



## PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

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Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting  
Thursday, June 4, 2009  
2:30 p.m.  
San Mateo County Board of Supervisors' Chambers  
400 County Center  
Redwood City, CA 94063

### MINUTES

#### 1. Pledge of Allegiance

#### 2. Roll Call

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 2:38 p.m.

Commissioners: Cooney (Vice Chair), Enriquez, Pincus, Smith (Chair),  
Vanden Bosch (Absent)

Staff: Alvarez, Bennett, Del Carlo, Herzberg, Holland, Lockman, Moore,  
Nastari, Pinkerton

#### 3. Oral Communications

None

#### 4. Agenda Amendments

None

#### 5. Consideration of the Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission A. Regular Meeting of May 7, 2009

It was noted under item 6. "Correspondence and Presentations" to replace "22" with "24" in the third line, a reference to the number of Eucalyptus trees to be removed at Edgewood Park and Natural Preserve.

Commission Action: M/S Cooney/Enriquez to approve the minutes with the one modification noted.

Motion carried 4-0 With Commissioner Vanden Bosch not in attendance.

## **6. Correspondence and Presentations**

### A. Introduction of Staff

1. Park Ranger Mario Nastari – recently promoted to Park Ranger III

Director Holland introduced Park Ranger Mario Nastari, who was recently promoted to Park Ranger III. He said Ranger Nastari has worked for Parks since 2005 and was now assigned to Area II. He said that Ranger Nastari while working at Memorial Park photographed the campsites to be used on the online reservation system and worked with the Maintenance Supervisor Ty Kang in coordinating the new signage for the campsites. He said Ranger Nastari brought a diverse set of skills to his new position, and congratulated him on his promotion.

2. Park Ranger Amber Pinkerton – recently hired as Park Ranger II

Director Holland said that Ms. Pinkerton was recently hired as a Park Ranger II. He said she had worked for the Parks as a Park Aide since 2008 at Memorial Park where she was able to provide backup for the water and wastewater treatment operations there. He said Ranger Pinkerton had operators and wastewater certification, and had recently completed the docent program at the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve.

Chair Smith thanked the Rangers for joining the Commission at its meeting, and congratulated them both on their new positions.

## **7. Director's Report\***

Director Holland said that the department would hold a public meeting on June 6 at Fitzgerald Marine Reserve to provide the public with an overview of the four proposed projects at the Reserve, including the interpretive exhibit. He said staff would be available for questions and to receive public comment. He said there would be a public meeting on June 11 at the Cypress Conference Center for the interpretive signs for the Reserve.

Director Holland said that he was preparing for the Improving Mobility along Highway 1 Project charrette that would be conducted on the coast through a series of public workshops on June 25, 27 and 30. He said that Mr. Dan Burden, a recognized national expert on walkable communities, would kick off the series of workshops.

Chair Smith said he would not be able to attend the meeting on Saturday and asked about the plan for Seal Cove. Director Holland said the Department needed to secure more funding for that project to be completed. Commissioner Enriquez asked what the

issue with the interpretive sculpture was. Director Holland said a few people felt it was inappropriate for the site; he noted that many people had not actually seen the model. He said staff would use cutouts, similar to story poles, to show the actual size of the proposed exhibit. He said he thought the reaction to the exhibit was the result of misinformation and there was a feeling that the exhibit would bring more people to the Reserve. Chair Smith said he did not think the exhibit would bring more people to the Reserve; he said he had been skeptical of the proposed exhibit until he had seen the model. He said a Federal agency wanted to fund the exhibit and Fitzgerald Marine Reserve was a world class reserve. He said the exhibit would provide a way for people to experience the tide pools even when they visited at high tide and for those who were unable to get down to the reefs.

## **8. Commission Action Items**

### **A. Public Hearing on a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration Prepared for the Coyote Point Recreation Area Shoreline and Promenade Improvement Project**

#### **1. Presentation:** Senior Planner Herzberg

Planner Herzberg provided a PowerPoint presentation to the Commission that showed various alternative improvement plans and options. He said there was a 30-day comment period for the Mitigated Negative Declaration.

#### **2. Questions of Staff:** An opportunity for Commissioners to ask questions of staff about the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration.

Commissioner Enriquez noted the use of the sandbags and that the fence was failing on the east side. He said the area for the Boardsport School needed improvement right away, and people needed to be safe using the area. Planner Herzberg noted the temporary solution for the windsurfers using sandbags to create access was working quite effectively. Superintendent Moore said that originally cyclone fence had been installed as a barrier to the portion of promenade that was failing and agreed that it was an unattractive fence. He said through grant funding from the Smart Foundation, park staff had constructed a split rail fence and gravel pathway on the south end of the promenade. He said the eastern section would be done at a later date and there were volunteers from the windsurfer community to assist with that work. Commissioner Cooney asked about the responsibility for the windsurfers' safety. Superintendent Moore said that windsurfers use the bay at their own risk but the park was responsible for providing safe access. Commissioner Cooney asked about signage.

Superintendent Moore said there were signs to direct people to the safe access areas as well as to warn of unstable shoreline. Commissioner Cooney said he thought the proposed location of the bathroom, after the parking lot changes were made, was too far away from the water activities. Planner Herzberg said the restroom would be about 30 feet further away from where it was presently located but it was the closest available location that could be found. Commissioner Enriquez asked how many parking spaces were to be replaced. Planner Herzberg said 105 spaces or more as well as a turnaround for drop offs. Commissioner Cooney said that the park was close to the treatment plant and suggested looking into tertiary water for irrigation, and to consider laying in pipe for that purpose. Commissioner Pincus said that the west side plan view

made sense but asked how the other side would fit into the project. Planner Herzberg said that area was part of the Bay Trail Project. He said the neighboring cities were developing a flood control plan to improve the levee and replace the pump station. Commissioner Pincus said the restrooms should be closer to the swimming area and include a changing room. Superintendent Moore said that the design had not yet been started. Planner Herzberg said the intent was to have three men and three women stalls and showers; he said he would note the request for a changing area. Commissioner Pincus said that the bathrooms were slated to be constructed in two to three years and asked what the deterrent was. Planner Herzberg said the estimated cost of the parking and bathroom improvements was \$4.2 million. He said the project was separated into two phases with the intent to do the west side first and then the east side, which was the parking and restrooms.

Commissioner Pincus confirmed with staff that the area of the Castaways indicated in Alternative 1 for the parking lot was referring to the former restaurant's parking lot and not the building site of the demolished restaurant. Planner Herzberg said he would make that clarification to the document. Commissioner Pincus asked if kite surfers had specific requirements for conducting their sport or whether they had the same requirements as wind surfers. Planner Herzberg said there were not many kite surfers who used Coyote Point, but they would try to design for as many different users as possible. He said that he thought the requirements were the same.

Mr. Bob Battalio, Phillip Williams and Associates, the consultant for the project, said that there were slight ingress/egress differences between kite surfers and wind surfers and sometimes there were conflicts. He said usually the kite surfers and wind surfers tended to work those conflicts out among themselves. He said kite surfers prefer a broader beach, which could not be accommodated at Coyote Point.

Commissioner Cooney asked what benefit wind surfing / kite surfing brought to the Parks Department and whether this was revenue for the parks as he thought staff had been very generous in providing additional access to them. Director Holland said that the wind surfers were happy with the accommodations; he said the Bay at Coyote Point had unique winds that wind surfers can enjoy at least three-quarters of the year, and it was really a regional attraction for wind surfers.

Commissioner Pincus noted the 100-year wave runup in Appendix A and impacts of global warming. He said that newspaper articles were indicating that the Bay was rising faster than expected. He asked if the consultant had used minimum or maximum guidelines in the calculations of water rise. Mr. Battalia said that the realignment was proposed inland with a cove that would create more protection and an adaptive response. He said they had used a 50-year planning horizon. He said the Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) might ask for a 100-year planning horizon. He said related to FEMA that the City of San Mateo's flood control consultant had calculated the highest expected wave runup and this proposal was consistent with that City's flood control project.

Commissioner Enriquez asked about the timelines for Phase 1 and Phase 2. Planner Herzberg said that the estimated schedule was to have the final plans, designs, CEQA, and hopefully the permitting completed by the end of July.

Chair Smith said that on page 4 under site demolition it listed 19,000 linear feet of pavement, which he thought should read 1,900. Planner Herzberg said that 1,900 linear feet was correct. Chair Smith noted that the proposal for construction indicated a project that would be three to five months in duration with work occurring six days a week. He said construction trucks in and out of the park would have a significant effect and he was very concerned how that would impact park users. Mr. Battalia said that bringing sand in would create major traffic. He said that barges could possibly be used to bring in sand and remove spoils. He said they could also use some spoils onsite and there might be possible use of dredging spoils in coordination with dredging of the central bay of the Marina. He said construction traffic could be mitigated through restrictions on routes and times. He said he did not think the construction would have to occur on Saturday. He said that work could be delayed to the fall after peak park usage periods and before the rains.

Chair Smith noted the use of drainage swales and asked about the possible use of permeable pavers. He said he thought those might be used in the parking lots that would connect to the bioswales. He said sand would be lost from the beach area and asked if it would need to be replaced and if so, what determined the trigger for that decision. Mr. Battalia said that the overall goal of the project was to make the most stable improvements and said a monitoring plan was required to establish a trigger, which at a minimum would correlate to the width and length of exposed underlying subgrade. He said however that the plan was to widen and extend the sandy area so much that he did not think it would need to be monitored.

**3. . Open Public Hearing:**

- a. Receive public comment on a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for the Coyote Point Recreation Area Shoreline and Promenade Improvement Project

Chair Smith opened the public hearing at 3:49 p.m.

**4. Close Public Hearing**

There being no speakers, Chair Smith closed the public hearing at 3:49 p.m.

5. **Commission Comments:** An opportunity for Commissioners to comment on the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration.

Chair Smith said he appreciated the 50 to 100 year highwater analysis.

**6. Commission Action:**

- a. Direct staff to respond to public and Commission comments, and prepare a Final Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Coyote Point Recreation Area Shoreline and Promenade Improvement Project; and

- b. Direct the Director of Parks to certify the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration Prepared for the Coyote Point Recreation Area Shoreline and Promenade Improvement Project.

Commission Action: M/S Smith/Cooney to direct staff to respond to public and Commission comments, and prepare a Final Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Coyote Point Recreation Area Shoreline and Promenade Improvement Project; and direct the Director of Parks to certify the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for the Coyote Point Recreation Area Shoreline and Promenade Improvement Project.

Motion carried 4-0 with Commission Vanden Bosch not in attendance.

- B. Review and Recommend to the Board of Supervisors Acceptance of \$323,894 in Donations from the San Mateo County Parks and Recreation Foundation

Commission Action: M/S Cooney/Pincus to recommend to the Board of Supervisors acceptance of \$323,894 in donations from the San Mateo County Parks and Recreation Foundation.

Motion carried 4-0 with Commission Vanden Bosch not in attendance.

## **9. Operations and Maintenance Activities**

### **A. Superintendent's Report**

In addition to the written report, Superintendent Moore said that Cal-Fire, TRA, and staff would meet regarding fire roads on San Bruno Mountain. He said that Cal-Fire and the Resource Conservation District would sponsor community informational meetings regarding prevention of fire and fuel reduction.

Commissioner Pincus asked how many Parks Maintenance personnel there were. Director Holland said there were five including the Supervisor. Commissioner Pincus complimented the Maintenance staff on the amount of work they accomplish. He asked if San Bruno Mountain State and County Park was scheduled for closure because of the state's fiscal crisis. Director Holland said it was not.

## **10. Friends and Subcommittees**

### **A. Parks Foundation**

Executive Director Bott said related to Chair Smith's earlier comments about pavers for Coyote Point parking lots that the County has had a green parking lot at Edgewood Park and Preserve for four years and that was working well. She said that bids would be received in July for the Edgewood Interpretive Center and that funding at this time included \$38,800 of in-kind funding and a \$250,000 grant from the Smart Foundation. She said there would be a grant submittal for \$125,000 and private donations were being sought with a goal of over \$1 million.

Executive Director Bott said the Tour de Peninsula would take place on Sunday, June 2 at Coyote Point Recreational Area.

#### **11. Commissioner Reports**

Commissioner Pincus said he really enjoyed the new slide at Junipero Serra Park. Commissioner Enriquez thanked Planner Herzberg for his presentation. Chair Smith noted that Saturday would be National Trails Day and that there were two trails projects happening in County Parks. He said that the Midcoast Community Council had hosted a meeting on trails with presentations by numerous agencies, which was well attended and informative.

#### **12. ADJOURNMENT**

*In memory of GGNRA Superintendent Brian O'Neill*

Chair Smith said that GGNRA Superintendent Brian O'Neill was a good friend and his wife's mentor. He said that for over 20 years, Brian was probably more responsible than any other individual for improving the quality of life in the area. He said the passing of Superintendent O'Neill was a terrible loss for so many. He said on May 29 over 2,000 people gathered at Crissy Field to remember GGNRA Superintendent Brian O'Neill.

At 4:10 p.m., Chair Smith adjourned the meeting in memory of GGNRA Superintendent Brian O'Neill.