



# County of Santa Cruz

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS PARKS, OPEN SPACE & CULTURAL SERVICES DIVISION

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**REVISED**

8:31 am, May 02, 2014

JOHN J. PRESLEIGH  
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

### ARTS COMMISSION AGENDA

Monday, May 5, 2014  
4:30 p.m.  
Regular Meeting

Simpkins Family Swim Center  
979 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Santa Cruz, CA 95062

- I. **CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**
- II. **AGENDA MODIFICATIONS OR APPROVAL**
- III. **CONSENT AGENDA**
  - A. Minutes from April 7, 2014.....Page 1
  - B. Information and Reports (Accept and File)
    1. Maintenance Section – Status Report.....Page 2-3
    2. Facilities Section – Status Report.....Page 4
    3. Recreation Section – Status Report.....Page 5-9
    4. Planning Section – Status Report.....Page 10-11
- IV. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:** Opportunity for members of the public 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. Consider panel's recommendations for Outside the Box phase 5
    2. Representative to Arts Council
    3. Eloise Pickard Smith Award
  - B. **Information Items**
    1. Artist of the Year – 2015 nominations
    2. % for Public Art in Private Development
    3. Art and Parks
- VIII. **AGENDA /MEETING FOR:** **Monday, June (date TBD), 4:30 p.m.**  
**Simpkins Family Swim Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**
- IX. **ADJOURNMENT**



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### ARTS COMMISSION April 7, 2014, 4:30 PM

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

Excused Absence: Judy Stabile

Unexcused Absence: Paul DeWorken

Staff: Kathy DeWild, Betsey Lynberg

- II. Approved Agenda  
Motion/Second: Phillips/Todaro  
AYES: 8  
NOES: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0  
ABSENT: 0

- III. Approved Consent Agenda  
Motion/Second: Levy/Phillips  
AYES: 8  
NOES: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0  
ABSENT: 0

- IV. Elected 2015 Chair (Kilian) and Vice-chair (Levy)  
Motion/Second: Phillips/Bernstein  
AYES: 8  
NOES: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0  
ABSENT: 0

- V. Eloise Pickard Smith Award – tabled to May 5 agenda  
Motion/Second: Levy/Phillips  
AYES: 8  
NOES: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0  
ABSENT: 0

- VI. Next meeting date: Monday, May 5, 4:30 p.m. Parks 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room.

- VII. The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 p.m.



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**DATE:-** April 16, 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)

Clean up of the undeveloped areas along the San Lorenzo River at Felton Covered Bridge Park and Highlands Park occurred this month.

Vegetation removal for Fire protection is on-going at the Probation center.

A new drinking fountain with doggie bowl was installed at Felton Covered Bridge Park.

Fourth and fifth graders from Tierra Pacifica Elementary School removed iceplant from Scott Creek Beach to help protect Snowy Plover nesting areas.

**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)

New beach signs were installed along several Live Oak Beaches.

A new trail opened in late March that connects to the Vienna Woods trail in the Forest of Nisene Marks.

Staff replaced the vandalized 'shark tank' cigarette butt container at Plerasrue Point this month.

**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 installed some new fencing at the Dolphin Sumner access stairs.

The 6" x 6" posts around the perimeter at Polo Grounds Park are being removed and replaced with Split Rail fencing. The Aptos Lyons group is supplying the labor for the work.

Aptos Park had several new irrigation valves installed, and the lawn was slit seeded this month.

**SIMPKINS FAMILY SWIM CENTER**

Staff waxed and repaired a few small cracks on the Simpkins Water slide this month.

Staff received training on playground safety inspections this month



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DATE: April 16, 2014  
TO: Parks & Recreation Commission, Arts Commission  
FROM: Gretchen Iloff, Facilities Management Division  
RE: Status Report on Current Projects

### **Summary for reservations in the Parks for the months of February through April 2014, (excluding SFSC):**

#### **Attendance at Reserved Facilities:**

The months of February through April begin the increased use of parks including picnic reservations, athletic field use, and center rentals that have hosted weddings, parties and memorial services. Staff estimates that approximately 65,400 park visitors attended events in reserved facilities at County Parks during these three months.

#### **Center and Meeting Room Rentals in February through April 2014:**

February through April hosted 19 weddings, receptions and events held at our various Park Centers, with rental revenues totaling \$12,400.00. These three months also included 55 meeting room rentals totaling \$2,850.00.

#### **Picnic Areas in February through April 2014:**

Picnic area rentals have become busy once again as the spring season increases park use altogether. 60 picnics took place during these three months, and revenues totaled \$7,200.00

#### **Athletic Fields in February through April 2014:**

The season for athletic field use began late February through mid-March and has become very busy, for both baseball and soccer fields, with over 700 individual field bookings in 18 athletic fields in February through April. Revenues for these three months totaled \$34,150.00

#### **Special Events:**

The special event season has been kicked off during these past few months with a number of events having already successfully taken place. The **Off Road Ramble 5k/10k Race**, the first of four races in the Santa Cruz Race Management series in County Parks hosted by Fleet Feet Sports, was held at Pinto Lake County Park in March. The race raised proceeds for Friends of Santa Cruz County Parks. Additional races to be held will take place at Seascape Park in May (**Seascape 5k & 5 Miler**), Aptos Park-Nisene Marks Run in June (**Superhero 5k & 10k**), and the November **Run for Pie** at Aptos Park-Nisene Marks Run. Each race benefits a local non-profit organization. April events include the Mountain Bikers of Santa Cruz hosted the **Santa Cruz Mountain Bike Festival** in Aptos Village utilizing the Aptos bike jump and pump tracks during their two-day event. **Earth Day** is planned for April 19<sup>th</sup> at the San Lorenzo Park, with use of the Governmental Center Parking lot for parking or for event activities as back-up plan for weather.



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DATE: April 15, 2014  
TO: Arts Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission  
FROM: Kathy DeWild, Program Coordinator  
RE: Recreation and Cultural Services Division Status Report – April 2014

### ARTS AND CULTURAL

Outside the Box – A “Call to Artists” has been issued for Phase 5 of the Outside the Box (OTB) program, which includes eight traffic controller boxes. Artist proposals are due April 25, 2014. Details about the application process, as well as box locations and images, are listed on the Parks website. The OTB panel will meet the last week in April to select the artists who will continue in the processes. At the May 5 meeting of the Arts Commission, the commissioners will review the panel’s recommendations. Artists approved by the Arts Commission will begin work in late May.

Chanticleer Park Public Art Project – A lovely afternoon was had by all attendees at the dedication of Madeline Wiener’s recently-installed public art project at Chanticleer Park. “A Day at the Park” features a (5’ x 7’ x 4’) couple sitting side-by-side, perhaps looking to their past or their future or watching children play in the park. The more playful, single figure (3’ x 6’ x 3’) leans back on her elbows with one leg crossing over the other, and appears to be looking up while enjoying her day at the park. Supervisor Leopold spoke about the history of the park’s development, future plans, and introduced the artist. Madeline explained her process in creating the pieces and answered questions. At the conclusion of her talk she handed out bits of limestone that she had chipped from the block while sculpting, which she signed for those who were interested in taking home a piece of their new public artwork.

**Art Exhibitions** – Tim Matthew’s color pinhole camera photographs are on exhibition at the Simpkins Family Swim Center / Parks office through the end of May, 2014.

## **YOUTH PROGRAMS**

### **Mar Vista ACE**

County staff attended the Mar Vista Elementary Kindergarten Registration Day on April 3, 2014, to inform parents that a Kinder Enrichment program is on campus to meet their after school needs. Registration day is where the parents and the children come to the library to do some initial assessments before entering school; like making sure they have had all their shots. Our display table featured pictures of past program activities, calendars, and parent handbooks. We saw about 40 families on Kinder Round-Up day.

April brought four new themes that fit the times. Yuk it up Week celebrated humor and wit. We discovered what made the little kinders laugh - mostly making funny faces, which got the biggest reaction. The last week before spring break was Bunny Trails. Pastel funny little bunny stand-up table decor were created, as well as spinning tops. The children got to play with plastic eggs during indoor exploring time. A special stuffed animal bunny came to visit the children. The children learned how to be gentle with Rebecca the Rabbit's Ears. After spring break we cover keeping the earth green with discussion about recycling, reducing, and reusing different items in our lives with the theme earth week. We also concentrated on the fun learning and enjoying the beauty Mother Nature has to offer. We learned about the four elements: fire, water, air and earth. Then we traveled to the tropical topic with Luau week. The boys and girls got to make tribal outfits out of paper bags. They also got to imaginary play traveling on an air plane and got served snack and drinks. As we end another wonderful month of fun and education through recreation, we realize that we are getting ready to wrap up the kinder enrichment school year very soon. We can hope that in the fall the kinder enrichment program will start its 8th year and start a new set of kids. We have just May and one week of June left and then we say good-bye to our Kinder participants of 2013-2014.

### **La Selva ACE**

La Selva Beach ACE is having a great start to the spring season. Recent weekly themes include Super Spring Week, which included activities such as colorful beads art; leprechaun race; a game of sea, shore, sand; a clover shakes activity; a flower pens art activity; a game of bulls eye; a game of musical chairs; a game of leprechauns and colorful bunnies; a game of beckon at triangle park; a quesadillas cooking activity; and a game of soccer. We followed Super Spring Week with a Spring Celebration theme, which included activities such as an air dry clay craft, a game of rainbow, shrink paper art, aluminum foil sculptures craft and a bubble solution activity. The highlight for Spring Celebration week was a Celebrate Spring Potluck Party with food, drinks, music, a dance competition, and prizes. Our most current theme was H2O Week, which included activities such as a marshmallow tower contest, a water game of drip, drip, splash, a shooting rockets science experiment, a water obstacle course, mad science experiments, an H2O porthole craft & a game of flag football. The highlight for H2O week was a field trip to the Simpkins Swim Center. La Selva Beach ACE is continuing to partner up with the local La Selva Beach Library each Thursday for a one-hour Lego Class from 3:00-4:00 p.m.. In addition, there is a certified school teacher that gives one-on-one attention to a group of our participants with their homework each Tuesday from 3:00-4:00 p.m.. Upcoming Special Events include field trips to Manresa Beach and the Simpkins Swim Center.



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

**Spring Break Pool Junior Lifeguard Program** – For the second year we offered a week-long Spring Break Pool Junior Lifeguard Program at Simpkins Family Swim Center, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. with the option for participants to stay for Recreation Swim from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m., free of charge. The program was successful with 28 children participating. The spring program schedule and activities was similar to the popular Summer Pool Junior Lifeguard Program, including a “special activity day” on the last day.

**Summer Programs** – Summer program registration began on April 7. Once again the Junior Guard Program filled up quickly. There is plenty of room to sign up for summer swim lessons.

**Lifeguard Training Classes** - Lifeguard Training Classes are being offered and will continue through May 2014. Most classes will be held on Friday evenings and Saturdays; fees are \$290 for residents and \$319 for non-residents. Limited courses in First Aid for Public Safety Personnel (CA Title 22) will also be offered. Interested candidates can find more information on the parks website at [www.scparks.com](http://www.scparks.com). All course materials are included in the course fee.

**Lifeguard Training Exercises** - The April in-service training exercise was Emergency Action Plan practice. Staff practiced responding to mock emergencies, covering the following topics; victim recognition, rescue techniques, continued care, CPR, first aid, clearing pools, meeting EMS, writing reports, resuming pool operations.

**Aquatic Staff Recruitment** - The following positions are currently open; Lifeguard, Head Lifeguard, Aquatic Specialist. The recruitment ends April 25.

### **Pool Rentals**

**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 p.m.

**Infant Swim Rescue (ISR)** is again renting the pool to conduct swim lessons for children using the ISR method.

**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 and upcoming interpretive programs:

- Broom Bashes will take place this month on Saturdays, April 5, 19 and possibly 26 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lee Summers, Parks interpreter, led the program on the April 5 in which seven enthusiastic pullers attended. Linda Brodman from CNPS Habitat Restoration team and Chuck Baughman, Quail Hollow volunteer, will co-lead the other two programs.
- Preschoolers from Tierra Pacifica were be out on Monday, April 7 from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. for a Creepy Crawly bug hunt with Lee Summers
- A Lost and Found Birthday Party with Lee Summers took place on Saturday, April 12 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
- Sean Wharton will lead three walks to the sandhills habitat owned by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife on Sundays, April 13, 20, and 27 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. The program is entitled Trek to the Forbidden Sandhills and is limited to 15 per program.
- A History Hike with Lee Summers will took place on Sunday, April 13 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
- Lee Summers will lead a Creepy Crawly bug hunt on Sunday, April 20 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
- A Creepy Crawly birthday party with Lee Summers will take place on Sunday, April 27 from 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Leeann Ravenale from the Scotts Valley Water District will offer a program called From Laundry to Landscape: Simple Greywater Harvesting on Sunday, April 27 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

This year's Volunteer of the Year award for Quail Hollow is the Santa Cruz Astronomy Club, who were recognized by the County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, April 8. Chris Angelos accepted the award for the club having put in over 20 years of star gazing. The club's long-term dedication and willingness to share their vast knowledge of the field of astronomy made them the ideal candidate.

Summer camp interviews for volunteer positions will take place on Saturday, April 26. So far two campers who have aged out of the program will be interviewed in hopes of helping with this popular program.

The Quail Hollow Nest Box Checkers are looking into installing new nest boxes for kestrels next year. Kestrel nesting has been on the decline both in Santa Cruz County and throughout the nation. It is hoped that installing boxes near the visitor center will not only give them additional nesting habitat but also offer the public a chance to learn about and appreciate these amazing birds of prey.



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**DATE:** APRIL 16, 2014  
**TO:** PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION, ARTS COMMISSION  
**FROM:** BETSEY LYNBERG, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR  
**SUBJECT:** PARK PLANNING DIVISION STATUS REPORT

### **BERT SCOTT ESTATE ROOF REPLACEMENT**

Wald Ruhnke & Dost has prepared draft plans and specifications and cost estimates for replacing the roofs on the main house and on the caretaker's house.

### **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.

### **EAST CLIFF PARKWAY PROJECT**

The Contractor has completed the project, and the community continues to enjoy the parkway improvements along East Cliff Drive in Pleasure Point.

### **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. Construction is planned for summer 2014.

### **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 will be considered 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. 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 is being 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 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> 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.