



# County of Santa Cruz

## PARKS, OPEN SPACE & CULTURAL SERVICES

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## PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, May 11, 2009

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 7:17 p.m.

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

Present: Dave Mercer, Katharine Minott, Michael Rosenberg and Francisco Serna

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

### II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS OR APPROVAL

The agenda was approved as presented (Rosenberg/Mercer 4/0)

### III. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of April 13, 2009 were approved as presented (Rosenberg/Serna 4/0)

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 May 4, 2009

The Information and Reports were accepted and filed. (Rosenberg/Serna 4/0).

### IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

### V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Schultz congratulated Commissioner Minott on her upcoming graduation with her Master's in Urban Planning and Development. He stated that he will be speaking at the Board of Supervisor's meeting tomorrow to announce that May is National Water Safety Month. Director Schultz also mentioned that the obituary of Michael Schrandt who perished in a house fire a few weeks ago asks that donations be made to S.H.A.R.P. Commissioner Minott recommend a Thank You note be sent to the family.

Commission Minott inquired about an update on Freedom Lake and Cristina James stated that she had met with a contractor that morning regarding composting options. Cristina had also spoken with the owner of Aladdin Nursery asking for donations, and stated that if the Commissioners know of other businesses who may want to support the project, that we need more letters prior to the grant submission at the end of June. Commissioner Rosenberg suggested perhaps contributions to a "fund" of some sort could be collected at the businesses in the area.

Director Schultz also said that he and Bob Olson met with the Principal at Del Mar Elementary School today regarding the Felt Street Park and received a positive response in regards to access and drainage options.

Commissioner Minott stated that the vandalism and graffiti at Aptos Village Park seems to be on the rise again and perhaps we should consider having tenants in a trailer on site again.

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

### **A. ACTION ITEMS**

#### **1. Chanticleer Park Public Hearing**

Paul Rodrigues from RDA provided a summary to the Commission with information given at the last meeting. He stated the project is set to go to the Board of Supervisors in June. The Commission supports and approves the Master Plan and recommended it move forward to the Board. Commissioner Rosenberg made a motion and Commissioner Mercer made the second (4/0).

### **B. INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### **1. Harper Street Parcel**

Bob Olson had spoken with Dan Kidd about the "park overlay" zoning of his parcel at 1410 Harper Street and asked that he submit a letter of his intentions to the Commission. Mr. Kidd stated that he purchased the property from his father-in-law and that because Hestwood Park is just a few hundred feet away, he thought it was doubtful that we would build on it. Commissioner Minott asked if he planned to subdivide the property and he stated that the maximum number of units would be four.

RDA Director, Betsy Lynberg, stated that they have no plans for this site to be included as a park in the Redevelopment Area. It appears it would be a duplicate of existing parks in very close proximity. Director Schultz stated that it appears there is a consensus that the County is not going to put another park there and that Planning will probably have Mr. Kidd return to the Commission further along in the permitting process.

## **VII. AGENDA/MEETING FOR: Parks Commission, June 8, 2009 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. Commission review of letter to US Fish & Wildlife for support of Freedom Lake Grant Application

**B. INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. NOAA Grants update
2. Revenue Reports
3. Update on Simpkins Family Swim Center
4. Update after Farm park community meeting
5. Proposed budget

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT** – Meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m. (Mercer/Rosenberg 4/0)