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ARTS COMMISSION AGENDA

Monday, July 7, 2014
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 May 5, 2014.....Page 1
 - B. Information and Reports (Accept and File)
 1. Maintenance Section – Status Report.....Page 2
 2. Facilities Section – Status Report.....Page 3
 3. Park Planning Section – Status Report.....Pages 4-5
 4. Recreation Section – Status Report.....Pages 6-11
- 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.
- V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT
- VI. STAFF REPORT
- VII. REGULAR AGENDA
 - A. Action Items
 1. Heart of Soquel – consider Panel's recommendation of public artist
 2. Select Artist of the Year 2015
 - B. Information Items
 1. Cultural Council – Annual Report
 2. Museum of Art and History – Annual Report
 3. % for Public Art in Private Development
- VIII. AGENDA /MEETING FOR: Date TBD – 4:30 p.m.
Simpkins Family Swim Center, 2nd Floor
- IX. ADJOURNMENT



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ARTS COMMISSION May 5, 2014, 4:30 PM 979 17th Avenue, 2nd Floor - Santa Cruz, California

- I. Present: Evelyn Bernstein, John Faraola, Cynthia Kilian, James Nee, Joanna Phillips, Marc Theeuwes, Bobbi Todaro, Paul DeWorken

Excused Absence: Judy Stabile Unexcused Absence: Linda Levy

Staff: Kathy DeWild, Betsey Lynberg
- II. Approved Agenda
Motion/Second: Theeuwes/Faraola
AYES: 8
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 2
- III. Approved Consent Agenda
Motion/Second: Bernstein/Nee
AYES: 8
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 2
- IV. Approved selection panel recommendations for Outside the Box – Phase 5 - artists
Motion/Second: Theeuwes/Phillips
AYES: 8
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 2
- V. Approved Arts Commission representative to Arts Council Associates (Commissioner Levy)
Motion/Second: Todaro/Theeuwes
AYES: 8
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 2
- VI. Approved postponing Eloise Pickard Smith Award until 2015
AYES: 8
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 2
- VII. Next meeting date: Monday, July 7, 4:30 p.m. Parks 2nd Floor Conference Room.
- VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.



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DATE: June 2, 2014
TO: PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION, ARTS COMMISSION
FROM: GRETCHEN ILIFF, MAINTENANCE DIVISION
RE: STATUS REPORTS ON CURRENT PROJECTS

PARKS, BUILDING, AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

NORTH COUNTY PARKS (Highlands, Ben Lomond, Felton Covered Bridge, Probation, Michael Gray Field, Quail Hollow Ranch and the North Coast)

- ❖ High weed mowing for fire control occurred at numerous open space areas and undeveloped park sites.
- ❖ Staff repaired the restroom at the back house at Pinto Lake. Water from a leaking toilet caused damage to the floor.
- ❖ Several dead trees were removed at Michael Grey Field

MID-COUNTY PARKS (AJC, Government Center, Emeline Complex, Twin Lakes, Brommer, Felt, Floral, Coffee Lane, Soquel Lyons, Jose Avenue, Winkle Farm, Willowbrook Lane, Moran Lake, Maplethorpe, Santa Cruz Gardens, Mid-County beach access areas)

- ❖ Staff are reducing water use at parks served by the City of Santa Cruz Water Department by 66 percent. Many lawn areas will be effected.
- ❖ Staff repaired a main line water leak at Anna Jean Cummings Park.
- ❖ Staff replaced several broken stairs at 21st Avenue beach stairway.

SOUTH COUNTY PARKS (Polo Grounds, Valencia Hall, Hidden Beach, Seascape, Aptos Village, South County Beach access areas, Scott Park, Scott Estate, Aldridge Lane, Mesa Village, Pinto Lake, Freedom Government Annex)

- ❖ Staff prepared for the Blues Festival by reducing vegetation around the perimeter of Aptos Park.
- ❖ Ten trees were planted outside the well site at Polo Grounds Park to provide some screening of the new pump building.
- ❖ The service roads at Pinto Lake Park got some new base rock and grading.

SIMPKINS FAMILY SWIM CENTER

- ❖ Staff added water and electrical lines for the installation of new vending machines at the Swim Center.
- ❖ Staff received training on heat stress.



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DATE: June 2, 2014
TO: Parks & Recreation Commission, Arts Commission
FROM: Gretchen Iliff, Facilities Management Division
RE: Status Report on Current Projects

Summary for reservations in the Parks for the months of May and June 2014, (excluding SFSC):

Attendance at Reserved Facilities:

The months of May and June have been very busy in the office and at the park sites. The public continues to enjoy the resources and recreational opportunities available within the County Parks system. There were over 1,000 bookings of the various Parks sites, including reservations of picnic areas, meeting rooms, wedding locations, special events and athletic field rentals. Staff estimates that over 89,500 park visitors attended events in reserved facilities during the months of May and June.

Center and Meeting Room Rentals in May and June 2014:

Park Centers host a variety of events, including wedding receptions, family events and various non-profit events. Staff has seen an increase in use as the economy continues to recover and the public enjoys affordable venues in picturesque park settings. May and June have hosted 42 weddings, receptions and events held at our various Park Centers with rental revenues totaling \$40,000.00, as compared to 25 events during these same months in 2013 with over \$22,000.00 in revenue last year. These two months also included 13 meeting room rentals totaling \$1,200.00.

Picnic Areas in May and June 2014:

Picnic area rentals have been filling up the monthly schedules with 70 picnic rentals taking place during these two months, and revenues totaled \$10,600.00. Fifteen of these picnics (20%) are annual picnics for non-profits and end of the school year parties.

Athletic Fields in May and June 2014:

The season for athletic field use has been in full swing, with baseball leagues finishing season play and soccer leagues maintaining full use in spring and summer. Over 700 individual field bookings in 18 athletic fields took place in May and June. Revenues totaled \$40,000.00

Special Events:

Another successful **Santa Cruz Blues Festival** at Aptos Park and **Felton Remembers** at Felton Covered Bridge Park took place over Memorial Day weekend. Gregg Allman and Chris Isaak headlined the 22nd annual Blues Festival, which drew up to 3,000 people in attendance each day. June races at Aptos Park include the annual **Nisene Marks Marathon**, hosted by Santa Cruz Host Lions, the **Women's 5-Miler**, hosted by Santa Cruz Track Club. The second and third of the four races in the Santa Cruz Race Management series hosted by Fleet Feet Sports include the **Seascape 5k & 5 Miler** at Seascape Park in May and the **Superhero 5k & 10k** at Aptos Park in June. Pinto Lake Disc Golf Club hosted the annual **Daisy Chains Tournament**, a two-day all-women's tournament in May at Pinto Lake County Park. The Watsonville - Santa Cruz **JACL (Japanese American Cultural League)** will host its annual organization community picnic at Aptos Park in June, including drumming by Watsonville Taiko.



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DATE: JUNE 4, 2014
TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION, ARTS COMMISSION
FROM: BETSEY LYNBERG, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: PARK PLANNING DIVISION STATUS REPORT

CARMICHAEL TRAIL

This trail will provide connections between Cabrillo College, Vienna Woods neighborhoods and Nisene Marks State Park. Conservation Corps crews cleared and constructed the trail in a trail easement on the Carmichael property. Parks staff posted trail signage, and the trail opened to the public on March 28, 2014. Parks staff is now working with Cabrillo College to plan for an extension of the trail to complete connections to existing trails on the college district property.

CHANTICLEER PARK

The Planning Department has issued a development permit for interim improvements. Staff is working with the Consultant, County Planning, and community members on implementation of the interim plan. The fenced off-leash dog area is open, planning for a community garden is underway, volunteers have constructed the bike pump track, and Parks staff has prepared an interim parking area and installed erosion control measures. Two sculptures by artist Madeline Wiener have been installed at the park and the artist attended a dedicated on March 12, 2014.

THE FARM PARK

Parks staff continued with efforts to implement the Prop 84 Urban Greening Grant for stream and oak woodland habitat restoration and a community garden. Fish and Game permits for stream bed restoration have been secured, and plant propagation is underway. Invasive tree removal work has been completed. H.T. Harvey and Associates are preparing final construction documents, and the public art is being coordinated. The project will go to bid in this month with construction is planned to begin in August.

FELTON COVERED BRIDGE ROOF RESTORATION

Caltrans has completed the Preliminary Environmental Study for the replacement of the roof for the Felton Covered Bridge. Environmental Science Associates has completed the Historic Properties Survey Report. Caltrans, as the agency responsible for administering the Federal Highway Administration grant, has approved the Historic Properties Survey Report and issued a NEPA Categorical Exclusion for the restoration work. Local architect, William M. Holl has volunteered to prepare construction plans and specifications for the repair and roofing work.

HEART OF SOQUEL

Development permit application for creek side trail, gathering area, and parking and circulation improvements was approved by the Planning Commission on Wednesday, April 23, 2014. The County was recently awarded a State Water Board Grant of over \$660,000 for storm water quality low impact development features at Heart of Soquel. A Call for Artists for a 2% for public art installation is being prepared. The project is out to bid with award of the construction contract planned for June 24, 2014. Construction is planned for summer-fall 2014.

MCGREGOR PARK SITE

Plans and documentation necessary for development permits for Phase 1 improvements of McGregor Park have been submitted to the Planning Department. Phase 1 improvements are planned to include drainage and site infrastructure, park walkways and a sidewalk along McGregor Drive, picnic area, play area, accessible parking, turf and landscaping. A Call to Artists for a 2% for public art installation will be prepared. Construction is planned for FY 2014/15.

PROPOSITION 40 UNALLOCATED FUNDING

In July 2011 Parks received notification that the enacted State Budget provided additional time for Proposition 40 grant recipients to complete their projects under the Per Capita and RZH Block Contracts. To date Parks has utilized all but \$131,119 of the original grant amounts. Parks staff has submitted three new grant applications to the State. The projects include: additional picnic tables at Ben Lomond Park; new poured-in-place surfacing and tot structure at Willowbrook Park; and a new group picnic area and shelter at Pinto Lake Park. New contracts with the State have been approved. Parks staff is currently proceeding with final design of the Willowbrook Park tot structure replacement and purchase and installation of the tables and Ben Lomond Park.

QUAIL HOLLOW RANCH PARK

A community meeting was held on September 17, 2013, to discuss trail and creek restoration opportunities at Quail Hollow Park. The Discovery Loop Trail and Quail Hollow Brook have suffered damage as the result of heavy seasonal drainage patterns and a culvert failure in the creek. Ideas to address these problems were discussed with volunteers, neighbors and horse boarders at a well attended meeting. Staff has submitted two grant applications to the State Habitat Conservation Fund for Trail Restoration and Riparian Habitat Restoration work. The County was informed in April that trail restoration grant was denied, and that the Quail Hollow Brook Restoration Grant in the amount of \$182,670 has been awarded.

TWIN LAKES BEACHFRONT

In a unanimous decision, on August 15, 2013, the California Coastal Commission approved the Twin Lakes Beachfront Project. This project is a coastal access improvement project that creates a pedestrian oriented beachfront with Universal ADA access along East Cliff Drive between 5th to 7th Avenues. The project also improves East Cliff Drive to include bike lanes, organized parking, improved vehicular circulation, interpretive elements and public art. The Regional Transportation Commission recently awarded a \$200,000 grant for this portion of the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail. Final design and easement acquisition is underway. The County is seeking additional grant funding for this project.



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DATE: June 2, 2014
TO: Arts Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM: Kathy DeWild, Program Coordinator
RE: Recreation and Cultural Services Division Status Report – June/July 2014

ARTS AND CULTURAL

Outside the Box – Artists have been selected for Phase 5 of Outside the Box, and work on eight traffic boxes will begin this month.

Heart of Soquel Public Art Project – A “Call to Artists” for the Heart of Soquel public art project was sent out, with proposals due from artists on June 2. The selection panel will meet the week of June 10 to review the proposals, where they will choose an artist or artists to continue in the selection process. The short-list of artists will present a refined proposal and interview with the panel at a second meeting the week of June 30; the panel will select an artist/proposal for the Arts Commission to consider at their July 7 meeting.

Art Exhibitions – Cristina Sayers is exhibiting mixed-media work at the Simpkins Family Swim Center / Parks office through mid-August, 2014.

ADULT AND SENIOR PROGRAMS

May was a busy trip month:

We began by traveling to Oakdale, where participants rode the Sierra Railroad Dinner Train. It was a lovely ride through the countryside on a spring day, accompanied by an entertaining fiddler and a nice meal. Before leaving town, we stopped by Oakdale Cheese & Specialties, where we sampled and browsed their collection of prize-winning Gouda cheeses.

On May 14, we spent a day in the record-breaking heat watching the San Francisco Giants play the Atlanta Braves. Thankfully, trip-goers were happy to find that our seats were in the shade. It also always makes for a happy crowd when the Giants win!

Lastly, on May 22 we traveled to Pier 41, where we boarded a ferry and enjoyed a scenic ride to Sausalito. Once there and equipped with a comprehensive map of the area, trip-goers enjoyed lunch on their own and an afternoon of shopping in a variety of unique boutiques and browsing some of the many art galleries. Many participants remarked on how much they also enjoyed the drive back from Sausalito, as we traversed the Golden Gate Bridge.

Upcoming trips include Rosie the Riveter/SS Red Oak Victory tour (June), Legion of Honor Intimate Impressionism Exhibit (July) and Niles Canyon Railway Wine Train and Ardenwood Historic Farm (August).

We also have eight participants registered to tour the Islands of New England with Collette Vacations on June 20-27.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

In the Spotlight this Month – Mar Vista ACE and Mar Vista Kinder Enrichment

Kinder Enrichment - Now proudly serving 20 families! In May we explored themes such as, Luau, Mexican Fiesta with gifts for mom, health and fitness, sea explorers and fun under the sun. For “Luau” the kids went on a mock airplane ride, and played island tag (watch out for the sharks!). The first part of the week the children got to taste some cuisine from south of the boarder, and play with shaker eggs which are similar to maracas. The continuation of Mothers’ week had the children creating gifts for their mom or other important woman in their lives, with fold out hugs and placemats. Sea Explorer’s week included a great project with envelope sharks that the children could use as a puppet. Fun under the sun week included a “wet and wild” day where the children ran through a sprinkler and enjoyed a lot of outdoor play. In June we are switching gears and our last week of the school year with a “Monkey Around” theme. Some of the events planned are water games, banana bread, pizza feed and monkey climbers. Recreation Coordinators Oscar Arroyo and Heather Heider will return once again to Mar Vista Kinder Enrichment on August 18 to start the new school year with a new crop of Kinders!

Mar Vista ACE - Staff can’t believe the school year is already coming to an end. Time really does fly when you’re having fun! We began May with Appreciation Week, honoring Mar Vista teachers and the children’s moms. Participants used printmaking techniques to make cards. They also wrapped chocolates up to look like apples for their teachers and mixed up soothing bath salts for their mothers. Next came Theme Week, during which children celebrated a different theme each day. Highlights included backwards relays, spin art, freeze tag, pajama and stuffed animal day, and creative spindle play! We also took a field trip to Simpkins Family Swim Center. During Health & Fitness week we played games such as: Dental Health Relays, Hoops, Fruit Salad, and more. We also made trail mix, apple people and heart puppets. Next was Water Week, which is always a blast. We dedicated a full day to water play, complete with a slip-slide, wading pool, splash zone and water balloon toss! We will finish off the school year with kids’ favorite activities, with feedback from participants regarding activities that they would like to repeat or fit in before summer vacation arrives. We’ll also walk to nearby Willowbrook Park, where we will have a BBQ potluck.

AQUATIC PROGRAMS

The summer pool schedule, which runs June 14-August 24, is as follows:

Lap Pool hours:

Mondays through Friday from 6:00 am to 7:30 pm

Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Warm-water Pool - The warm-water pool is available for general use on:

Monday – Friday 6:00 – 9:00 am 1:00 – 3:30 pm (Rec. Swim)

Saturday and Sunday 9:00 am - 10:30 am (adults only)
10:30 am – 12:30 pm (adults & kids 6 years and younger)
12:30 – 4:00 pm (Recreation Swim ~ all ages)

Recreation Swim – This includes the Warm Water Pool and the shallow area of the 50M pool, the slide and climbing wall, and NEW this year FRIDAY FUN DAYS AND SUPER SATURDAYS with a NEW floating play apparatus that will be in the deep end of the pool for all to enjoy! Along with the new play apparatus there will be food vendors for your enjoyment.

Summer Swim Lessons – Summer swimming lessons begin on June 16. Sessions will be available Monday through Friday evening, Monday/Wednesday/Friday evening, Tuesday through Friday morning and Tuesday/Thursday morning. Lessons are also offered on Saturdays! Private lessons are available as well!

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 49 swimmers fill the 50-meter pool at these times. Fitness swimmers may choose from several different workout times: Tuesday & Wednesday workouts are at 6:00 am, 12:00 pm and 6:00 pm; Monday, Thursday & Friday workouts are offered at 6:00 am and 12:00 pm; Saturday & Sunday workouts are offered at 9:00 am.

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.

Water Polo - Sundays from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm. Participants must be a member of USAWPA to participate in the program.

Pool Junior Lifeguard Program – The pool Junior Guard Program is very popular and is full for all sessions, with a total of 435 children!

The Little Guard program is designed for children ages 5 and 6. They spend the day at the pool and do a variety of activities with emphasis on improving their swimming ability, and safety awareness. The little guards get to participate in a variety of activities including: stand-up paddle boarding, kayaking, and fitness based games. They also get to experience sitting in a lifeguard chair, the buoyancy of a lifeguard tube, and they practice performing reaching assists. The little guards also enjoy a day on the beach with the big Junior Guards, and have their own special field trip to the Central Fire Station where they get to hold the fire hose as a firefighter sprays water.

The Junior Lifeguard program continues to be an incredible experience for children ages 7-13. This program gives children an insight into the fun and rewarding job of protecting and saving lives at the pool. The program strengthens their swimming ability and confidence in and around the water, and introduces them to lifeguard rescue skills. Participants also enjoy special activities such as: kayaking, stand-up paddle boarding, CPR demonstrations, climbing wall and slide time, a day at the beach, and a field trip to Golfland in San Jose.

Junior Lifeguard Volunteers

Our Junior Lifeguard volunteer program continues to be successful and rewarding for young adults ages 13 – 15. The program encourages past participants that have reached the age of 13 to volunteer their time helping with the younger children in the program and assisting the leaders. The volunteers allow the program to offer more hands-on teaching, and assist the leaders in their daily tasks. The volunteers learn a new level of responsibility, and it gives them a closer look at what being a lifeguard at Simpkins Family Swim Center is all about. Not only do the volunteers benefit, but the Junior Guard program benefits as well, as we are able to improve the quality of the program without adding staffing costs. Rebecca Hurley, Aquatic Coordinator, received over 25 applications and accepted 23 to help throughout the summer.

Lifeguard Training Exercises - Throughout the summer the lifeguards will practice skills and in-water rescues, as well as swim lesson refresher sessions.

Aquatic Staff Recruitment - We have hired and will be training 21 new lifeguards, 2 Head Lifeguards and 2 Aquatic Specialists this summer. The following position is currently open: Head Lifeguard.

Swim Teams - The Cabrillo Threshers and Santa Cruz County Aquatics 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 to 7:30 pm.

Special Olympics - On Friday evenings through June 1, Special Olympics has rented five lanes in the 50-meter pool for training and coaching.

Private Pool Parties – Private Pool Parties are available on Saturdays and Sundays starting March 1 through August 31, 2014. 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 in May. Every weekday for three weeks, schools enjoy the pool with their classmates.

QUAIL HOLLOW RANCH INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS

Recent Interpretive Programs and Activities:

- The Santa Cruz Fly fishing Club returned Sunday, May 4 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm for their annual Fly Fishing Workshop. A total of 30 people of all ages had a chance to learn about the conservation practices, equipment and techniques used in this sport.
- Mother's Day Fun was a program offered to 11 dads and kids in order to make a Mother's Day potted plant and card. Simon Stapleton and Karina Gaille led this fun program on Sunday, May 4 from 1:00 – 3:00 pm.
- The final Broom Bash of the season took place on Saturday, May 10 from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm and was led by Linda Brodman from CNPS Habitat Restoration and park volunteer Chuck Baughman. A total of seven people attended the program, which consisted of weeding gopher weed instead of French broom. The broom sites had been addressed for the season and the non-native, invasive gopher weed had sprung up in several places. Pulling these weeds this year will result in much easier maintenance. Where broom requires decades of follow-up, gopher weed requires 1-2 years.
- The first session of The Wisdom in Nature was offered by Lee Summers from Monday, May 12 through Wednesday, May 21 (not meeting 5/15-17). The participants generally met from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm and enjoyed speaker like Todd Newberry, Jodi McGraw, Ken Moore, and others. Feedback from the program gave excellent reviews rating most sessions a 5 on a scale from 1-5.
- Randy Fox and Wayne Pitts offered Bee Keeping 101 on Sunday, May 18 from 12:30 to 2:30 pm. A total of 22 visitors plus one Wisdom in Nature participant attended to program.
- Dowsing for Earth Energies: Tuning into the Energy around You with Susan White Rose took place on Sunday, May 18 from 2:00 – 4:00 pm. The participants enjoyed learning to use L-rods and other materials in locating water and tuning into EMFs. A wide range in skills was represented in the attendees.
- Lee Summers led hikers on a trek on and off-trail to discover the Treasures of Quail Hollow on Sunday, May 25 from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm. Both natural and cultural aspects of the park's history was observed and discussed.
- A Running with the Wildcats birthday party was offered by Lee Summers on Sunday, May 25 from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. A total of 15 kids along with 15 parents attended the program.
- Santa Cruz County "volunteers of the year," the Santa Cruz Astronomy Club, will offer another of their Star Gazing at Quail Hollow programs in which visitors have the chance to enjoy stellar views, looking through the telescopes of club members. The program took place on Friday, May 30 from 8:00 pm to midnight.
- A Beginning Birding program took place on Sunday, June 1 from 8:00 – 10:00 am with Eric Feuss leading the walk.

Day camp volunteers had a chance to assist in day camp planning on Saturday, May 31. Time Travelers volunteers attended a planning session from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and Science Sleuths volunteers dreamt it up from noon – 2:00 pm. Ideas gleaned from these brainstorming sessions will help to augment the programs schedule.

Upcoming Interpretive Programs and Activities:

1. Patti Milhaus' 2nd and 3rd class will visit from Boulder Creek Elementary for a program on the difference between insects and spiders. Lee Summers will lead a bug hunt by the pond on Friday, June 6 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.
2. Chicks in the City and Hens in the Hood, a program about raising chickens will be offered by Candice McLaren on Sunday, June 15 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.
3. Orchids! – a program all about ... orchids – will take place on Sunday, June 15 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm with Sandi Fox sharing all she know about raising these beautiful flowers as well as their natural history.

Day camp planning will take place throughout much of this month. Stay tuned for details.

Staff and volunteers are gearing up for the end of the Nest Box Monitoring season. This year a number of outside groups from the neighborhoods around Anna Jean County Park to Monterey (as well as the Wisdom in Nature program participants) have shadowed the program volunteers to learn about the species, the techniques, and materials needed to replicate this successful program. It is hoped that next year we may extend the target species to include kestrels (with the help of other bird club members).