



# County of Santa Cruz

## PARKS, OPEN SPACE & CULTURAL SERVICES

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## PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, February 8, 2010

Government Center, Board Chambers

7:15 p.m.

701 Ocean Street

Regular Meeting

Santa Cruz, CA 95060

### I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:16 p.m.

Members: Dave Mercer, Katharine Minott, Michael Rosenberg, Francisco Serna and Barbie Gomez

Present: Katharine Minott, Michael Rosenberg, and Francisco Serna

Staff: Joe Schultz, Christine Bennett, Cristina James and Bob Olson

### II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS OR APPROVAL

The agenda was approved as presented (Mercer/ Serna 3/0).

### III. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of January 11, 2010 were approved as written (Rosenberg/Serna 3/0).

B. Information and Reports (Accept and File)

- 1) Facilities Division – Status Report
- 2) Maintenance Division – Status Report
- 3) Planning Division – Status Report
- 4) Recreation & Cultural Services Division – Status Report
- 5) Arts Commission Agenda January 23, 2010

The Information and Reports were accepted and filed. (Rosenberg/Serna 3/0).

### IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

### V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Schultz gave the Commissioners background information on the public art that was damaged at Hestwood Park as it related to the Letter to the Editor in the Sentinel today. He also said the Parks Department is in a "bubble" with a lot of parks being created from 2009-2013, and most of them in the RDA area. The department's budget is close to being submitted and it will contain approximately \$600K in cuts this year. The Parks budget is approximately 1.5% of the total County budget.

## **VI. REGULAR AGENDA (DISCUSSION ITEMS)**

### **A. ACTION ITEMS**

None.

### **B INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### **1. Ben Lomond Park Improvements Draft Plan**

Cristina James spoke to the Commission using the Power Point presentation which was given at the community meetings (a hard copy was distributed as well). There was much input about park features and their locations from members of the public (Nick Naccari, Joni Martin, and Ron Clements) during the presentation. The reasons why the dam is not feasible due to costs and environmental restrictions through Fish & Game were discussed as well. Commissioner Rosenberg expressed concerns about investing the money into the park if it won't be enough to provide the desired improvements for the community. Commissioner Serna stated that perhaps asking local businesses to provide some matching funds would be a good idea. After much discussion between the members of the public, Parks staff, and the Commissioners it was determined that a small focus group should be formed to come up with the features that the members of the community want the most and where they want them located. Cristina will work with Environmental Health to determine the location of the leach lines and, if possible, provide that information to the community focus group and Commissioners prior to the March Public Hearing.

#### **2. Anna Jean Cummings Park Soccer Field Renovation Update**

Director Schultz stated that the next community meeting will be held on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Congregational Church in Soquel (Cristina James will send the bilingual flyer to all Commissioners via e-mail). This project will be brought before the Commission as an Informational item in March, then as an Action item/Public Hearing in April, and go to the Board of Supervisors in late-April. Commissioner Rosenberg inquired as to why the fields will be fenced after the synthetic turf is installed and Director Schultz stated that it is for control and security due to complaints of use during non-reserved times for both athletic and social purposes. Director Schultz stated that the goals of this project are playability, less maintenance time/cost, less water usage, and less chemical usage. Commissioner Rosenberg suggested that we compare the coconut husk materials to the rubber materials for the turf and Director Schultz stated that the replacement time and cost would need to be considered because we would not have the funds accumulated from user fees to replace the coconut version in the next four or so years as would probably be necessary.

#### **3. Pinto Lake Disc Golf Update (with map)**

Cristina James distributed a map of the disc golf course and stated that they expect for permits to be in place before the summer. Tom Schott was present and stated that they may be applying with the PDGA for the Worlds in 2017.

#### **4. Farm Park Update**

This was carried forward to the next meeting.

**5. Felt Street Park Update**

This was carried forward to the next meeting.

**6. Veteran's Memorial Building Update**

Director Schultz stated that the building remains closed due to a safety concern. It is currently being reviewed by the Director of General Services for need of seismic study. The Veteran's Board of Trustees did their own study, but it did not have an official seal from the Architect, so it is not valid. Another update will be provided at the March meeting.

**VII. AGENDA/MEETING FOR: Parks Commission, March 8, 2010 at 7:15 p.m. at the Board Chambers, 5<sup>th</sup> floor, 701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060 (Government Center).**

**A. ACTION ITEMS**

1. Ben Lomond Park Improvements Public Hearing

**B. INFORMATION ITEMS**

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3. Felt Street Park Update
4. Veteran's Memorial Building Update

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting was adjourned at 9:36 p.m. (Rosenberg/Serna 3/0)**