



# County of Santa Cruz

## DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, OPEN SPACE & CULTURAL SERVICES

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### ARTS COMMISSION – AGENDA

Monday, May 3, 2021

Microsoft Teams meeting platform 4:30 PM

Call: +1 916-318-9542

Regular Meeting (virtual)

Enter Conference ID: 745 025 492#

**I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**

**II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS OR APPROVAL**

**III. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approve minutes from March 1, 2021..... Page 2
- b. Consider Reports:
  - 1. Aquatics Section Report ..... Page 3
  - 2. Maintenance Section Report ..... Page 4-5
  - 3. Planning Section Report..... Page 6
  - 4. Recreation Section Report ..... Page 7
  - 5. Volunteer Section Report ..... Page 8-13

**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. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

**B. Information/Discussion Items**

- 1. 2021 Artist of the Year Event – report from sub-committee
- 2. Funding opportunities

**VIII. AGENDA /MEETING FOR: July 12, 2021 - 4:30 p.m. – Virtual Meeting**

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**



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### ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES - DRAFT March 1, 2021, 4:30 p.m. - Microsoft Teams meeting platform

- I. Called to order at 4:36 p.m. Present: Alberti, Kilian, L Phillips, Gardner, J Phillips, Niven, Stabile, Oslapas, DeWorken Unexcused absence: J. Phillips  
Staff: Jeff Gaffney, Kathy DeWild
- II. Approved Agenda  
Motion/Second: Stabile/Alberti  
AYES: 8  
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 panel's recommendation of public artist for Animal Shelter project  
Motion/Second: Stabile/Gardner  
AYES: 8  
NOES: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0  
ABSENT: 1
- V. Approved formation of sub-committee to work on Artist of the Year 2021 event planning  
Motion/Second: Stabile/Gardner  
AYES: 8  
NOES: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0  
ABSENT: 1
- VI. Approved commission meeting schedule for remainder of 2021: April 5, July 12, Sept. 20, Nov. 8  
Motion/Second: Niven/Alberti  
AYES: 8  
NOES: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0  
ABSENT: 1
- VII. Next meeting date: April 5, 2021, 4:30 p.m., Microsoft Teams platform
- VIII. Approved motion to adjourn at 6:00 p.m.  
Motion/Second: L. Phillips/Niven  
AYES: 7  
NOES: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0  
ABSENT: 2



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Date: March 30, 2021  
To: Parks and Recreation Commission  
From: Max Friedmann, Aquatics Supervisor  
Subject: Aquatics Section Report

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### **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.
- Pool space reservations can now be shared by family members or members of the same household with a maximum of two individuals per lane.
- 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.

### **Swim Lessons and Red Cross Lifeguard Training Courses**

- Private and semi-private swim lessons are now being held at the swim center with a total of three, three week sessions being offered this spring.
- A total of four Red Cross lifeguard training courses will be offer this spring. These courses will be a mix of virtual lectures as well as in person training with modifications for COVID safety.

### **Scholarships and Friends of Santa Cruz County Parks Partnership**

- Through our partnership with Friends of Santa Cruz County Parks the Swim Center has made scholarships available for swim reservations as well as our Summer Aquatics Camps. Folks involved with local groups such as Cradle to Carrier and Black Health Matters have been given the opportunity to use these scholarships.



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Date: March 30, 2021  
To: Parks and Recreation Commission  
From: Rebecca Hurley, Parks Superintendent  
Subject: Maintenance Section Report

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### North County

- North county did sports field renovations at Highland Park and Michael Gray.
- Tree work was completed at Highland Park and Felton Covered Bridge.
- The beach access trail at Greyhound Rock was cleaned up.
- Field renovations and bathroom remodels were completed at Anna Jean Cummings.
- Fencing along E. Cliff Parkway was fixed.
- Parking lot was cleared at Moran way and split rail fencing was reinstalled.
- Installed multiple memorial benches, boulders and trees in North County Parks.
- Facilities maintenance was done at Highlands main house, Highlands cottage rental, Park and Quail Hollow Ranch House.
- New hitching posts were built at Quail Hollow Ranch, and the apple orchard was re-planted with new irrigation.
- Areas around 701 Ocean St. were fenced off.

### South County

- Sports field renovations were completed at Polo Grounds and Pinto Lake park in preparation for the return of organized sports.
- High weed mowing and cleaning was done behind the Freedom Annex building to accommodate for a COVID vaccination site.
- Vegetation was cleared along the beach access path at Hidden Beach.
- The front fence at Aldridge Lane was repaired.
- Concrete picnic tables were installed at the Heart of Soquel.
- Part of a fallen fence at Mesa Village Park was repaired after the February storm.
- Fallen limbs and branches were removed from Soquel Lions Park.

## **Mid County / Swim Center**

- The 50 meter pool boiler was replaced with two Raypak boilers.
- The Recreation Pool covers were replaced.
- The pool lift was replaced for the warm water pool.
- The capstone turbines were overhauled – new turbines were installed.
- Staff cleaned out a warehouse space at Holohan Yard for the County General Services Department to use the space as storage for evacuation site supplies.
- Staff has been working on mechanical repairs for the large mower and tractor.



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Date: March 30, 2021  
To: Parks and Recreation Commission  
From: Will Fourt and Michael Hettenhausen, Park Planners  
Subject: Planning Section Status Report

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**Chanticleer Park:** Staff submitted the application for Prop 68 Statewide Park Program grant application for Chanticleer Park Expansion and development of Phase 2 at the park.

### **Heart of Soquel Phase 2 & 3**

Construction of the new trail and restoration landscaping is complete and the trail is open.

### **Hidden Beach**

Parks Department Planning staff are working with County Procurement staff to facilitate purchasing a new play structure to replace the existing play structure. Also, 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 for the siting and design of the new permanent restroom. The public meeting was held on Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, at the park; staff and our consultant received valuable input from attendees.

### **Moran Lake**

The Coastal Conservancy's Board of Directors awarded a grant for \$360,000 for the preparation of a Restoration and Public Access Plan for Moran Lake County Park. 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 a 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**

Parks 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 submitted a grant application for the Statewide Park Program for funding to complete implementation of Phase 2.



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Date: March 30, 2021  
To: Parks and Recreation Commission  
From: Jaime Jimenez, Recreation Supervisor  
Subject: Recreation Section Report

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### **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 aid with remote learning as well as various active games, arts and crafts, outdoor 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, City of Capitola, Pajaro Valley Unified School District and Boulder Creek Recreation District. The recreation team is assisting the partners mentioned above with their remote learning programs.
- With our support they have been able to open and operate multiple distance learning programs similar to our Learning and Enrichment Camps offered at Highlands Park, Aptos Village Park, Mar Vista Elementary and La Selva Beach Clubhouse.

### **Recreation Programs & Contractual Agreements**

- The recreation team is currently seeking out potential contractual agreements with groups and individuals in the community to offer positive recreational programs in our county.
- During the month of March, a total of three 'free masks giveaways' were held in the Santa Cruz County by the team member of the recreation team.
- We make strides in fostering human development opportunities and providing a safe place for the community to recreate. This St. Patrick's Day, the recreation team conducted a scavenger hunt at different county parks in hopes to increase park attendance and to create an opportunity to have the community go outdoors and explore with their friends and loved ones. The recreation team scattered 250 gold rocks that leprechauns had left behind for the community to test their good fortune near playgrounds and frequently visited park trails. The scavenger hunt was a success. The recreation team decided to offer two more scavenger hunts. This time 475 Spring rocks & another 475 Earth Day rocks will compose the next scavenger hunts. Both are scheduled to take place in the month of April.

### **Marketing Efforts**

- The Department marketing efforts this month consist of working on updating the website and creating a summer activity guide to inform the community of upcoming recreational opportunities and to help navigate their interest in our reservations and registrations system and opportunities on the Web.



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To: Parks and Recreation Commission  
From: Margaret Ingraham, Volunteer Program Coordinator  
Subject: Volunteer Program Report

### Anna Jean Cummings Park

Meta Rhodes, one of our independent volunteers finished with painting the upper restrooms and maintenance shop. She also installed new rain gutters. Meta is excited to do a similar renovation to the lower restroom building and she has already begun.



Before



Before



After



After



After



After

**Felton Discovery Park**

The San Lorenzo Valley Rotary showed up with 10 members to join members from the Friends of Felton Library to do some much needed weeding at the park.



The next community volunteer day at the park will be Saturday April 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. Independent volunteers at the park regularly spend time pulling invasive plants.

## Quail Hollow Ranch

The Bird Nest Box volunteers have started their season of checking and recording the bird population at Quail and have recruited 3 new volunteers so far this year.

The Broom (French Broom removal) volunteers lead by Linda Brodeman have started their season as well.

Maintenance Supervisor, Jesse Williams worked closely with the Friends of Quail Hollow group and the Volunteer Trail Crew on improving the apple orchard at the park.

Maintenance staff installed irrigation, the Friends group donated the trees and hardware. The Friends group also solicited a generous discount from the Mountain Feed store in Ben Lomond on the trees they bought from them.

The Volunteer Trail Crew, members of the Friends group and Recreation Program Specialist Dan Lazarus all planted the trees.

The apple orchard now has 9 new trees complete with gopher baskets and protective cages.



Picture compliments of Jim Bahn, Volunteer and board member of Friends of Quail Hollow

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!

Volunteer Ralph Miljanich is busy beautifying the front of the Quail Hollow ranch house. He created some walkways where there were weeds, improved the rain gutter drainage, pruned some low hanging trees, and still has more projects in mind. Below are some pictures thus far.



Before



Almost done



Before



Almost done



Rain gutter enhancements in Progress

Volunteers, Richard and Kathy James have started volunteering again back at the park after a long break due to covid restrictions. Richard and Kathy had been our main volunteers opening the visitor center and greeting guests. Richard is also our historian and conducted the history talks we offered to the public in the past. Both Richard and Kathy also walk the trails to be available to answer questions for guests. Since the visitor center is not open to the public yet they are getting the house ready for when it will be. They are doing deep cleaning and rodent abatement.



Richard deep cleaning the iconic brick kitchen floor

## **Polo Grounds Park**

Alex Fowler with Action Sports Construction and other volunteers are donating hundreds of hours and equipment to do a complete re-build of the bike pump track at the park.

