
AYES: 10
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0
- VI. Approved commissioners to serve on Heart of Soquel Phases 2 & 3 public art panel (Stabile, Oslapas)
Motion/Second: Kaplan/L. Phillips
AYES: 10
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0
- VII. Approved commissioners to serve on Animal Shelter remodel public art panel (Niven, J. Phillips)
Motion/Second: Stabile/DeWorken
AYES: 10
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0

V. Next meeting date: March 2, 4:30 p.m., Simpkins Swim Ctr./Parks Office, upstairs conference room

VI. Approved meeting adjournment at 10:58 a.m.

Motion/Second: L. Phillips/Gardner

AYES: 10

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0



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Date: Dec 1, 2020
To: Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Max Friedmann, Aquatics Supervisor
Subject: Aquatics Section Report

Lap Lane and Pool Space Reservations

- The Swim Center is offering pool use by reservation only at this time in order to restrict the amount of people using the facility and maintain a safe environment in light of COVID-19.
- Many other additional safety measures have been adopted such as frequent cleaning of touched surfaces and the pool layout has been modified to allow for social distancing.



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Date: Dec 1, 2020
To: Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Rebecca Hurley, Parks Superintendent
Subject: Maintenance Section Report

Maintenance Updates

- Lewis Tree Service conducted maintenance on some of the Blue Gum Eucalyptus trees at Moran Lake County Park after consulting with local arborists and entomologists.
- Staff cleared broken tree branches in front of the Main Jail on Water Street and at the Highlands Park Senior Center.
- Donor plaques were installed at Chanticleer Park.
- Outdoor exercise equipment was installed at Pinto Lake County Park.





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Date: Dec 1, 2020
To: Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Will Fourt and Michael Hettenhausen, Park Planners
Subject: Planning Section Status Report

Felton Discovery Park

Parks now has contract with landscape contractor and biologist to maintain and monitor mitigation areas for the Library and Park, and the contractor has replaced plants for 2020 and biotic monitoring report has been submitted to CA Fish and Wildlife.

Chanticleer Park: Staff is working on application for Prop 68 Statewide Park Program grant application for Phase 2.

Heart of Soquel Phase 2 & 3

Construction of the new trail and restoration landscaping is underway and the site preparation, utilities, pathway, piers and the boardwalk and viewing platforms carpentry, planting and irrigation, most lighting and some fencing have been completed.

Hidden Beach

Parks Department Planning staff continue to review proposals from play structure manufacturer representatives to replace the existing play structure. The Parks Department has entered into a contract with a consultant to prepare a conceptual plan, produce 30% design drawings, and host one public meeting, likely to be held in Spring 2021, for the siting and design of the new permanent restroom.

Moran Lake

The Coastal Conservancy has informed the Parks Dept that staff is recommending award of the planning grant for the Moran Lake Restoration Plan for Water Quality Improvements to the Coastal Conservancy Board in March 2021. The planning grant scope includes detailing water quality improvements (e.g., native plant installations, creation of bioswales, and trail improvements), completing the state environmental review, and developing materials for development permit submission.

Greyhound Rock

Parks Department staff continues to work with the state Coastal Conservancy and state Department of Fish and Wildlife staff on the grant application for planning and development of minimalist overnight accommodations and indoor programming facilities at the park.

Live Oak Library Annex

Parks Department staff is participating on the Technical Advisory Group with County Department of Public Works and Library staff as well as an architectural firm to produce interior and exterior design plans for the Live Oak Library Annex, proposed for construction along the north wall of the Simpkins Family Swim Center. The TAC is currently incorporating historical references of the Live Oak community into the draft designs. A Planning staff intern is completing a timeline of local events to be including in the interior design.

Farm Future Phase 2

Park Department Planning Staff and Consultants are working on preparing a Master Plan Amendment Application to include a bike pump/jump track as an additional alternative feature and revise the development permit expiration date. The MPAA will be submitted to the County Planning for review and consideration. Planning staff is finalizing a grant application for the Statewide Park Program for funding to complete implementation of Phase 2.

Seacliff Village Park Phase 2

Installation of the new permanent restroom building is complete including mural painting and Parks maintenance staff have added additional landscape enhancements around the building.



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Date: Dec 1, 2020
To: Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Max Friedmann, Interim Recreation Supervisor
Subject: Recreation Section Report

Fall Learning and Enrichment Camps

- Throughout the County, various Learning and Enrichment Camp sites have been up and running since the start of the school year.
- At these sites, Recreation Staff provide assistance with remote learning as well as various active games, arts and crafts, nature and science enrichment activities for stable groups of up to 12 elementary school aged children.

Partnerships with Local Recreation Departments

- We have formed partnerships with the City of Watsonville, Capitola, and Boulder Creek and are assisting them with their remote learning programming.
- With our support they have been able to open and operate multiple distance learning programs akin to our Learning and Enrichment Camps.



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Date: Dec 1, 2020
To: Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Shawna Hatch, Reservations Specialist
Subject: Reservations Section Report

Reservations during COVID:

- Staff is continuing to book for limited park use, outdoor wedding ceremonies, small picnic gatherings, and outdoor fitness classes. Athletic fields were in use for limited activities by youth sports through November 15th at which time the sports fields closed for the fall//winter season.
- Through the months of October, November and December, Reservations has booked 3 outdoor ceremonies, 6 fitness groups, 2 small picnic gatherings and 1 Nursing Graduation drive-through hosted by Heath Services Agency. We continue to respond to multiple inquires for the allowed booking options.
- The garden plots at Chanticleer Park are being filled from the waitlist that was started when the parks master plan was introduced.
- The two empty horse stalls at Quail Hollow Ranch will be filled from current waitlist in the beginning of 2021.
- Parks staff co-sponsored wedding ceremony days with the County Clerk's office in the months of August, September, and October at Aptos Park, Highlands Park and Quail Hollow Ranch, which saw 22 couples wed in total. Parks is looking at continuing the ceremony day events with Clerks Office in the future months.
- We continue to actively keep in touch with future reservations as the Health Order gets modified through the phases of re-opening.
- We continue to work on new policies for the public for future and current rentals during COVID.



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Date: Dec 1, 2020
To: Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Margaret Ingraham, Volunteer Program Coordinator
Subject: Volunteer Program Report

Felton Discovery Park

The SLV Rotary spent a beautiful fall morning at the park pruning and weeding. See pictures below of rotary members and their families.

Several volunteers continue to volunteer independently regularly at the park pulling invasive thistle, blackberry and now we have permission to also pull velvet grass.

We recently signed up a new volunteer who will be keeping the watershed 3D model and the interpretive signs clean. He has been given specific instructions on how to clean them and we are very excited to have him taking care of this need. He will also be branching out to take care of the interpretive signs at Quail Hollow Ranch too!





Anna Jean Cummings Park

AJ will be getting some attention in the near future by volunteers. I am working with a Work Ability group for 18 – 23 year old students. The students will meet weekly at the park to work on projects. I have also signed up another volunteer who will work independently in the park on projects. All of the projects for these volunteers have been approved by the maintenance supervisor and I look forward to seeing the progress.

Quail Hollow Ranch

The trail crew not only keeps the trails in tip top shape but they have stepped up to help repair a fallen historic fence. They worked with Maintenance Supervisor, Jesse Williams to ensure the historic integrity was upheld. It has taken them several days and the fence looks great!



This is their wild, wild, west look!





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ARTS COMMISSION 2019-2020 BIENNIAL REPORT

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ROLE OF THE COMMISSION

For the benefit of the citizens of the County of Santa Cruz, the Arts Commission is responsible for advising and making recommendations to the Board of Supervisors and the Parks Department staff on all matters relating to the encouragement and coordination of artistic and cultural affairs within the County. In addition, the Commission:

1. Identifies and addresses the unmet needs of cultural and artistic life in Santa Cruz County.
2. Serves as advocates for the arts, soliciting multiple sources to support artistic and cultural programs in Santa Cruz County.
3. Communicates and cooperates with the County of Santa Cruz, Department of Parks, Open Space and Cultural Services and related Commissions, community and private resources and arts-related groups performing as contractors, in order to ensure coordination of arts and cultural activities.
4. Assembles and makes available to the public up-to-date information relating to Santa Cruz County's artistic and cultural resources.
5. Is responsible for Arts Council oversight for the Board of Supervisors and conducts an annual review in June.
6. Helps facilitate public and private partnerships for the Arts in Santa Cruz County.

MEETINGS AND STRUCTURE

The Arts Commission meets no more than six times each fiscal year, with meeting dates to be determined by the Commission based on program needs. Meetings are generally held at 4:30 p.m. at the Parks administrative office.

The Arts Commission is made up of ten members, two 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.

ATTENDANCE

Exhibit 1 (two pages) displays the attendance of the Commissioners for the past 24 months.

2019-20 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Arts Awards and Recognition:

- Selected the 2019 and 2020 Artist of the Year Award recipients
- Conducted the “Profile Performance” for 2019 Artist of the Year in the Community Room at the Simpkins Family Swim Center; the event was open to the public and was well-attended. The 2020 Artist of the Year Profile Performance has been postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic

Public Arts Programs:

- Developed the 2019 and 2020 Public Art Plans
- Started the public art process for the Animal Shelter and Heart of Soquel phases 2 and 3
- Coordinated with community members to facilitate installation of four “Just in Time” (JIT) projects (community-initiated and funded public art projects on County-owned property)
- Public Art installed at the Felton Library and the Behavioral Health Office Building

County Art Collection and Exhibitions:

- Continued Art Exhibitions in the County Government Center; appointed Arts Commissioner to serve on the selection panel
- Continued Art Exhibitions at the Simpkins Family Swim Center

Commission Business:

- Held annual planning retreats
- Reviewed Arts Council activities
- Reviewed Museum of Art and History activities

2021-2022 GOALS

Arts Awards and Recognition:

- Continue Art Exhibits in the County Government Center; appoint Arts Commissioner to serve on the selection panel for 2021 and 2022 exhibitions
- Hold Artist of the Year 2020 “Profile Performance” and select the Artist of the Year 2022
- Launch “Spotlight Award” recognizing emerging artist, a new awards program
- Present the Eloise Pickard Smith Award

Public Art Programs:

- Develop the 2021 and 2022 Public Art Plan
- Provide public art information and photos to be included on the Parks Department website
- Select Commission representatives and begin public art process for the Aptos Library and Live Oak Library Annex
- Public Art installed at Heart of Soquel and the Animal Shelter; continue phased installation at the Farm Park
- Implement future phases of the *Outside the Box* program
- Continue JIT process

County Art Collection:

- Exhibitions at the County Government Center and Simpkins Family Swim Center
- Secure donations of art from previous Artists of the Year
- Continue to site the artwork donated by the Heil Family

Information and Communication:

- Commissioners attend the Arts Council Associates meetings

Commission Business:

- Review the Arts Council activities
- Review the Museum of Art and History activities

Future Planning:

- Conduct annual Arts Commission planning retreats

Recommendations:

- County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors consider and approve Leaving an Arts Legacy Program, which will provide public artwork for the entire county community

Santa Cruz County Arts Commission Public Art Plan 2021

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Project	Original Budget	Estimated \$ Available for Public Art	Original Source of Funding	Public Art Process Start Date	Construction Start Date	Public Art Completion Date	Selection Process
% Aptos Public Library Renovation	\$10,000,000	\$120,000	Measure S-Santa Cruz Libraries Facilities Financing Authority	TBD	TBD	TBD	Open Competition
% The Farm Park	\$6,000,000 (1)	\$120,000	RDA	Started	Summer 2014	Winter 2020/21	Open Competition
% Heart of Soquel Ph. 2 & 3	\$1,487,000	\$30,000	CA River Parkways Grant, Soquel Park Dedication Funds, Measure G	Started	Spring 2020	Summer/Fall 2021	Open Competition
% Live Oak Library Annex	\$4,600,000	\$92,000	Measure S-Santa Cruz Libraries Facilities Financing Authority	Winter/Spring 2021	Fall 2021	TBD	Open Competition
Outside the Box	--	\$10,000	DPW-trans	Started	ongoing	ongoing	Open Competition
% Animal Shelter Remodel	\$880,000	\$17,000	County Plant Acquisition funds and Donations	Started	Winter/Spring 2021	Summer/Fall 2021	Open Competition
County Permanent Art Collection	\$2,033,911	\$40,678	Parks Budget and Donations	Started	Installation is ongoing	ongoing	Purchase and Donations
% Felton Discovery Park	\$1,000,000	\$20,000	State Outdoor Education Facilities Grant, Donations, Measure G, and State Library	Started	Spring 2019	ongoing	Direct Commission

Note: %=Percent for Arts projects; the dollar figures included for the adopted and proposed budgets include design fees and the 2% applies only to applicable construction costs.

(1) There is no longer any RDA funding for the construction of these parks; the figure shown in “Original Budget” for these projects is only provided as a reference to show how the amount available for Percent for Arts was determined.