



# County of Santa Cruz

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## DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, OPEN SPACE & CULTURAL SERVICES

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### PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION Minutes of August 7, 2017, 7:00 p.m. meeting 979 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue Santa Cruz, CA 95062

#### I. ROLL CALL

Present: Steven Bennett, Kate Minott, Jim Rapoza, Mariah Roberts, Alex Sibille  
Staff: Jeff Gaffney, Jennifer Mead, Will Fourt, Jessica Wolf

#### II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS:

Motion to move item 5 to after Oral Communications. (Roberts/ Bennett 5/0)

#### III. CONSENT AGENDA

Approved minutes from April 3, 2017 and accept and file items and reports. (Minott/  
Bennett 3/0)

#### IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- Becky Steinbruner has been working on efforts to rebuild the Aptos Bike Jumps and have been working with Mountain Bikers of Santa Cruz. The parcel that is designated for a bike-jump area in Aptos does not seem suitable because it is on a hillside. I also want to encourage the County Parks Department to listen to the neighbors of the Farm Park and consider putting the proposed bridge in another location.
- Jean Brocklebank requested that the Parks Department website list information about the Parks Director. Public Works has a bio and picture for their director; it would be great if Parks had one too. Additionally, it would be nice to have other staff with contact information on the website if they were comfortable with that.
- Kari Olsen is frustrated with the proposed bridge at the Farm Park. The bridge is too large and is off-scale for the park space. No one understands why this bridge was selected and the designer has even stated that the bridge is off scale. I've been in contact with Sheryl and have asked for a meeting. The bridge is overkill and is falling into disrepair.

#### Regular Agenda – Information Item 5.

5. Jessica Wolf and Will Fourt presented on preliminary findings of the Strategic Plan

#### V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Director Jeff Gaffney gave his report to the Commission.

- The Board declared July Parks & Recreation Month, we have the proclamation.
- There was some damage from the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday – Highlands Port-a-potty, Pinto bathroom, and usual graffiti at Pinto.
- We hired a new Parks Superintendent!

- We divided parks between the two Superintendents
  - Gretchen taking North & South County parks
  - Eric taking Mid-County, Simpkins and Special projects team
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- We had an All-staff meeting July 27<sup>th</sup> – went really well – met at Sheriff HQ then walked to Chanticleer. Tricia Potts, Lauren, Evelyn and Oliver Potts met us too.
  - Brommer sports court Ribbon Cutting on Aug 4<sup>th</sup> was a success.
  - Third annual Parks & Rex coming up Aug 26<sup>th</sup>! Please support if you can.
  - Eric worked with staff to develop the Quagga mussel flyer and distributed to flyer.
  - Went to 180/2020 event – we all have a stake in the homelessness issue in Santa Cruz.
  - We have Budget and CIP printouts to share. We asked for another Parks Maintenance III worker and were so grateful to get it. Feel free to ask me any questions about it.

#### **VI. REGULAR AGENDA – Action Items**

1. The Commission directed Staff to report back on solutions for public safety concerns that have been regularly expressed throughout the community and to the Commission about County Parks. (Roberts/ Bennett 5/0)
2. The Commission approved the revisions to the Commission's by-laws (Roberts/ Sibille 5/0)
3. The Commission approved the Quail Hollow Master Plan Addendum (Minott/ Sibille 5/0)

#### **VII. REGULAR AGENDA – Information Items**

4. Jeff Gaffney gave an update on the Storm Damage and Safety Committee.
5. (item was moved to after Oral communications)
6. Will Fourt gave an update on the Felton Library project.

#### **VIII. ADJOURNEMNT – Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 p.m.**