



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

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Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
Thursday, June 3, 2010
4:00 p.m.
San Mateo County Board of Supervisors' Chambers
400 County Center
Redwood City, CA 94063

MINUTES

Chair Cooney called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call

Commissioners: Cooney (Chair), Enriquez, Pincus, Smith, Vanden Bosch
Staff: Bennett, Harris, Herzberg, Holland, Lockman, Lombardi, Moore

3. Oral Communications

Ms. Sabrina Brennan, a mid-coast resident, said she was a member of a group called Critical Coastal Area 29. She made a PowerPoint presentation highlighting certain areas and proposed work at the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve.

4. Agenda Amendments

There were none.

5. Consideration of the Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission A. Regular Meeting of April 1, 2010

Commission Action: M/S Vanden Bosch/Enriquez to approve as submitted.

Motion carried 5-0.

6. Correspondence and Presentations

A. Introduction of Newly Promoted Ranger IV for District IV – Mid-Coast –
Ranger Scott Lombardi

Director Holland introduced Ranger Scott Lombardi who was recently promoted to the position of Ranger IV for the District IV Mid-Coast area. He said that Ranger Lombardi had a great deal of experience and skills in the areas of construction and supervision, which would be put to good use in his new position. Ranger Lombardi said he enjoyed working for the County and doing his best every day.

7. Director's Report

Director Holland said that he had won the grand prize at a California Park and Recreation Society meeting, which was \$20,000 of playground equipment. He said the playground equipment will go into Quarry Park. He said Midcoast Park Lands was reviewing different playground equipment options and would take those to a local mothers club for consideration. He said that a piece of land located next to Mirada West had been donated to the County and transferred by POST and would be used for a restroom facility. He said that the Department's June 21 budget presentation to the Board would not address the expenses associated with the section of Devil's Slide mandated as a trail for operation by the County but staff was in discussion with the County Manager on how to fold \$500,000 into the Department's next three year budget revision. He said that the Board would be asked to accept reports on the Traffic and Mobility Study for the Midcoast and California Coastal Trail at their June 8 meeting. He said the intent was to bring the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve improvements including the trail, bridge and ramp to the Commission in August for recommendation of approval to the Board of Supervisors. He said that a site trip would be scheduled for the Commission prior to considering the project for recommendation. He said the Seal Cove stairway at the Reserve and the Bay Trail at Coyote Point Recreation Area would be completed soon; information on the openings would be forthcoming.

8. Commission Action Items

- A. Review and Recommend to the Board of Supervisors Acceptance of Gifts and Donations from the San Mateo County Parks and Recreation Foundation for FY 2009/2010

Ms. Julia Bott, Executive Director, San Mateo County Parks and Recreation Foundation, asked the Commission to recommend to the Board of Supervisors acceptance of \$403,068.50 in direct and in-kind donations from the Foundation, noting funding support of the volunteer program, habitat monitoring and restoration at Edgewood Park and Natural Preserve, Student Conservation Association, Mirada Surf, Coyote Point Recreation Area improvements, Bicycle Sunday, and Wunderlich Trails.

Commissioner Smith asked how the funds for Mirada Surf were being used. Ms. Bott said for long-term maintenance and signage.

Commission Action: M/S Enriquez/Smith to recommend to the Board of Supervisors acceptance of gifts and donations in the amount of \$403,068.50 from the San Mateo County Parks and Recreation Foundation for FY 2009/2010.

Motion carried 5-0.

9. Operations and Maintenance Activities

A. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Moore reported that the Folger Stable restoration was complete and that improvements were being made to other facilities and trails. He said that the County's Road Department had been the low bidder to resurface the service road. He said there had been a malfunction with the new laser beam smoke detector in that dust set off the alarm and other warning systems were being explored. He said the grand opening would be in September.

Commissioner Pincus asked about the number of equestrians served by the facility and whether there were public programs. Superintendent Moore said increasing public programs was part of the rationale for the redevelopment and would be a component of the request for proposal for an operator for the stables. He said currently the Historical Association and the Friends of Huddart and Wunderlich offer programs for children. Commissioner Pincus asked if the County received income from the facility. Superintendent Moore said it did through the lease agreement and that basically covered the main programs and daily maintenance. He said the Friends of Huddart and Wunderlich were providing an endowment fund for future repair of the building.

Commissioner Enriquez said that there were other historic features at the site such as the stone wall that had been built by Chinese workers and was at least a hundred years old. He asked about the Carriage House. Superintendent Moore was that the building was being fumigated, re-painted and re-roof. He said the Friends would upgrade the interior.

B. Volunteer Programs Coordinator's Report

Superintendent Moore said he was available for questions.

Commissioner Smith said that the trail group he was working with planned to improve trails on Montara Mountain from the state-owned to the county-owned properties eventually.

Commissioner Pincus commented on the impressive volunteer numbers from the Church of Latter Day Saints. Superintendent Moore said the group was very organized and came with their own equipment.

10. Support Services

A. Financial Services Manager's Quarterly Grants and Project Report

Financial Services Manager Harris reported in addition to her written report that the County received confirmation of a \$300,000 grant from CCAG for the Crystal Springs Trail Extension, South of the Dam.

Commissioner Pincus asked what was needed for the Memorial County Wastewater Treatment Plant. Ms. Harris said that it needed to be replaced and relocated. Commissioner Pincus asked if there was an emergency need for the work. Director Holland said that the goal was to do the replacement before an emergency arose and that there were also community needs for wastewater treatment.

B. Planning Report

Planner Herzberg said he was available for questions. Commissioner Pincus asked about the Northeast Ridge Residential Development entitlements. Planner Herzberg said that the proposed development on the Northeast Ridge had been originally for 150 homes and that was reduced to 71 homes, the size reduced from 40-acres to 20 acres with 20 of those acres being preserved for butterfly habitat. He said that the developer was also providing for a habitat management endowment. He said that there has been a group opposing any development on the Mountain who had challenged the County's use of a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the preparation of the amendment to the Habitat Conservation Plan.

Commissioner Enriquez asked about the Coyote Point Promenade Project. Planner Herzberg said that this was a Capital Improvement Project and would be done as a joint effort between the Department of Public Works and Parks with both entities reviewing plans. He said that the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers had provided comments. He said that the work might be phased.

11. Friends and Subcommittees

A. Parks Foundation*

Executive Director Bott said the Tour de Peninsula would be held August 1 at Coyote Point Recreation Area. She said the work at Edgewood Park and Natural Preserve was looking amazing and the wildflowers were in full bloom. She said the Foundation would move to unrestricted funding for the Department in the next fiscal year and was looking for some catchy phrases to spur donation interest.

12. Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Enriquez thanked the Commission for their hard work at the previous meeting for which he had been unavailable to attend as he was out of the country. He said for the record that he supported developing the concept for the disc golf course at Junipero Serra Park but had concerns about liabilities and safety. Director Holland said those concerns would be addressed in the development of the proposed project and that staff would meet with stakeholders to discuss when the project was in the design phase. He said they would clarify the liability at that time as well.

Commissioner Vanden Bosch asked about the earth moving at Coyote Point. Director Holland said that was the contractor creating the Bay Trail.

Commissioner Smith said that users can access ridge trail maps for the nine counties from the Ridge Trail website at www.ridgetrail.org.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:14 p.m.