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PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, November 9, 2009
7:15 p.m.
Regular Meeting

Government Center, Board Chambers
701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:27 p.m.

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

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

Staff: Joe Schultz, Christine Bennett, and Bob Olson

II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS OR APPROVAL

The agenda was approved as presented (Mercer/ Serna 50).

III. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of October 5, 2009 were amended to correct "submitting" on Page 2 and then approved (Rosenberg/Mercer 5/0)

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 2, 2009

The Information and Reports were accepted and filed. (Rosenberg/Gomez 5/0).

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Minott expressed appreciation to the Facilities Division for the format they used to present revenue information in the Status Report.

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Schultz asked Bob Olson to announce that we are finalists for the Stewardship Council's Grant to improve the playground and ADA compliance features at Pinto Lake Park. Our application is one of six finalists and will be reviewed at the Council's meeting on November 19th. This grant would finance \$94K of the estimated \$204K project cost. Director Schultz stated he will be attending a holiday dinner on the North Coast with Commissioner Serna on

November 18th to get into touch with the needs of the community in that area. He will provide feedback to the Commission at the January meeting.

VI. REGULAR AGENDA (DISCUSSION ITEMS)

A. ACTION ITEMS

1. Consider Commission Meeting Schedule

Director Schultz spoke about the Arts Commission combining their January and February meetings into one being held at the end of January (all Parks & Recreation Commissioners were invited to attend). Commissioner Minott suggested that perhaps eliminating the August meeting. Director Schultz suggested perhaps changing the location to the Simpkins Family Swim Center, changing to the first Monday of the month (to follow Arts Commission), or maybe changing to an earlier meeting time. Commissioner Rosenberg stated that perhaps holding non-public hearing type of meeting at the Swim Center is a good idea, and using the Board Chambers for the possible need to accommodate larger groups would be good. This item will be brought back for further discussion at the January meeting.

B INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Pinto Lake Disc Golf Course Back 9

Bob Olson distributed a staff report to all Commissioners. Staff from Parks Matt Johnston from Environmental Planning, Tom Schott and John Gilchrist met at the site on November 3rd and they didn't see any environmental concerns with the project. They did notice a wood rat nest, so we will need to work around that to not intrude on the habitat. John Gilchrist will write a report and provide it to Environmental Planning to issue the Notice of Exemption Permit for the project. Bob Olson indicated that there may be some mitigation measures such as bird boxes and tree plantings. An update will be provided at the January meeting.

2. Anna Jean Cummings Park Synthetic Turf Fields Update

Bob Olson distributed a staff report to all Commissioners. The project was awarded to Verde Design and the contract will go to the Board of Supervisors on November 24th. The project cost is \$191,878 and the key factor is drainage at the site. The project must be completed by December 2011 to meet the requirements for Proposition 50 funding for the Polo Grounds well project. Ground breaking is anticipated for spring of 2011 and water usage estimates will be verified at that time. The completion of the synthetic turf fields will play a key factor in moving forward with The Farm Park project. Water credits obtained from the synthetic turf field project will be utilized for the Farm Park. There will be a meeting with the athletic groups who utilize the fields currently on December 16th, before the public meetings begin.

3. Budget Update

Director Schultz anticipates that after the Department Head Meeting on December 11th that will information regarding next fiscal year will be available. There is nothing new to report at this time, but we anticipate another year of Voluntary Time Off (VTO) and furloughs. Departments are submitting their Estimate Actuals (EA's) to the CAO to see if they are meeting their goals of expenses and revenues. The labor negotiations with SEIU in September will likely play a role in budget decisions as well.

VII. AGENDA/MEETING FOR: Parks Commission, January 11, 2010 at 7:15 p.m. at the Board Chambers, 5th floor, 701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060 (Government Center).

A. ACTION ITEMS

B. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Consider Commission Meeting Schedule
2. McGregor Park Status Update
3. Felt Street Park Status Update
4. Pinto Lake Disc Golf Tournament Update
5. Budget Update

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m. (Rosenberg/Mercer 5/0)