



# County of Santa Cruz

## PARKS, OPEN SPACE & CULTURAL SERVICES

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## PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, November 10, 2008

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 7:15 p.m.

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

Present: Dave Mercer, Katharine Minott, Michael Rosenberg

Staff: Joe Schultz, Christine Bennett

### II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS OR APPROVAL

The agenda was approved as written (Mercer/Minott 3/0).

### III. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of October 6, 2008 were modified to reflect a wording change of "unanimously decided" being added to regarding the letter of support for Par 3 property. Approved as amended (Minott/Mercer 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 November 3, 2008

The Information and Reports were accepted and filed. (Minott/Mercer 3/0).

### IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - None

### V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Schultz invited the Commission to attend the Arts Commission annual retreat on January 24<sup>th</sup> or that a meeting some time in the upcoming year be arranged for the two commissions. Director Schultz discussed the current budget and the impact it is having at all levels of government. Parks Department anticipates a cut of approximately 15% (\$710K) which would certainly impact programs and positions.

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

### **A. ACTION ITEMS**

#### **1. Annual Report**

Commissioner Rosenberg felt there were no changes necessary. Commissioner Minott stated she hopes that the neighborhood programs stay secure during the budget cuts. A motion to approve the report was made by Commissioner Mercer with a second from Commissioner Minott. Approved (3/0).

#### **2. Par 3 Rezoning Support Letter to Board**

A motion to approve the report was made by Commissioner Minott with a second from Commissioner Mercer. Approved (3/0).

#### **3. Par 3 Rezoning Thank You Letter to Board**

A motion to approve the report was made by Commissioner Minott with a second from Commissioner Mercer. Approved (3/0).

### **B. INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### **1. Polo Grounds and Soquel Creek Water District**

Director Schultz stated that prior to his arrival at Parks, the previous Director had worked with Soquel Creek Water District Executive Director, Laura Brown, regarding using Proposition 50 Grant funds for 2-3 synthetic fields at Polo Grounds Park. In exchange, Parks would get “stub outs” for another potable water connection and a restroom, but negotiations are not moving forward. County representatives from CAO, RDA, Planning and Parks met with Soquel Water staff and have another meeting set for December 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss new proposals. An update will be provided at January commission meeting.

#### **2. McGregor Park and Soquel Creek Water District**

Director Schultz stated that the Seacliff Improvement Association hosted their annual dinner and one agenda item was to recognize and thank Parks’ staff for their work on McGregor Park. The master plan goes before the Board of Supervisors on December 9<sup>th</sup> and then meetings will begin on how to obtain funding to build. One hurdle is the “will serve” document for water from Soquel Creek Water District and the WDO (Water Demand Offsets) requirements. We would need 72.4 toilets to be upgraded to reach the goal, and there are none to be found in the area. Will be evaluating ways to achieve the WDO goal and will know more in the spring. Commissioner Minott offered her two retrofitted toilets as donations to the effort, but Parks must establish an account first.

#### **3. Land Rezoning for Par 3 Update**

Director Schultz stated that it was covered in Action Items.

**VII. AGENDA/MEETING FOR: Parks Commission, January 12, 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. INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. Polo Grounds and Soquel Water District
2. McGregor Park and Soquel Water District
3. Budget Update
4. Moran Lake Project Update

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT** – Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m. (Minott/Mercer 3/0)