



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

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Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
Thursday, January 15, 2009
2:30 p.m.
San Mateo County Board of Supervisors' Chambers
400 County Center
Redwood City, CA 94063

MINUTES

Chair Pincus called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call

Commissioners: Cooney, Enriquez, Pincus (Chair), Smith (Vice Chair), Vanden Bosch
Staff: Bennett, Herzberg, Holland, Moore, Schoof

3. Oral Communications

There were none.

4. Agenda Amendments

There were none.

5. Consideration of the Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission

A. Regular Meeting of December 4, 2008

Commission Action: M/S Vanden Bosch/Enriquez to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion carried 4-0 with Commission Smith abstaining.

6. Correspondence and Presentations

There were none.

7. Director's Report

Director Holland reported on the reopening of the renovated playing field at the El Granada Elementary School, noting that playing fields were one of the needs identified in the Mid-Coast Action Plan and by the Task Force. He said the event was an upbeat success with about 500 exuberant elementary students anxiously awaiting the ribbon cutting. He said that high cost estimates for the work would have precluded this renovation occurring, but through the organizing efforts of Ms. Amy Broom and other parents, the School District and the County were able to get the work done for under \$100,000. He thanked Superintendent Lockman for all his efforts toward making the project a success.

Director Holland said that the County Manager would make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to name the Edgewood Interpretive Center as the "Bill and Jean Lane Education Center." The Lanes have been lifetime supporters of open space and have made many other contributions to the quality of life in San Mateo County. The construction of the education center at Edgewood Park and Preserve can now move forward because of the Lanes' generosity.

Director Holland reported that \$1.6 million in bond funds were frozen. He said that the State's Finance Director said there would be no release of funds for projects that previously were approved for bond funding until the state prepares a budget and has the ability to sell bonds. He said that at a minimum this would take two to four months to resolve. In the interim, deadlines to request certain bond act funds would expire.

Director Holland mentioned two upcoming events sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Foundation; including an event on January 31 at the Captain's House to recruit new Board members and raise funds and a fundraiser on February 7 that would include a tour of the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve and reception at the Millers' home.

Chair Pincus requested that the Commission get more timely information about such matters as the closing of San Andreas Trail, noting a constituent had phoned him about that closing. He said the Commission should get timely press releases for major things like the closing of the San Andreas Trail.

8. Commission Action Items

A. Election of Officers for 2009

Commission Action: M/S Cooney/Enriquez to nominate Commissioner Smith for Chair in 2009.

Nomination carried 5-0.

Commission Action: M/S Vanden Bosch/Enriquez to nominate Commissioner Cooney for Vice Chair.

Nomination carried 5-0.

B. Consideration of Resolution Recognizing the Services of Commissioner Mel Pincus as Chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission from January 2008 – January 2009

Commissioner Smith read the resolution honoring Commissioner Pincus for serving as Chair of the Commission in 2008. Director Holland presented Commissioner Pincus with a small redwood plaque in recognition of service as Chair.

Outgoing Chair Pincus noted some of the “Good News” and “Bad News” in 2008, some “Ideas to Consider,” and his appreciation to staff and fellow Commissioners and asked that his written remarks be included with the minutes (attached).

Commissioner Enriquez congratulated and thanked Commissioner Pincus for his dedicated service as Chair in 2008.

8. Operations and Maintenance Activities

A. Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Moore reported in addition to his written report that the contractor for the Folger Stable renovation project would receive the building permit that afternoon; the “Bill and Jean Lane Education Center” would go out for bid probably in March and construction started summer 2009; and Maverick’s surf contest was canceled for the upcoming weekend.

Commissioner Enriquez asked who would run the stables after the renovation. Superintendent Moore said the nonprofit Friends of Huddart/Wunderlich would through agreement with the County manage the activities at the stable.

10. Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Enriquez said that the minutes did not reflect the comments he had made at the prior Commission meeting relative to the proposed educational exhibit for the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve. He said his concerns had to do with where the exhibit would be sited as well as the parking lot and interpretive center, noting that the public’s safety was paramount. Director Holland said that the plan had not been developed to that level of detail yet and was still a conceptual plan. He said the next step would be a survey to look at the components of the conceptual plan and where to site those. He said after that a public meeting would be held to receive comment on the then-developed plan. Commissioner Enriquez asked when that would occur. Director Holland said the survey should be accomplished within two weeks, and staff would report back at either the February or March meeting. He suggested that the March Commission meeting might be held at the Reserve.

Commissioner Smith said that POST had acquired another piece of the coastline close, although not contiguous, to the Pillar Point Bluff or existing trail. He said it was next to

the Air Force property. Director Holland said that Parks was managing the Pillar Point Bluff property with existing staff in exchange for funding. He said that there was a proposal for the Wildlife Conservation Board to purchase the property. Commissioner Smith asked about the bridge over the coastal trail. Superintendent Moore said the bridge was ordered and it was taking longer to manufacture than expected, but he was optimistic that the bridge would be delivered probably within a month.

Commissioner Pincus asked where Quarry Park was located. Director Holland said it was the intersection of Columbus and Isabella. He suggested that the Commission might also visit Quarry Park at the March Commission meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.