

ARTS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting (virtual)
March 1, 2021, 4:30 p.m.

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ARTS COMMISSION – AGENDA

Monday, March 1, 2021

Microsoft Teams meeting platform 4:30 PM

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I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS OR APPROVAL

III. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve minutes from December 14, 2020 Pages 2-3
- b. Consider Reports:
 1. Aquatics Section Report Page 4
 2. Maintenance Section Report Pages 5-6
 3. Planning Section Report..... Page 7-8
 4. Recreation Section Report Page 9
 5. Volunteer Section Report Page 10-11

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. Action Items

1. Consider Animal Shelter Public Art Panel recommendation of public artist
2. Form sub-committee to work on 2021 Artist of the Year event
3. Consider 2021 Commission meeting schedule

B. Information/Discussion Items

1. 2021 (formerly 2020) Artist of the Year
2. Short film – murals in Santa Cruz County
3. Commissioner role in supporting the arts throughout the county
4. Brown Act

VIII. AGENDA /MEETING FOR: May 3, 2021 - 4:30 p.m. – Virtual Meeting

IX. ADJOURNMENT



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ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES - DRAFT

December 14, 2020, 4:30 p.m. - Microsoft Teams meeting platform

- I. Called to order at 4:39 p.m. Present: Alberti, Kilian, L Phillips, Gardner, J Phillips, Niven, Stabile, Oslapas, DeWorken)
Staff: Kathy DeWild

- II. Approved Agenda
Motion/Second: Stabile/Alberti
AYES: 9
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0

- III. Approved Consent Agenda
Motion/Second: J. Phillips/Gardner
AYES: 9
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0

- IV. Approved biennial commission report
Motion/Second: Niven/Oslapas
AYES: 9
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0

- V. Approved 2021 public art plan
Motion/Second: Gardner/Stabile
AYES: 9
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0

- VI. Approved commissioners to serve on Aptos Library renovations public art panel (Gardner, DeWorken)
Motion/Second: Alberti/L. Phillips
AYES: 9
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0

- VII. Approved commissioners to serve on the Live Oak Library Annex public art panel (Oslapas, DeWorken)
Motion/Second: Gardner/Niven
AYES: 9
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0

V. Next meeting date: March 1, 4:30 p.m., Microsoft Teams platform

VI. Approved meeting adjournment 5:52 PM
Motion/Second: L. Phillips/Stabile
AYES: 9
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0



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Date: Jan 22, 2021
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: Jan 22, 2021
To: Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Rebecca Hurley, Parks Superintendent
Subject: Maintenance Section Report

North County

- Maintenance installed a new gate to the field at Highlands Park and replaced rotten beams on the covered porch at the main house.
- Homeless encampment trash was picked up at Brommer Street Park.
- Fencing was placed on the lawns at 701 Ocean Street facility and was subsequently removed due to vandalism from the neighboring homeless camp residents on Santa Cruz City property
- A new Right of Entry contract has been established between County Parks and PG&E for use of Graham Hill Showgrounds for the next three months for their use of the site as a base camp for any infrastructure work needed from possible debris flow events.
- Parks staff worked on removal of eucalyptus duff and poison oak from the parcel adjacent to Moran Way at Moran Lake County Park.
- A new retaining wall and railing were installed at Felton Covered Bridge park.
- Two large trees fell at the entrance to Highlands County Park and had to be cleared and removed by County Parks staff.



South County

- Maintenance assembled and installed 10 new picnic tables at the Heart of Soquel Plaza.
- Maintenance repaired frozen pipes on several drinking fountains in parks.
- Staff repaired multiple down fences on park property at Mesa Village Park and Pinto Lake County Park.
- Field renovations including aerating, re-seeding, adding soil amendments and repairing any irrigation issues occurred at Pinto Lake, Polo Grounds and Anna Jean Cummings athletic fields.



Mid County / Swim Center

- Staff assisted the Opal Cliff Recreation District with emergency repairs of their staircase when a large plank went missing from the lower landing.
- Tree pruning and annual maintenance occurred in the parking lot at the Swim Center.
- Staff made repairs to the thermostat for the boiler at the Swim Center after the facility had to be closed for multiple days due to low water temperature.
- Staff are working on beginning the RFP process for fabrication and installation of a new boiler at Simpkins Swim Center.
- A volunteer group with County Park Friends will be working on installing a river walk pathway in some of the landscaped areas of Felt Street Park



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Date: Jan 22, 2021
To: Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Will Fourt and Michael Hettenhausen, Park Planners
Subject: Planning Section Status Report

Chanticleer Park: Staff is working on the application for Prop 68 Statewide Park Program grant application for Phase 2, and has worked with consultants to prepare a draft Phase 2 Site Plan for the park based on the input received at the community meetings in September – October of 2020.

Heart of Soquel Phase 2 & 3

Construction of the new trail and restoration landscaping is mostly complete and staff expects that trail to be open in February.

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.

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.



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Date: Jan 22, 2021
To: Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Max Friedmann, Interim Recreation Supervisor
Subject: Recreation Section Report

Learning and Enrichment Camps

- We have continued to offer our Learning and Enrichment Camps at various sites throughout the County.
- 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, PVUSD 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: Jan 22, 2021
To: Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Margaret Ingraham, Volunteer Program Coordinator
Subject: Volunteer Program Report

Felton Discovery Park

The Friends group for the Felton Library and park are dedicated to supporting monthly volunteer days at the park and we will be starting with the monthly community volunteer days on March 6th from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. We will hold monthly volunteer days on the first Saturday of the month. Bring your own gloves and garden tools and meet us in the park!

Several independent volunteers continue to spend time in the park (when the weather allows), pulling invasive plants.

Anna Jean Cummings Park

One of our independent volunteers, Meta Rhodes, is almost finished with painting the upper restrooms and maintenance shop. She has also installed new rain gutters on the building, just in time for the rain! Look for pictures of the finished product in the next report.

Two other independent volunteers at AJ have been pulling lots of trash out of the park on their own and they both reported a new camp. Maintenance staff has been notified of the camp.

Quail Hollow Ranch

The volunteer trail crew continues to maintain the trails throughout the park which is getting increased use during the pandemic. The crew changed their group days to individual days during the latest SIP order change. This crew is dedicated to keeping the trails at Quail Hollow safe and accessible!

An independent volunteer at Quail, Ralph Miljanich, has made good progress on a new walkway at the front of the ranch house. He has added a block border along the path and is installing slate steps surrounded by DG for a finished look. Look for pictures in the next report!

Interns

Intern Alyssa Schaer is working with staff on a small grant from the National Environment Education Foundation (NEEF). We are grateful for her thorough work and are hopeful we will be awarded the grant. If awarded, the grant will fund additional trash clean-up efforts on the North Coast.

Jose Ave. Park

Volunteers at Jose Ave. Park have helped prune some of the perimeter bushes and trees. We appreciate their help.

Miller Property

Volunteers for the Miller Property in Boulder Creek are working with staff to increase the volunteer presence on the trails and organize some volunteer days for trail maintenance. Miller property volunteers have also reached out to our Quail Hollow trail crew for guidance on proper trail maintenance techniques.

Chanticleer Park

The Mountain Bikers of Santa Cruz will be holding a volunteer maintenance event for the bike pumptrack at Chanticleer Park on February 25th from 8:00 am – 10:00 am. Visit their website for more information. MBOSC.org