



# County of Santa Cruz

## DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, OPEN SPACE & CULTURAL SERVICES

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### PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION Minutes of August 17, 2015, 7:00 p.m. meeting 979 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue Santa Cruz, California

#### I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Present: Steven Bennett, Jim Lang, Dave Mercer, Mariah Roberts,  
Kate Minott (arrived later)

Staff: Jeff Gaffney, Jennifer Mead

#### II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS – None

#### III. CONSENT AGENDA

A. The minutes from June 1, 2015 were approved. (Lang/Bennett 4/0)

B. The reports were accepted and filed.

C. Information items on consent agenda were approved. (Mercer/Roberts 4/0)

#### IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Tricia Potts from Santa Cruz Playground Project gave an update about the inclusive playground at Chanticleer Park. A community meeting was held at end of July to get input for playground design. Shane's Inspiration will use this input to draft the final design. Mrs. Potts reported that over 70 people attended the public meeting.

#### V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Gaffney shared about the Parks & Rex event coming up on Saturday Aug. 29th 12-4pm. The Seacliff Village Park ground breaking was held on August 3rd. The Seacliff project is moving quickly and expected to be done before the year is over. Kathleen Crocetti, the public artist for Seacliff will hold "community builds" August 17th-20th from 10am-7pm where people can make their own mosaics. Thanks to Commissioner Minott, the Soquel Creek Water District approved a \$2,000 grant for Seacliff Park to create drought tolerant landscape in the park. Director Gaffney expects the Park Planner III to be hired in the next 6 weeks.

#### VI. REGULAR AGENDA - Action Item

1. Sarah Emmert gave her presentation on the Youth Violence Prevention Taskforce and the commission approved endorsing the YVP Strategic Plan (Mercer, Lang 5,0)
2. The September 18, 2015 workshop date did not work for scheduling so the Commission Directed staff to re-schedule the workshop for either September 25, 2015 or October 2, 2015 (Lang, Minott 5,0)

#### VII. REGULAR AGENDA – Information Item (none)

#### VII. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m. (Bennett, Roberts 5,0)