



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

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PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2009

2:30 P.M.

OCEAN SHORE TRAIN DEPOT

110 HIGGINS CANYON ROAD

HALF MOON BAY, CA 94019

MINUTES

1. Pledge of Allegiance

There was no flag in the meeting space.

2. Roll Call

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

Commissioners Present: Cooney, Enriquez, Pincus, Smith, Vanden Bosch

Staff Present: Bennett, Herzberg, Holland, Moore

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 February 5, 2009

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

Motion carried 5-0.

6. Correspondence and Presentations

There were no presentations.

Commissioner Pincus said he had received a letter from a resident who bicycles along Skyline Boulevard that runs parallel to the Parks' Crystal Springs Trail in the Millbrae area. The resident said the road was very narrow and dangerous and asked that the Parks Department make widening of the road a top priority to accommodate a bike lane.

Superintendent Moore said that road was Caltrans' property and the Parks Department had no influence or jurisdiction over it. He said he would call the resident and speak with him. Director Holland suggested the resident might want to call Caltrans directly.

7. Director's Report

Director Holland said staff posted a message on online reservation system and the Parks' website about possible drought impacts on camping.

Chair Smith asked about water storage capacity at Memorial Park. Superintendent Moore said there were three 75,000 gallon containers, and there were plans to install six more.

Director Holland said a public records request was made by an individual who was not in agreement with installing an outdoor educational exhibit at the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve, and staff was working with the individual to provide the desired information.

Director Holland said Congresswoman Speier would use a citizen-based selection of earmarks for the \$900,000 in funding allocated to her office. He said the Parks Department would request funding for projects such as the Seal Cove Stairways, Sequoia Flats and Crystal Springs Trail (south of the dam) Project.

8. Operations and Maintenance Activities

A. Superintendent's Report

In addition to the written report, Superintendent Moore said the recent rain had caused some erosion and slipouts.

Commissioner Pincus asked if the recession was affecting the Marina. Superintendent Moore said it was to some degree. He noted that Administrative Services Manager Medina did a quick survey of other marinas and that indicated the Coyote Point Marina was just slightly under the occupancy of other public marinas. Chair Smith asked about the five boats that would be lien sold. Superintendent Moore said that placing a lien on boats in an effort to recover unpaid fees was the very last measure taken by the Parks Department. He said most tenants wanted attractive and well-maintained boats in the Marina and tenants having trouble paying the berth fee tended to neglect the boats too. Commissioner Pincus suggested that a maintenance clause might be added to the berth agreements. Superintendent Moore said that just such a clause had been added to new agreements the previous year by Administrative Services Manager Medina. He said now when tenants were late with their fees they were required to sign a new agreement with that update language.

Chair Smith said that there were illegal bike trails in the area of Buckeye Canyon and in San Pedro Valley Park. Superintendent Moore said that the latter were on State Fish and Game property and noted for the former that the State has rangers who patrol the antenna sites during the day but that there was nothing similar done for Montara Mountain. He said there was a growing need to accommodate off-road bicycling in the County. Chair Smith said that the San Francisco Recreation and Parks were looking at how to accommodate off-road bicycling.

Commissioner Enriquez asked what the Commissioners should take to their individual Supervisors as the priority projects and needs for parks. He asked how the Commissioners could help with getting earmarks for park projects. Director Holland said the Commissioners could help influence where the earmarks were given. Commissioner Enriquez said that town hall meetings were starting for those and he could voice parks' priorities. Chair Smith suggested that the Commission get a list of priority projects that were shovel ready. Director Holland said he would get that list to the Commissioners.

As Ms. Bott had to leave early, her report, item 10, was heard prior to item 9.

9. Support Services

A. Administrative Services Manager Report

1. Report on Preliminary Budget Meeting with the County Manager's Office
2. Report on 2009/2010 Parks Budget Program Plan

Director Holland said he would talk about items 1 and 2 together. He said that the measurements had been redone considerably for this budget cycle. He said County Manager Boesch wanted strong performance measurements built into the budget. He said as part of the budget targets all Departments had to keep 2.5% to 3% vacant positions unfilled, which equated to three positions for the Parks Department. He said the Department would additionally need to absorb the cost of benefits and any future COLA increases. He said there was not much opportunity for Parks to increase revenue without disenfranchising the public. He said the Department's responsibilities in the midcoast had increased and in the future would increase more with managing Devil's Slide trail. He said the Department would need at least \$500,000 as a base to manage Devil's Slide. He said that the Parks Department would soon need a midcoast unit.

10. Friends and Subcommittees

A. Parks Foundation

Executive Director Bott said that Foundation Board members, staff and other volunteers would staff a booth at the Flower and Garden Show March 18 through March 22 at the San Mateo County Expo Center. She said there would be an upcoming tour of the Huddart and Wunderlich Parks on March 21 for Foundation Board members and Commissioners. She said there might be a block party held on Cypress, which is near

the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve, on May 17. She said the Foundation was considering selling steps for the Seal Cove stairway with a goal of raising \$125,000 for that project. She said that there would be a 2009 Tour de Peninsula; it will start and stop at Coyote Point Recreation Area.

11. Commissioner Reports

Chair Smith said he had a DVD of photos of the salt flats in Redwood City if anyone would like a copy.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.