



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

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Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
Thursday, December 3, 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 2:39 p.m.

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

- 3. Oral Communications**

There were none.

- 4. Consideration of the Minutes** of the Parks and Recreation Commission
 - Regular Meeting of October 1, 2009

Commissioner Vanden Bosch said that the sentence under Commissioner Reports indicating she had participated in the Coastal Cleanup Day should be deleted as she had not. Commissioner Pincus said the same section it was stated that he had visited the Grand Teton National Park, which was incorrect. Commissioner Cooney said that he had visited the Grand Teton National Park.

Commission Action: M/S Vanden Bosch/Enriquez to approve the minutes with the two modifications as stated.

Motion carried 5-0.

5. Correspondence and Presentations

A response letter from Director Holland to Mr. Glockowski regarding Crystal Springs Trail South of the Dam Project had been distributed to the Commissioners at the dais.

6. Director's Report*

Director Holland said approval of the bid to construct the Bill and Jean Lane Education Center had been pulled from the Board agenda as it was determined that the contractor was no longer bonded. He said that they would review the other bids or re-bid. He said the Board of Supervisors would be asked to approve a bid for the Seal Cove Access project at their December 15 meeting. He said related to the Crystal Springs Trail South of 92 project that staff would discuss with the SFPUC the possibility of a single-use trail for equestrians in an area above where the proposed multi-use trail would be built. He said the Local Government Commission report on Traffic and Mobility in the midcoast should be in its final draft form soon, after which the report would be placed on the Parks' website and public meetings conducted. He said that there was controversy about Sharp Park which was operated as an 18-hole golf course by San Francisco Recreation and Parks. He said the San Francisco Board of Supervisors had voted to keep the 18-hole golf course, mitigate for frogs and snakes, and investigate the management of the park. He said Congresswoman Speier had held one meeting of agencies that have an interest, and would hold a second one the coming Saturday.

7. Commission Action Items

- A. Review and Recommend to the Board of Supervisors Approval of Proposed Amendments to the Parks Fee Schedule

Director Holland said the proposed fee amendments would add some revenue but would also reduce fees for some picnic sites during offseason use. He said that a test pilot for a small RV park would be done at Coyote Point Recreation Area near the windsurf area. He said that a reservation fee would be applied to reservations made over the phone similar to the fee charged for online reservation fees.

Commission Action: M/S Cooney/Vanden Bosch to approve as recommended by staff.

Motion carried 5-0.

- B. Consideration of Meeting Time Related to Youth Commission Participation*

Chair Smith said he had recently done a presentation on the Parks Commission at a Youth Commission meeting and had informally polled the youth as to whether the current time for the Parks Commission meeting would work with their school schedules, and found that the 2:30 p.m. meeting time did not work for the youth.

Ms. Huong Nguyen, Adult Ally Coordinator, Youth and Family Enrichment Services, said it was difficult for students to get to meetings mid-afternoon, but could get there in the later afternoon or early evening. She said at this point in the school year that potential youth commissioners would be identified the beginning of the next school year. She thanked the Commission for reviewing their meeting time.

Commission Action: M/S Pincus/Enriquez to change the meeting start time of the Parks and Recreation Commission from 2:30 pm to 4:00 p.m.

Motion carried 5-0.

8. Discussion Item

A. Budget Update*

Director Holland said that February was an eventful month for budget and there might be a need for the Commission to meet in January. He said that County departments had presented budget reduction scenarios of 10, 20, and 30% to the County Manager and what the organization would look like at each level of reduction. He said the County Manager had indicated the need for a 10% reduction across the Board but that might now be a 15 to 20% reduction.

Commissioner Pincus said that he was concerned that if staff were cut that there would be deferred costs that would occur and the expense of those should be identified. Director Holland said that was accurate and the resources needed to be protected.

9. Operations and Maintenance Activities

A. Superintendent's Report

Commissioner Cooney asked about the removal of the tank on San Bruno Mountain. Superintendent Moore said it had rusted but a soils analysis had shown no residue or contamination.

11. Support Services

A. Park Planning Report

Chair Smith asked about the PG&E service road through San Bruno Mountain. Planner Herzberg said that this was intended to provide access for PG&E but some existing trail no longer provided the access needed and there were other pathways and trails needed that were not there yet. He said Parks, Fire and PG&E had a mutual need for accessible pathways on San Bruno Mountain. Chair Smith suggested that the users meet and discuss how their mutual needs might be met.

12. Friends and Subcommittees

A. Parks Foundation*

Executive Director Bott said the Foundation had approved a donation of approximately \$150,000 for Coyote Point Recreation Area from a donor who has a soft spot for the Park. She said these funds would be used to update irrigation systems and update features in the restrooms. She said the Foundation also authorized another \$15,000 for the Volunteer Program.

13. Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Enriquez thanked staff and expressed concern with the proposed cuts. He said that San Mateo County was one of the wealthiest counties in California. He said he would like the Commission to get feedback from staff as to the impacts of proposed cuts and for the Commissioners to report that to their Supervisors, and to ask that they do not just ignore parks' problems.

Chair Smith said that a midcoast trail maintenance group which had done work together for 20 years were getting back together and would work on Montara Mountain Trail on Saturday. He said he expected they would then work in San Pedro Valley Park on trails, and were also looking at taking over the trails at the Rancho Corral.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m.