



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

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Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
Thursday, September 4, 2008
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 2:35 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call

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

3. Oral Communications

Ms. Kristen Sajonas, Youth and Family Enrichment Services (YFES), invited the Commission to an event on September 25 hosted by YFES.

4. Agenda Amendments

There were none.

5. Consideration of the Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission A. Regular Meeting of June 5, 2008

Commission Action: M/S Cooney/Smith to approve the minutes of June 5, 2008 as submitted.

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

6. Correspondence and Presentations

A. Report Back on Marina Fee Increase Comparison

Administrative Services Manager Medina said the Commission had requested more information on the fee comparison that staff had done for the Marina rate setting. She noted staff had prepared a short report that was included in the Commission's packet. She summarized that about one-half of the 41 marinas contacted had also increased their fees and of the 21 that increased fees this year, about 30 percent of those raised their fees six percent or greater.

Commissioner Smith confirmed with staff that the Marina does an annual fee survey and is required by loan repayment terms with the California Department of Boating and Waterway to increase berth rates based on annual cost-of-living increases.

7. Director's Report

Director Holland reported that an offer had been extended to a candidate for the vacant Volunteer Programs Coordinator, and a hire was expected in the near future. He said he met recently with the Parks Management team and the Ranger IVs for a staff retreat at the Hiker's Hut to discuss operations and strategy for the best use of resources in light of the failure of Measure O and budget tightening.

8. Commission Action Items

- A. Review and Recommend to the Board of Supervisors Approval of a One-Time Waiver of the \$5.00 Vehicular Entry Fee to San Mateo County Parks for the 15th Annual National Public Lands Day, Saturday, September 27, 2008

Director Holland noted that this request to waive entry fees on September 27, 2008, National Public Lands Day, repeated the fee waiver the Board had approved for last year's National Public Lands Day.

Commission Action: M/S Smith/Enriquez to recommend to the Board of Supervisors approval of a one-term waiver of the \$5.00 vehicular entry fee to San Mateo County Parks for the 15th annual National Public Lands Day, Saturday, September 27, 2008.

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

9. Operations and Maintenance Activities

A. Superintendent's Report

Park Superintendent Moore reported in addition to the written report that two equestrian groups raised money for the replacement of two bridges in Huddart Park and that Parks would match those funds to install the bridges.

10. Support Services

- A. Financial Services Manager's Report
 - 1. Grants Annual Report

Financial Services Manager Harris reported that for the FY 2007-2008, \$4,600,377 in grants, loans and alternative funding was secured towards the funding of projects and programs for Parks. She noted that the projects and programs were all chosen from Parks' prioritized Capital Improvement Projects list.

- 2. Fall 2008 Parks Department Volunteer Programs and Events
(Information will be distributed at the Commission meeting)

Financial Services Manager Harris reported on various Fall 2008 volunteer opportunities, and invited the Commission to take part in those events.

11. Friends and Subcommittees

- A. Parks Foundation

Executive Director Bott reported on activities for butterfly propagation and monitoring at Edgewood Park and Preserve. She said that the Foundation would host an event on Filoli on October 16 that would feature Dr. Stuart Weiss.

Executive Director Bott reported that the Foundation's new Chair would be Ms. Connie Sevier. Ms Sevier currently serves on the Foundation Board as well as on the boards of the Coyote Point Museum for Environmental Education and Leadership San Mateo, Burlingame, Foster City, Hillsborough

12. Commissioner Reports

The Commissioners reported on their recent park related activities.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned in memory of Glen Smith, who recently passed away. Mr. Smith the Parks Department many years and served as a Chief of Recreation.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.