



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

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Parks and Recreation Commission Tour

Thursday, April 7, 2011

3:30 – 4:00 p.m.

San Mateo County History Museum

2200 Broadway

Redwood City, CA 94063

MINUTES

Mr. Mitch Postel, President, San Mateo County Historical Association, led Parks and Recreation Commissioners, staff and members of the public on a quick tour of the San Mateo County History Museum, which was enjoyed by all.

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

Thursday, April 7, 2011

4:00 p.m.

San Mateo County History Museum

Courtroom A

2200 Broadway

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MINUTES

Chair Enriquez called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call

Commissioners: Cooney, Enriquez (Chair), Merrilees, Pincus (Absent), Vanden Bosch (Vice Chair) (Absent), Luva (Youth Commissioner)

Staff: Bennett, Duran-Peterson, Herzberg, LeBlanc, Lockman, Lombardi, Medina, Moore, Porter, Schoof

3. Oral Communications

Mr. Mitch Postel, President, San Mateo County Historical Association, welcomed the members of the San Mateo County Parks and Recreation Commission to the History Museum, and introduced the Chair of the Museum Board, Mr. Keith Bautista, and Mr. Gene Mullin, Museum Board member and former State Assemblyman. President Postel described briefly the restoration efforts that created the showcase San Mateo County History Museum, and invited the Commission, staff and public to visit again.

4. Agenda Amendments

There were none.

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

A. Regular Meeting of February 3, 2011

Commission Action: M/S Merrilees/Cooney to approve as presented.

Motion carried 3-0 with Youth Commissioner Luva in agreement and Commissioners Pincus and Vanden Bosch not in attendance.

B. Special Meeting of March 17, 2011

Commission Action: M/S Cooney/Merrilees to approve as presented.

Motion carried 3-0 with Youth Commissioner Luva in agreement and Commissioners Pincus and Vanden Bosch not in attendance.

6. Correspondence and Presentations

A. Introduction of Park Superintendent Scott Lombardi, and Fiscal Office Specialists Lanelle Duran-Peterson and Beth LeBlanc

Director Porter introduced newly promoted Park Superintendent Scott Lombardi to the Commission, noting that Scott had previously been the District Ranger IV for District IV (San Pedro Valley Park, Fitzgerald Marine Reserve, Mirada Surf, Quarry Park, and Pillar Point Bluff), and would bring excellent supervisory, customer service and administrative skills to his new position.

Director Porter introduced recently hired Fiscal Office Specialists Lanelle Duran-Peterson, noting her B.A. in photojournalism and accounting and current pursuit of a Masters of Public Administration, and Barbara "Beth" LeBlanc, noting her experience with the County of Santa Clara and her community work with local youth sports programs.

B. Jefferson Union High School Intern Presentation

Ms. Carla Schoof, Volunteer Programs Coordinator, provided an overview of an intern program that was developed in collaboration with Jefferson Union High School District staff and students, Green Job Corps, and Park staff. There were seven students from Jefferson Union High School who participated in the intern program at San Pedro Valley Park. The program ran over a six week period with the interns working two days a week, for a total of 16 hours per week, and learning about park management, acquiring new skills and building career readiness. She said the students were not able to attend today's Commission meeting because of a school event but that in the future it would be nice for the students to meet the Commission.

Park Ranger Laurel Finnegan provided the Commission with a report on the work accomplished by the interns, which included removing broom along .7-miles of trail, removing one-mile of illegal trail at Pillar Point Bluff, trail work on the Montara and Hazelnut Trails at San Pedro Valley Park, and habitat restoration at Fitzgerald Marine Reserve, Quarry Park and San Pedro Valley Park. She said the interns were incredibly hardworking and responsible.

C. Peninsula Disc Golf Presentation

Mr. Peter Black, Peninsula Disc Golf, said that they had first brought the idea for an 18-hole course at Junipero Serra Park to the Commission in 2009. He said the County then considered a concept plan in April 2010, and in August 2010 a Negative Declaration was prepared and circulated for comments through September 2010. He said in 2011 their group was informed that the project was mothballed because of lack of funding and staff resources. He said that the group was determined to do whatever was needed to get the course built and operating, noting that it would bring revenue of up to \$60,000 (or more) a year to the County. He said that they were willing to pay the costs to obtain the environmental and soils reports. He said in response to neighbors' concerns they were willing to create a 200-foot buffer between the course and any residences. He said that they were willing to plant native plants and do erosion control measures, and to do course signage that would also double as interpretive signage.

Commissioner Merrilees asked about other disc golf courses in the area. Mr. Black said there were courses in Golden Gate Park, San Jose, Watsonville and Santa Cruz but none locally. Commissioner Merrilees asked about fights between disc golfers and other users. Mr. Black said that hostilities between disc golfers and other users happened but at no greater frequency than what occurs when different groups share space. He said disc golfers extend themselves to be courteous and considerate with others with whom they share space.

7. Director's Report

Director Porter said that the Park budget was presented to the Board of Supervisors on March 31, 2011 including the recommendation to close Flood Park. He said the Board

will provide feedback on the budget at their April 12, 2011 meeting. He said that the City Council of Menlo Park would consider possible acquisition of Flood Park at their April 12, 2011 meeting and that the County had begun discussions with the City about that possibility. He noted that he was visiting all the park sites to meet the employees and provide direction on the transitioning of Parks to Public Works.

8. Action Items

- A. Resolution Honoring Bern Smith for His Service as a San Mateo County Parks and Recreation Commissioner from September 2000 to March 2011

Commission Action: M/S Cooney/Merrilees to present a resolution to Bern Smith for his service as a San Mateo County Parks and Recreation Commissioner from September 2000 to March 2011.

Motion carried 3-0 with Commissioners Pincus and Vanden Bosch not in attendance.

Chair Enriquez read and presented the resolution to former Commissioner Smith.

Former Commissioner Smith expressed that he had enjoyed his service despite ongoing worries faced by County Parks. He said that efforts should be continued to obtain dedicated funding for Parks. He urged the Commissioners to stay in touch with their respective Supervisors and advocate for parks. He said he would like his lifetime pass to County Parks to be retained by Parks and for it to be given annually to the assigned youth commissioner. He thanked staff for all of their efforts and support.

The Chair and Commissioners expressed their gratitude to former Commissioner Smith for all he has done for County Parks and the Commission.

- B. Resolution Recognizing and Commending Park Superintendent David L. Moore for 39-plus Years of Dedicated Service to San Mateo County Parks

Commission Action: M/S Merrilees/Cooney to present a resolution recognizing and commending Park Superintendent David L. Moore for 39-plus years of dedicated service to San Mateo County Parks.

Motion carried 3-0 with Commissioners Pincus and Vanden Bosch not in attendance.

Director Porter read and presented the resolution to Superintendent Moore.

Superintendent Moore thanked everyone for the recognition and expressed gratitude to all of the many people he has had the fortune to work with at the County.

9. Operations and Maintenance Activities

- A. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Moore said he had no additions to his written report.

B. Volunteer Programs Coordinator's Report

Volunteer Program Coordinator School highlighted from her written report that the kickoff Take-A-Hike would be April 9, 2011 at San Bruno Mountain State and County Park.

10. Support Services

A. Financial Services Manager Quarterly Grants and Programs Report

Financial Services Manager Harris briefly reviewed the submitted grant applications for the two Crystal Springs Regional Trail projects and the status of the grant funding for the Fitzgerald Coastal Trail because of an appeal of that project to the Coastal Commission.

11. Friends and Subcommittees

A. Parks Foundation*

Executive Director Bott reported on the recent opening of the Bill and Jean Lane Educational Center and an upcoming butterfly release at Edgewood Park and Natural Preserve.

Recognized by the Chair, Mr. Bob Emert, former Park Superintendent, commended Superintendent Moore.

Mr. Tom Schot, Peninsula Disc Golf Club, also recognized by the Chair, said he has been a disc golfer for 40 years and designed numerous courses. He strongly urged the Commission and County to move forward with a course at Junipero Serra Park.

Mr. Paul Pittenger, resident, City of San Mateo, said he was not a member of Peninsula Disc Golf Club, but fully supported their efforts to get a disc golf course at Junipero Serra Park.

12. Commissioner Reports

Chair Enriquez reported on "A Day in the Park" that he had hosted. He said 85 community leaders including Assemblyman Jerry Hill attended. He thanked Director Porter for his support of the event.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:21 p.m.