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PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, October 6, 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 7:17 p.m.

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

Present: Janet Doten, Dave Mercer, Katharine Minott, Michael Rosenberg, and Francisco Serna (arrived late)

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

II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS OR APPROVAL

The agenda was approved as written (Minott/Doten 4/0).

III. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of September 15, 2008 were approved as written (Minott/Mercer 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 October 6, 2008

The Information and Reports were accepted and filed. (Minott/Doten 4/0).

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - None

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Schultz spoke of staff reports on various park projects and the upcoming renovation at Simpkins Family Swim Center. First community meeting for the future park site on Chanticleer Avenue was held last week and went well.

VI. REGULAR AGENDA (DISCUSSION ITEMS)

A. ACTION ITEMS

1. McGregor Park Public Hearing

Presentation by Park Planners, Bob Olson and Cristina James. There has been great community support and involvement in all meetings to assist in deciding on the concepts for the park. The final draft was presented. This project should go before the Board of Supervisors in December. Members of the public who spoke in support of the park were: Tom Garibaldi, Mona Daniels, Bill Eaton, Rick DeLaCruz, and Doben Fishbin. Commissioner Rosenberg read into the record a number of e-mails in support of the park received by the Parks Department. Turf and water usage concerns, and the agreement with Soquel Water Creek District remain important topics to be decided on for the project. A motion to approve the park plan was made by Commissioner Minott with a second from Commissioner Serna. Approved (5/0).

B. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Polo Grounds and Soquel Creek Water District

Director Schultz stated that a letter was sent to Laura Brown at the Water District asking that they use Proposition 50 money to put in a synthetic field at the Polo Grounds. Ms. Brown has been out on medical leave so he anticipates she will be in touch some time soon. Discussions are ongoing, but no action taken. Commissioner Minott said that the wells in county parks provide water we need and there doesn't appear to be a reason to relinquish it.

2. Land Rezoning for Par 3

Commissioner Rosenberg read a letter from Supervisor Pirie into the record for support of not rezoning the Par 3 property in Aptos. The letter will be going to the Board of Supervisors on October 7th, and an evening meeting on the topic for the public is set for October 28th at 7:00 PM. Commissioner Minott read a letter from Katherine Britton into the record. Commissioners discussed importance of keeping property zoned for recreational use and it was unanimously decided that a letter written by Commissioner Rosenberg would be submitted to the Board of Supervisors to express the position of the Commission.

VII. AGENDA/MEETING FOR: Parks Commission, November 10, 2008 at 7:15 p.m. at the Board Chambers, 5th 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. Land rezoning for Par 3

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m. (Minott/Doten 5/0)