



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

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Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
Thursday, October 7, 2010*
4:00 p.m.
San Mateo County Board of Supervisors' Chambers
400 County Center
Redwood City, CA 94063

MINUTES

Vice Chair Enriquez called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call

Commissioners: Cooney (Chair) (Absent), Enriquez (Vice Chair), Pincus (Absent), Smith (Arrived at 4:09 p.m.), Vanden Bosch, Luva (Youth)

Staff: Holland, Lockman, Moore, Herzberg, Schoof, Bennett

3. Oral Communications

There were none.

4. Agenda Amendments

By consensus, item 9.A Planner's Report was moved to item 8.A.

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

A. Rescheduled Regular Meeting of September 16, 2010

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

Motion carried 2-0 with Commissioner Smith abstaining.

6. Correspondence and Presentations

There were no presentations.

7. Director's Report

Director Holland reported as part of the September budget revisions that the Department had asked for an addition of sufficient funding for the increased demand on the Department for services in the midcoast area, noting that Highway 1 around the Devil's Slide would come to the Department upon the completion of the tunnel for management as a trail. He said the funding was not added but the Board offered assurance that a Ranger III position would be added to the Department in January and two Ranger II positions would be added in the new fiscal year in July 2011. He said that Superintendent Moore was preparing a management plan to include the Highway 1 segment and a connecting from the south portal of the tunnel across the street and up through the Green Valley area to other trails to connect to Montara.

Director Holland said the comment periods for the proposed disk golf course at Junipero Serra Park and the proposed trail through the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve were closed and responses and analysis of the projects was occurring. He said both projects would probably come to the Commission in December.

Director Holland invited the Commissioners to the Bay Trail opening on October 13 and the Seal Cove opening on October 27, noting that funding donors would be at both events and Congresswoman Speier was expected to attend the Seal Cove opening.

Director Holland said that they were holding discussions with GGRNA regarding space sharing noting that GGRNA had operations in the area and needed a site for some of their staff and equipment. He said they had originally looked at the San Pedro Valley Park Visitor Center but were now considering using the ranger residence that recently became vacant at Sanchez Adobe.

8. Support Services (moved from item 9.A)

A. Park Planner's Report

Planner Herzberg noted that he would serve as Coordinator of the Fishery Network of Central California Coast Counties approximately one day per week and that his salary for that time would be paid out of a grant.

9. Operations and Maintenance Activities (moved from item 8)

A. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Moore said he had no additions to his report.

Commissioner Smith talked about the work being done by the Montara Trails Volunteer group and suggested that the Department could get its trail machine up into the area now. Superintendent Moore said that the San Pedro Valley Park portion of the Montara Trail had been done and staff had to the Hazelnut Trail to complete. Commissioner Smith said the volunteer group was willing to cooperate on trail work in the area.

B. Volunteer Programs Coordinator's Report

Ms. Schoof said she had no additions to her written report. She invited the Commissioners to the October 23 Volunteer Recognition event.

Commissioner Smith noted an upcoming volunteer project that would take place between Huddart and Wunderlich Parks involving the Ridge Trail, REI and County Parks on November 6. He said that was one of thirteen trail projects happening that day in nine counties with 10 REI stores and thousands of volunteers participating. Ms. Schoof noted that some VHP members would also join the volunteer project at Huddart and Wunderlich Parks.

10. Friends and Subcommittees

A. Parks Foundation*

Executive Director Bott said that the Friends of Edgewood would hold their annual appreciation lunch on October 17. She invited the Commissioners for the event and noted that they would also be able to see the progress on the Education Center. She said on October 29, the Foundation would hold its continuing education with a half day at the Mission Blue Center and then a tour of San Bruno Mountain, Junipero Serra Park, and Crystal Springs Trail in the afternoon.

Executive Director Bott said that the Tour de Peninsula had received favorable comments. She said that while the event experienced a net loss this year because of a one-time unanticipated cost of a traffic plan this study was an investment that would be used in the future. She said there were over 2,000 participants in the event.

11. Commissioner Reports

Vice Chair Enriquez said he was very impressed with the opening of the Folger Stable and the programs that were offered to visitors that day.

Commissioner Smith said he would not be available for the Bay Trail opening but certainly hoped to attend the Seal Cove stairway opening. He suggested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Mary Davies, a long-time parks and open space advocate, and Board member of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District. Vice Chair Enriquez suggested that the meeting be adjourned also in memory of Director Holland's mother, Jeanne Holland.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m. in memory of Mary Davies and Jeanne Holland.