



County of Santa Cruz

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, OPEN SPACE & CULTURAL SERVICES

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DIRECTOR

ARTS COMMISSION - AGENDA

Monday, June 10, 2019
4:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting

Simpkins Family Swim Center
979 17th Avenue
Santa Cruz, CA 95062

I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS OR APPROVAL

III. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes from March 4, 2019..... Page 2
- B. Information and Reports (Accept and File)
 - 1. Aquatics Section – Status Report.....Pages 3-5
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IV. 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.

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

VI. STAFF REPORT

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Discussion Items

- 1. Arts Council – Annual Report and Budget Request
- 2. Museum of Art and History – Annual Report and Budget Request
- 3. Role of Arts Commissioners
- 4. Public Art in South County
- 5. Eloise Pickard Smith Award

B. Action Items

- 1. La Selva Beach Library public art project – consider panel recommendation
- 2. Commission appointees to Heart of Soquel Phases 2&3 – public art project
- 3. Commission appointees to Seacliff Village Phase 2– public art project

VIII. AGENDA /MEETING FOR: TBD – 4:30 p.m.
Simpkins Family Swim Center, 2nd Floor

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The Mission of the Santa Cruz County Department of Parks, Open Space and Cultural Services is to provide safe, well designed and maintained parks and a wide variety of recreational and cultural opportunities for our diverse community



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ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES

March 4, 2019, 4:30 PM

979 17th Avenue, Community Room B - Santa Cruz, California

- I. Called to order at 4:37 p.m. Present: Alberti, Kilian, L Phillips, Gardner, DeWorken, Oslapas, Stabile, J Phillips, Kaplan, Niven
Excused Absence: none Unexcused Absence: none
Staff: Kathy DeWild

- II. Approved Agenda
Motion/Second: Stabile/J. Phillips
AYES: 10
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0

- III. Approved Consent Agenda
Motion/Second: L. Phillips/Kaplan
AYES: 10
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0

- IV. Approved – Appoint commissioner to serve on the La Selva Beach Library public art panel - Alberti
Motion/Second: Stabile/L. Phillips
AYES: 10
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0

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

- VI. The meeting was adjourned at 5:22 p.m.



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Date: May – June 2019
To: Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Max Friedmann, Interim Aquatics Supervisor
Subject: Aquatics Section Report

Our modified spring schedule runs May 17th through June 7th 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
Sundays: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Warm Water Pool Hours:

Monday thru Friday: 6:00 am – 9:30 am
3:00 pm – 5:00pm
6:30 pm - 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: 9:00 am – 12:30 pm – (All ages)

Our summer schedule runs June 8th through August 18th 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
Sundays: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Warm Water Pool Hours:

Monday thru Friday: 6:00 am – 9:00 am
1:00 pm – 3:30 pm (Recreation swim with slide)
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 (Recreation swim with slide and WIBIT)
Sunday: 9:00 am – 12:30 pm – (All ages)
10:30 am – 12:30 pm (Adults and children 6 years and under)
1:00 – 4:00 pm (Recreation swim with slide and WIBIT)

Events

Join us on May 27th for a special Memorial Day Recreation Swim!



Including the warm water pool, water slide, 1st lane of the lap pool & climbing wall!

Swim lessons

Spring lessons are held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10:30am – 12:30pm; Monday/Wednesday/Friday and Tuesday/Thursday evenings from 4:00 – 7:00 pm.

Water Polo

Sundays from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm. Participants must be a member of USAWPA to participate

Aquatic Staff Hire

The department hired 20 new extra-help Lifeguards, 1 new extra-help Head Lifeguards, and 1 new extra-help Aquatic Program Specialist.

Pool Junior Lifeguard and Little Guard Program

The Spring Break Pool Junior Lifeguard Program will be running April 1 - 5 at Simpkins Family Swim Center, Mon – Fri from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm with the option for participants to stay for Recreation swim from 2:00 – 5:00 pm free of charge. The spring program follows similar schedules and activities as our very popular Summer Pool Junior Lifeguard Program and has a special activity day on the last day.

Lifeguard Training Classes

Lifeguard Training Classes are being offered and will continue through the end of April. Most classes will be held on Friday evenings and Saturdays; fees are \$310 for residents and \$341 for non-residents. As well, Simpkins Family Swim Center will also be offering limited courses in First Aid for Public Safety Personnel (CA Title 22). Interested candidates can find more information on the parks website at www.scparks.com. All course materials are included in the course fees.

Aquatic Staff Recruitment

The following positions are currently open: Head Lifeguard and Aquatic Specialist.

Private Pool Parties

Private Pool Parties are available on Saturdays & Sundays. A variety of aspects of the facility may be rented for Private Pool Parties, from just the warm pool to aspects accommodating up to 110 people. Private Pool Parties are scheduled on weekends, spring, summer and fall, after the facility has closed to the public.

School Parties

Once again local schools will be renting the facility for their end of the year parties starting May 20th and continuing until June 7th.

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: Mondays 6:00 am; Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday workouts are at 6:00 am and 12:00 pm; Saturday and Sunday at 9:00 am. Starting in March we also have begun to offer a Saturday afternoon class every other Saturday which has so far been well attended.

For the past two months we have been offering an Introduction to Lap Swimming Class and an Introduction to Adult Fitness class on Wednesday and Thursday mornings which have continually gained attendance numbers. Beginning in April we will be offering an Introduction to Lap Swimming Class on Saturdays so swimmers that work during the week can take advantage of this great class.

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 lifeguard in-service in May was shallow water spinal rescues. For June we will have two very large in-service trainings with all staff included in preparation for the busy summer season.

Swim Teams

The Aptos Cabrillo Swim Club and Quicksilver Swimming swim teams continue to rent lanes in the 50-meter pool. The swim teams offer school-age competitive swimming programs Monday through Friday from 4:00-7:30pm. Soquel High School will also be using our facility for their practices Monday through Friday 7:30-8:30pm while their new pool finishes up being constructed.

Pool Closures and Holiday Schedule

There is one scheduled closure for pool maintenance on Sunday June 2nd.

Live Oak Community Rooms

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



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To: Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Eric Sturm & Rebecca Hurley, Parks Superintendents
Subject: Maintenance Section Report

North

- Davenport Landing new restroom construction bid was received and we are moving forward with the company
- Staff have been diligently working on taking down the weeds at the Juvenile Probation building, Emeline Complex, the Government Center, Simpkins Swim Center and Graham Hill Showgrounds.
- Greyhound Rock Beach tree debris is being removed to clear the parking spaces prior to summer
- A building inspector came out to Quail Hollow Ranch and briefed staff on what to focus on for Capital Improvements
- Staff corrected the fence line at Pleasure Point Park per Coastal Commission permit
- Water slide got signed off by Cal-OSHA, good for another summer.
- Staff replaced a water intake cover in the 50M pool at Simpkins Swim Center which had caused a lane to be closed for almost a week.
- Volunteers helped to improve and re-paint the horseshoe pits at Jose Ave. Park.
- New soccer goals have been installed at Anna Jean Cummings Park.
- Chanticleer Park construction is underway, and a new work zone camera was installed with a link to it from the Parks Department website.
- DPW has officially handed over Twin Lakes beachfront to Parks and we have started providing maintenance needs for it.
- The trail from 30th Ave to Moran Lake trail is slated to be renovated mid July 2019.

South

- Scott Park had irregular wind damage to trees during an unseasonal storm in May
- One of the old soccer goals from AJC was placed at Scott Park to create a “half-court” soccer play area in an underutilized space
- Polo Grounds county park is picking up in usage and trash removal and weed abatement needs continue to keep staff busy.
- High grass mowing was completed at all needed South County Parks to meet the deadline for fire safety of June 2, 2019.
- Staff are participating in the County’s PRIMO (continuous improvement process initiative) for re-routing staff routes for time efficiency.
- Huge effort at Shore Trail to prepare it for summer season

Veterans Building

- Elevator is old and keeps breaking (1932 original installation). OEM and generic parts no longer available. Staff exploring opportunities for replacement.
- Vets Board conducting interviews for new Building manager. Several good candidates. By next Parks Commission meeting we should know more about that.
- HVAC not working properly; one room freezes, the other too hot. Staff is remedying.
- Several big names who rent the building are signing up for additional reservations for more shows. Very good news!!



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Date: May – June 2019
To: Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Sheryl Bailey, Project Manager & Will Fourt, Park Planner
Subject: Planning Section Report

Felton Library

Staff has been working with consultants and partners on construction documents and has submitted the building permit application and is working on revisions for resubmittal. The project is now out to bid and bids are due on June 18th. The California Conservation Corps have been working removing invasive weeds from the site. Staff has set up a contract with a graphic design team to do the interpretive panels.

Chanticleer Park: The construction contract was awarded to Granite Construction, and construction of Phase I, including LEO's Haven inclusive playground, parking, restroom, pathways, community garden and interim dog areas and pump track, is underway.

Quail Hollow Brook Restoration Grant

Planning staff and Jim Williams of Friends of Quail Hollow Ranch walked the site together and reviewed the graphic artist team's conceptual outline of the grant funded interpretive signage. Volunteers are being sought to maintain the grant funded trail and brook restoration work in October 2019.

Heart of Soquel Phase 2 & 3

The Soquel Creek Linear Parkway project (a.k.a. Heart of Soquel Phases 2 and 3) was awarded nearly \$1.5 million dollars by the California Natural Resources Agency for our CA River Parkways Grant application. On 5/23/19, the Heart of Soquel (HOS) Phase 3 Design Development was approved in record time by the Planning Department. Parks Planning staff and the SSA design team are currently developing the River Parkways grant funded building permit plans. The CA Conservation Corps have completed another two days of the ATP CCC grant funded riparian restoration work on HOS Phase 2. Construction of the trail and other major improvements may begin as soon as Fall 2019 or Spring 2020, pending building permit approvals.

Farm Phase 2

Recently it was determined that grant applications for the Statewide Park and the Green Infrastructure Programs will be submitted. If awarded these grants will allow the Parks Dept. to complete most of the previously approved Master Development Permit recreational and related amenities and will include a permanent Bike Jump/Pump track. Planning staff is working with the design team to conduct five community meetings, complete other grant deliverables and

submit a planning application within the next two months. On 5/21/19, the Board of Supervisors approved an amendment to the Waterways Contract for them to complete most of the design work related to the above.

Seacliff Village Park Phase 2- Planning staff and SSA Landscape Architects Inc met with members of the public and Friends of Santa Cruz County Parks to develop a scope of work. The proposed work will result in the construction of a permanent restroom, shade structure, and installation of memorial trees & benches. Three alternatives for the shade structure will be presented for the Friends of Santa Cruz County Parks' Consideration in the next couple of months.



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From: Kathy DeWild, Program Coordinator
Subject: Recreation Section Report

Art Exhibitions

Marie Massey's paintings will be on exhibition at the Simpkins Family Swim Center / Parks office through early August. At the County Government Center on the first and fifth floors through July 26: photographs by Mark Overgaard and Leon Canerot, paintings by Aaron Johnson and Janas Smith Durkee, and sculptures by Jeff Arnett.

La Selva Beach Library Public Art Project

The selection panel met on May 23 to interview the two finalists for the project. Their recommendation will go to the Arts Commission for their consideration on June 10.

Cell Tower Equipment Cabinet Art

A selection panel met in February to choose a local artist, from among seven proposals, to paint a cell tower cabinet in Davenport, CA. Similar in nature to the County's "Outside the Box" program where drab traffic controller boxes are colorfully transformed by local artists, this project seeks to beautify a newly-installed utility cabinet which houses cell tower equipment. Vanessa Stafford was selected and will begin work as soon as weather permits. Similar future projects of this nature are planned for additional sites in Davenport, as well as in Live Oak on Portola Drive.

Behavioral Health Office Building (BHOB) Public Art Project

Bruce Harman was selected as the public artist for the BHOB Public Art Project. Mr. Harman's project consists of three elements: an approximately 30' W x 12' L outdoor mural, four garden butterflies (each 20" W x 18" H) installed in the garden on 4' steel posts, and an indoor mural approximately 20' L x 8' H, which will serve as a background for client artwork created in staff- and therapist-led workshops. Bruce has completed fabrication of the four garden butterflies, and work will soon begin on the indoor mural.

Artist of the Year

Poet and writer Ellen Bass was named 2019 Artist of the Year by the Santa Cruz County Arts Commission. Over 150 people enjoyed her "Profile Performance" on May 11 from 7-9PM at the Simpkins Family Swim Center, where Ellen read from her poetry and talked about how she makes her poems.

Adult and Senior Programs

On May 31, Senior Mall Walk program participants will have their hard work acknowledged at the Mall Walkers 29th annual awards ceremony. Many walkers will receive awards for attaining their goals and reaching new mileage categories. Volunteers for the program will also be honored and recognized for their hard work and dedication. Lastly, we will raffle off great prizes donated by generous area merchants.

On June 2, trip-goers will enjoy a cruise on the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta exploring its cultural and natural history. Next, they will disembark in Rio Vista, where they will have time to visit the Rio Vista Museum and have lunch on their own. Lastly, we will travel to the nearby Western Railway Museum, where they will be treated to a car house tour and an approximate one-hour ride aboard a restored historic electric rail car.

Spring Camp & Mar Vista ACE

Many of the Mar Vista ACE participants attended Spring Camp, held April 1-5 at Aptos Village Park, which included a field trip to the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk and a variety of theme-related activities. Mar Vista ACE resumed the following week; the children spent time learning about inventors and inventions, making their own inventions, and participating in a STEAM project using Legos to build ziplines. The following week we learned about fuzzy animals, with a visit by a petting zoo offering the kids a fun afternoon of seeing and touching bunnies, chickens, ducks, pigs and goats. The next week was dedicated to science projects – highlights of the week included making parachutes and roller coasters, as well as a field trip to Whole Foods where the kids went behind the scenes in the meat department and bakery and learned about the operations of a working grocery store. We rounded out the month of April with “Goodness Snakes,” who brought reptiles to share and educate; all the participants enjoyed holding the snakes! School-year programming ends in less than a month, and summer camp is scheduled to begin on June 10 at the Selva Beach Summer Camp!

Girls Paving the Way

Wednesday workshops: Participants in Girls Paving the Way have had a variety of fun programs with County Parks. Cooking projects have been a favorite among the girls, and watching them share ingredients, work together, and serve each other has been truly amazing. Cooking seems to be so positive for them, because they set aside their differences, they drop whatever drama or difficulty they were dealing with during school, and they focus on creating something delicious with friends. The social-emotional benefit is very strong. Recently participants have made pancakes, tacos, cookies, and sushi. Now that we have single burner hot plates and frying pans, the girls are not just learning prep, but understanding how to work with heat, and how to be safe doing so. We have also done a number of art projects. The girls have learned to sew, and gotten a lot of practice sewing together small monsters and other figurines. They also had the chance to paint small pots, and plant succulents to take home and care for. On a few occasions staff will spend the day playing games and chatting with the girls. These days are important for building rapport, and giving the girls a space to feel supported, and just to be a kid!

Friday workshops: During May’s first two Friday workshops, participants made Mother’s Day gifts -- the girls were pleased to take home a gift that they made that day. On May 25, Dr. Judith Garcia attend the GIRLS Paving the Way workshop and spoke about her journey as a Latina woman, becoming a Dr. of Medicine, and her successes and failures on that path. Friday, May 31 is the last day of the program this school year; we will have birthday celebrations and prepare for the end-of-year celebration, scheduled for June 3, which will highlight program participants’ progress made this year. Staff will display pictures of the girls participating in Parks workshop activities and some of their fantastic artwork will be showcased.

GPW partners will meet for a quarterly partner retreat hosted by Growing Up Wild at their camp facility on Thurs., May 30.

Mar Vista Kinder and TK

Mar Vista Elementary Kindergarten Registration Day was held on April 10 and over 20 families attended. As the ambassador of the Kinder Enrichment Program, Heather Heider was available for questions about the flow of the program and different registration options, with 15 families expressing interest in enrolling their children in the program, which will resume in August. April highlights at the KE/Tk program included a discussion about recycling, reducing and reusing different items in our lives, as well as painting a mural. Continuing into May, appreciation week was full of crafts made from the heart to share with someone special. The children also went on a fantasy airplane trip to a luau.

La Selva Beach ACE Program

LSB ACE is preparing to wrap up yet another sensational school year and looking ahead to an exciting La Selva Beach Summer Camp! Recent weekly themes at La Selva Beach ACE included Green and Growing week, with exciting new craft activities. Another recent theme was Amazing Earth week with activities such as a new bio-color blotter craft, a game of target practice, monster ball, a new Peeps House craft and a new anti-gravity galaxy jar! The recreation division also recently ran its annual Summer Youth Volunteer Training in preparation for La Selva Beach Summer Camp and other summer programs within our division. Teens from local school were trained on how to assist staff working with children at our summer programs. Training included role playing within different situations they may find themselves in and how to successfully handle the situations. We also discussed many important topics and had fun playing running tag games while learning how to successfully lead activities. We are very much looking forward to La Selva Beach Summer Camp!

Quail Hollow Ranch

April and May were two of Quail Hollow Ranch's busiest months of 2019. This year, The Department of Fish and Wildlife decided on allowing 15 people only for each Sandhills excursion, and a total of 5 hikes- each Sunday in April, and the first in May. All five were at capacity with a waiting list.

Quail Hollow's continued partnership with the UC Master Gardener program has been positive for all involved. The Master Gardeners were here most recently on April 7 for a workshop on container gardening that brought over 50 visitors to the Ranch; they'll be back June 2 for a succulent workshop and swap.

Coast Redwoods Montessori, Tara Redwood School, and Quail Hollow Montessori all visited the Ranch in April for outdoor science field trips. Students learned about ecosystems and adaptations, how to be better stewards, and practiced observation and inquiry-based science.

The Fungus Federation came to QHR for a fun Mushroom 101 event. From 9-1 people from the federation lead foray's, inoculation workshops, and cooking demonstrations. Participants got to go home with bellies full of mushroom soup and other mushroom snacks, and bags of straw that they got to inoculate themselves with blue oyster mushrooms. It was a community event around education, conversation, and mushrooms -- a great day to be a QHR.

Quail Hollow Kitchens ran a Science of Sourdough class in the historic kitchen of Quail Hollow Ranch; participants left with sourdough cultures and the skills to bake delicious sourdough bread at home.

On May 10, staff went to their final teacher leadership institute with the County Office of Education. Throughout the last year, staff has been working to create field trip curriculum for teachers. Quail Hollow Ranch now offers a five-lesson sequence of environmental science for teachers.

A Mosaic Garden Stone program was held at QHR on Mother's Day. In this one program, there were three generations of family members working together and everyone had a blast.

The Santa Cruz Fly Fishing Club came to QHR for their annual BBQ. It poured rain most of the day, but they still brought over 40 people to the event. There were history talks, gear demonstrations, fly-tying workshops, casting practice, and delicious food.

Staff had the opportunity to attend the 2019 Children and Nature Network Conference in Oakland. This is an international conference that brings together outdoor education leaders around the world to share ideas for moving forward. Speaker panels, breakout sessions, workshops, and networking for three days left staff with tools to be more effective leaders, and ideas for programming and partnerships.

June 10 begins the first ever Zombie Camp held at Quail Hollow Ranch. The third and fourth weeks of June will see two sessions of a Nature Adventure Camp at QHR, aimed at getting kids comfortable in nature, and adverse situations, all while having fun and exploring.



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Date: May – June 2019
To: Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Mary Chavez, Program Coordinator
Subject: Reservations Section Report

Summary for Reservations in the Parks:

Overall Facilities Reservation Summary:

February and March have been typical for off season events with ongoing programming on park grounds and rentals of picnic areas, meeting rooms, centers, and athletic fields. Staff estimates that approximately 24,000 park visitors attended programs and events in reserved facilities at County Parks this month.

There were 5 events hosted at park centers and 126 meeting room rentals. Revenues totaled \$10,000 for these two months.

The season for athletic field use began late February for baseball and softball fields, while soccer fields were opened at the end of March. Due to the rainy weather conditions during these two months, fields were closed intermittently for rainouts and some opening dates were delayed in order to complete field preparation. Revenues prior to rainout credits for these two months totaled \$14,000.

Use of the reservable picnic areas have increased during the months of February and March, with 33 rentals for parties and family events taking place so far, as compared to 4 rentals in January. The newly added reservable picnic area at Jose Avenue Park opened on February 1st and made up 10% of these bookings. The Highlands Park picnic area will once again be available as of April 1st and the new group picnic area at Scott Park is being planned. Revenues for February and March total \$4,000.

General Park Use:

Tara Redwood School provides bi-weekly recess and outside lunch activities at the Heart of Soquel Park. Fitness programs include: the **Fit4Mom Santa Cruz**, which offers Stroller Strides workouts three times a week at Felt Street, Anna Jean Cummings and Seascape Park. **Julie Grant Yoga** provides bi-weekly yoga programs at Highlands Park. **Good Dog Santa Cruz** provides weekly dog training at Willowbrook Park. **Pickleball** continues weekly/bi-weekly use of courts at Brommer Street and Willowbrook Park.

County Parks Special Events, Administration:

Updates to the County Parks Commemorative Program were approved by the Board of Supervisors on March 26th. In an effort to effectively administer the Program and better meet community needs and requests, there are several revisions to the Program. These include: name change from Commemorative Tree, Bench & Picnic Table Program to Commemorative Program; expansion of available commemorative features and potential specialty projects; and, a renewal option after the end of a 10-year term, with original donors receiving right of first refusal to renew. Staff has prepared draft public information materials and plans to reach out to former donors and give them right of first refusal to renew installations that have exceeded the original 10-year term.

The RFP process for the Polo Grounds and The Hook Concessions Opportunities has been completed and one proposal was received per site, both from Sycamore Concessions. They have been issued new exclusive concessionaire permits for both sites and are moving forward with plans to begin concession sales as soon as health permits are issued.

Facilities staff is currently training 4 new hires of Park Services Officers (PSO). There are typically 8-10 extra help PSO's that provide an integral, seasonal role for the Department as they act as facility attendants for all private rentals of Park centers, assist with staffing special events, provide various levels of on-site enforcement of Park rules and ordinance, and provide support for office staff. Three of the new staff have volunteered in the Parks and Sheriff volunteer programs. The event season is gearing up, so we look forward to preparing staff for another successful season.



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Date: March – June 2019
To: Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Margaret Ingraham, Volunteer Program Coordinator
Subject: Volunteer Program Report

NORTH COUNTY

Scott Creek Beach

The Tai Kappa Epsilon UCSC fraternity did their final day of volunteering for their school year at Scott Creek beach by staining the wood sand barrier that they have previously installed. This group was recognized at the Board of Supervisors Meeting for being Outstanding Volunteers.

Jay Todd, volunteer on the North Coast continues to pick up trash rain or shine! He puts in approximately 20 hours each month.

Quail Hollow Ranch

Nest Box program is continuing. All the boxes are up and the volunteers are actively going to monitor the birds and maintain the habitat to protect them with hopes to increase their population.

The Volunteer Trail Crew of 6 regularly meets Tuesday mornings to maintain the trails

On May 14th our docents Richard and Kathy James hosted the 4th in a series of 10 visits from various Senior Centers around the County at Quail Hollow Ranch. The seniors are transported to Quail Hollow Ranch in Meals on Wheels vans. The seniors get to enjoy their lunch at our beautiful park and learn about the history from our docents.

A past volunteer Summer Cotton created a digital photo book of weddings at Quail Hollow. It is being reviewed and will be ready for print to show when people are interested in reserving the QH Park for weddings and events.

Anna Jean Cummings Park

VIP Volunteer Carl Silverberg has spent over 20 hours creating a new trail and maintaining current trails at Anna Jean Park.

Parks Office

Parks Service Officer, Natalie Hoffman will be covering the volunteer program and helping with volunteer events while Margaret is away on vacation in Europe!

Volunteer, David Kwan continues to help in office on T/Th 10-1pm

SOUTH COUNTY

Pinto Lake Park

VIP Volunteers Dave Suno and Scott MacDonald have spent over 20 hours maintaining Pinto Lake trails.

New signs have been printed for the Pinto Lake Disc Golf Course and have been installed!

Junior Recreation Volunteers

2 Volunteer Work Days during National Volunteer Week! Jose Ave. Park welcomed 20 volunteers, including 10 middle schoolers from Shoreline who heard about the event from their teacher! We weeded, cleaned the playground sand and signs, and completely uncovered the horseshoe pit. At Scott Park volunteers showed up ready to paint, now the bathrooms have a fresh new coat of paint!

Coming in June, 80 middle school students will be at Aptos Village Park to stain the built-in wood benches and posts, and re-paint the no parking area red.