

#### **DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, OPEN SPACE & CULTURAL SERVICES**

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JEFF GAFFNEY DIRECTOR

# ARTS COMMISSION AGENDA

Monday, June 6, 2016 4:30 p.m. Regular Meeting Simpkins Family Swim Center 979 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue Santa Cruz, CA 95062

- I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL
- II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS OR APPROVAL
- III. CONSENT AGENDA
- IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: Opportunity for persons to address the Commission on matters which are within the scope of responsibility of the Commission but not on today's agenda. Presentations must not exceed three (3) minutes in length, and individuals may speak only once during Oral Communications.
- V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT
- VI. STAFF REPORT
- VII. REGULAR AGENDA
  - A. Action Items none
  - B. Information Items
    - 1. Arts Council Annual Report and Budget Request
    - 2. Museum of Art and History Annual Report and Budget Request
    - 3. % for Public Art in Private Development

VIII. AGENDA /MEETING FOR: TBD – 4:30 p.m.

Simpkins Family Swim Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

IX. ADJOURNMENT



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## ARTS COMMISSION March 7, 2016, 4:30 PM 979 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor - Santa Cruz, California

I. Present: Adele Gardner, James Nee, Cynthia Kilian, Judy Stabile, Linda Levy, Joanna Phillips,

Excused Absence: Paul DeWorken, Lynda Phillips Unexcused Absence: none

Staff: Jeff Gaffney, Kathy DeWild

II. Approved Agenda

Motion/Second: J. Phillips/Stabile

AYES: 6 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 2

III. Approved Consent Agenda

Motion/Second: Stabile /J. Phillips

AYES: 6 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 2

IV. Approved – Officer Elections – Chair, C. Kilian, Chair

Motion/Second: Stabile /J. Phillips

AYES: 6 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 2

V. Approved – Officer Elections – Vice Chair, L. Levy

Motion/Second: Stabile /J. Phillips

AYES: 6 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 2

VI. Next meeting date: June 6, 4:30 p.m. Parks Conference Room.

VII. The meeting was adjourned at 5:36 p.m.



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**DATE:** June 6, 2016

TO: PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

ARTS COMMISSION

FROM: Gretchen Iliff, Maintenance Division

**SUBJECT:** STATUS REPORTS ON CURRENT PROJECTS

### PARKS, BUILDING, AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

**NORTH COUNTY PARKS** (Highlands, Ben Lomond, Felton Covered Bridge, Probation, Michael Gray Field, Quail Hollow Ranch and the North Coast)

North County staff installed new fencing along the beach Ben Lomond Park. The beach area is now in use for public recreation. River viewing and dog walking seem to be popular in the area.

Felton Covered bridge is under construction. A new roof is in progress and the project is due to be completed in late June.

Staff worked at Michael Grey/Probation center removing invasive broom and are providing support for a new gymnasium and native plant restoration project.

MID-COUNTY PARKS (AJC,Government Center, Emeline Complex, Twin Lakes, Brommer, Felt, Floral, Coffee Lane, Soquel Lyons, Jose Avenue, Winkle Farm, Willowbrook Lane, Moran Lake, Maplethorpe, Santa Cruz Gardens, Heart of Soquel Plaza, The Farm, Mid-County beach access areas)

Staff worked with the Sheriffs Department to remove several campsites at the Emeline Street Complex, Moran Lake and Anna Jean Cummings Park.

After many years of water conservation staff are once again fine tuning irrigation system in preparation for few new green lawns around the county!

The Brommer recharge project is complete and staff have re-landscaped the area after project construction. The re-charge seems to be working well and is diverting parking lot water through a cleaning process and back into the aquafer.

**SOUTH COUNTY PARKS** (Polo Grounds, Valencia Hall, Hidden Beach, Seascape, Aptos Village, South County Beach access areas, Scott Park, Scott Estate, Aldridge Lane, Mesa Village, Pinto Lake, Freedom Government Annex, Seacliff Village Park)

The water conservation project at the Freedom Governmental Annex is complete and the maintenance phase hase begun. 15,000 sq. ft of turf was removed and a variety of native plants were installed in it's place.

Festivals, Festivals, Festivals, staff in South county had a very busy month doing prep work and fire control work in preparation for community music, races, picnics and private events.

Staff have been helping with the Polo Grounds restroom project, they assisted the contractors in site prep, & irrigation repair.

### SIMPKINS FAMILY SWIM CENTER

Parks maintenance staff assisted the Swim Center staff in building a paver stone patio. The patio will be the meeting spot for upcoming Junior Lifeguard programs!

Staff received training in cleaning up after a rodent infestation this month.

The maintenance staff Uniform Committee has completed it's work and new staff uniforms are on the way.



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JEFF GAFFNEY DIRECTOR

DATE: June 6, 2016

TO: Parks & Recreation Commission, Arts Commission

FROM: Mary Chavez, Program Coordinator

RE: Facilities Division Status Report- May/June 2016

### Summary for reservations in the Parks for the month of May and June 2016, (excluding SFSC):

#### **Attendance at Reserved Facilities:**

The months of May and June have been very busy in the office and at the park sites. The public continues to enjoy the resources and recreational opportunities available within the County Parks system. There were approximately 950 bookings of the various Park sites, including reservations of picnic areas, meeting rooms, wedding and event locations, special events and athletic field rentals. Staff estimates that over 88,500 park visitors attended events in reserved facilities during the months of May and June.

### **Center and Meeting Room Rentals** in May and June 2016:

Park Centers host a variety of events, including wedding receptions, family events and various non-profit events. May and June have hosted 29 weddings, receptions and events held at our various Park Centers with rental revenues totaling \$29,600. These two months also included 52 meeting room rentals totaling \$1,610.

### Picnic Areas in May and June 2016:

Picnic area rentals have filled up the monthly schedules with 64 picnic rentals taking place during these two months and revenues totaling \$9,420. Twelve of these picnics (19%) are annual picnics for non-profits and end of the school year parties.

#### **Athletic Fields** in May and June 2016:

The season for athletic field use has been in full swing, with baseball leagues finishing season play and soccer leagues maintaining full use in spring and summer. Over 635 individual field bookings in 18 athletic fields took place in May and June. Revenues totaled \$36,000.

### **Special Events in May and June 2016:**

The Santa Cruz American Music Festival at Aptos Park (former Blues Fest), Felton Remembers at Felton Covered Bridge Park and the Watsonville Music Festival at Pinto Lake County Park took place over Memorial Day weekend. Buddy Guy and Josh Turner headlined the annual American Music Festival, which drew up to 3,000 people in attendance each day. Pinto Lake Disc Golf Club hosted the annual Daisy Chains Tournament, a two-day all-women's tournament in May at Pinto Lake County Park. UCSC Cycling Team staged the Slug Cycling Gran Fondo road race from Pinto Lake County Park in May. June races at Aptos Park include the annual Nisene Marks Marathon, hosted by Santa Cruz Host Lions, the Women's 5- Miler, hosted by Santa Cruz Track Club. The second of the three races in County Parks as part of the Run by the Bay Race Series hosted by Fleet Feet Sports includes Superhero Run 5k & 10k at Aptos Park in June. The Watsonville- Santa Cruz JACL (Japanese American Cultural League) will host its annual organization community picnic at Aptos Park in June, including drumming by Watsonville Taiko.



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DATE: June 6, 2016

TO: Arts Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Kathy DeWild, Program Coordinator

RE: Recreation & Cultural Services Division Status Report – May 2016

### ARTS AND CULTURAL

### **Art Exhibitions**

Melinda Vahradian's watercolor paintings are on exhibition at the Simpkins Family Swim Center / Parks office through May 23. Jane Ferguson's paintings go up the week of May 30.

### **Traffic Box Art**

The permit for Vanessa Stafford to paint the exterior of three traffic controller boxes located at the intersection of Paul Sweet Road and Soquel Drive, near the Highway 1 north on-ramp, as been approved by Caltrans. Ms. Stafford had received a \$1,000 grant for her Project via a "Create Grant" from the Arts Council of Santa Cruz County. Work will begin in early June.

### Community Public Art Projects – Just in Time (JIT) Panel

One of the two recently approved, community-initiated public art projects was recently completed by Aptos Junior High students, under the direction of teacher Susan Megorden. If you're driving or walking on Soquel Ave., take a look – the floral-image tile mural is across the street from Mar Vista Elementary School. The second project, initiated by Haley Turner, Program Manager of the Graffiti Removal Project, is planned for the long retaining wall at Soquel Ave. and Cunnison Lane, which is behind the Farm Park bus stop; it will feature pop-art style imagery inspired by patterns found on a farm, painted by a local artist.

<u>Artist of the Year Award</u> – Shmuel Thaler has been named the 2016 Artist of the Year by the Santa Cruz County Arts Commission. Shmuel is the County's 30th artist to be so honored. Mr. Thaler will give a Profile Performance at the Museum of Art & History on May 27 from 7-9 p.m. In a slide show of his photographs, he'll discuss (in conversation with Wallace Baine) the aspects of his work, the aesthetic considerations that go into his compositions and his unique place as an artist and journalist.

### ADULT AND SENIOR PROGRAMS

In April, participants toured the Almaden Quicksilver Mining Museum in the Casa Grande, had a guide narrate a bus tour throughout New Almaden, visited Chitactac-Adams Heritage Park and enjoyed wine tasting at both Sycamore Creek Vineyards & Kirigin Cellars. It was an informative and rather enjoyable day! We had another lovely trip on April 30 which began with a 3-hr. narrated tour out of the Vallejo Marina and through the Suisun Marsh, with lunch on board. We then enjoyed a wildlife demonstration and tour at the Suisun Wildlife Center.

May featured a trip to see the San Francisco Giants take on the Toronto Blue Jays. Later in May, we boarded a ferry from Pier 41 in San Francisco and took a relaxing voyage to the charming waterfront community of Sausalito. Once there participants enjoyed lunch, perused galleries and browsed through unique boutiques.

In June, Senior Mall Walk program participants will have their hard work acknowledged at the Mall Walkers 27<sup>th</sup> annual awards ceremony. Many walkers will receive awards for attaining their goals and reaching new mileage categories. Volunteers for the program will also be honored and recognized for their hard work and dedication. Lastly, we will raffle off great prizes donated by generous area merchants. June will also feature a trip to see "Motown the Musical" at the Center for the Performing Arts in San Jose and a guided tour of the newly renovated and expanded SFMOMA.

### YOUTH RECREATION PROGRAMS

Mar Vista ACE - Participants were welcomed back from their spring break in April with Panda-Monium Week, during which they made giant coffee filter panda faces, oreo pandas, panda rice balls and more. The highlight of the week was a field trip to Marianne's Ice Cream for a scoop, followed by a trip to Seacliff Village Park for our first time. The kids are delighted with their new neighborhood park! During Kings & Queens Week, we played games such as Fire in the Kingdom, Capture the Crown, Kings and Queens, King Pin, and made paper plate crowns, scepters and castles. We also took a field trip to the Aptos Sheriff's Center where we met our local deputies and the K9 unit, played in a patrol car and saw a bomb team robot demonstration. Next was Fun With Science Week and kids made Lego sundials in teams, sculpted figures for shadow science experiments and participated in egg drop teams. We also played disc golf, earth ball games and Shadow Tag. Last was Wheels Week, which is always highly anticipated by the kids. On Wednesday of that week, participants brought bikes, scooters, skateboards and more to use in obstacles courses, relays and general play.

May rings in the winding down of the school year, which means the kids get wound *up* in anticipation of summer! During Appreciation Week we made thank you gifts for teachers, decorated pots and planted succulents for moms and more. We also took a field trip to the Boardwalk for bowling and laser tag fun. Next was Survivor Week, which is always a favorite among staff and kids. The kids were divided into teams and each team's goal was to earn a certain number of points by having good sportsmanship, trying their best, etc. Teams made tribal names and team banners, coded and decoded messages, made obstacle courses and challenged the opposing team to compete in them, had a tiki hunt, went to the beach and more. We ended the week with a festive luau party! During Nature Week, participants got outside to explore and

connect with their environment. We observed and picked up trash, had a nature scavenger hunt, made leaf rubbings, and more. We also took a trip to Simpkins Family Swim Center. May ended with Water Week and the highlight was Water Day, complete with Slip-N-Slides, a wading pool and water balloons!

We'll end the school year with Kids' Favorites Week and plan to do a plethora of fun things to celebrate another wonderful year of ACE and a great group of kids! Meanwhile, staff are gearing up for summer camp!

<u>Mar Vista Kinder Enrichment</u> - Looking ahead to fall, staff have been told Mar Vista is expecting 72 kindergarteners next school year, possibly more. The school has also decided to have two morning kindergarten classes and one afternoon class. There will also be an afternoon transitional kinder class. Staff were invited to promote the Kinder Enrichment program at the official registration day for kindergartener held by the school, so new parents would know of our program.

Themes included with Gifts for Mom, Ocean, Fun Under the Sun, Kids Choice week, and Monkey Around week. Creating the best little handmade gifts for mom gave the children a great focus on giving, rather than receiving. For Ocean week, the children created sharks with envelopes, jellyfish with coffee filters, and crabs using their feet and hands to make prints. They also played sea/shore/sand and Octopus, to help refine large motor skills. The children also enjoyed coloring ocean scenes and fish to decorate the room. The last two weeks of May were jammed packed with end-of-year activities. Fun Under the Sun and Kid's Choice week included Wet and Wild Day, sunshine projects, bingo, and repeats of the most popular games, songs, recipes, and crafts of this past year. There are only three days of KE and TK in June--this is the time planed for reflection and acknowledgement of how far the children have come from our first circle time of the year.

<u>La Selva ACE</u> – La Selva Beach After-school Childhood Enrichment is looking forward to a sensational summer as we wrap up a very rewarding 2015-2016 school year. Recent weekly themes included Sea World with enriching activities such as a CD fish craft, a new Diving Dolphin Craft, a new Ship's Porthole Craft and the always popular melty beads. A highlight of Sea World Week was a field trip to Manresa Beach. The following week was World Week with a new tropical turtle craft, a Japanese Blossom Cherry Trees & Symbols craft, Italian Pizza Cooking project and a Ojos de Dios Craft. A highlight for World Week was our Extra Fun Wednesday with fun activities such as a game of beckon at Triangle Park, a cup of dirt (chocolate pudding, gummy worms and crushed cookies) activity and a game of capture the flag.

Much enthusiasm grows in expectation of La Selva Beach Summer Camp with very exciting activities and field trips. The Summer Volunteer Program for youth ages 13 -16 years old is in full blast as over 24 applicants applied to help assist staff this summer. Each applicant goes through an application, interview and training day process. A great majority of our current staff were once past volunteers.

The partnership with the local La Selva Library will also continue this summer as we plan to take the summer campers to Tuesday Special Guest Days at the library. In addition, the children will visit the library each Thursday afternoon for Wii and Mine Craft Sessions which are very popular amongst the children.

### QUAIL HOLLOW RANCH INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS

### **Recent Interpretive Programs and Activities:**

- In Search of Herps Reptiles and Amphibians with Paul Haskins was offered on Sunday, May 1 from 1:00 3:00 p.m. with a total of 15 attending the event.
- The San Lorenzo Valley History Museum came out on Sunday, May 8 from 2:00 4:00 p.m. to join Lee Summers for a History Hike field trip.
- The Santa Cruz Astronomy Club was be back for a Star and Moon Gazing program on Friday, May 13 from 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.
- CNPS Habitat Restoration Team and Quail Hollow volunteers conducted a Broom Bash on Saturday, May 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- The Santa Cruz Fly Fishermen came out on Sunday, May 15, from 10:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. for their annual Fly Fishing 101 workshop. A total of 25 people attended the event.
- Boulder Creek Elementary School will come out for a Creepy Crawly field trip with their 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class on Friday, May 20 from 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 22 students and adult chaperones attended the program lead, by Jeremy Lin.
- Lee Summers led a History Hike field trip for the Capitola History Museum on Sunday, May 22 from 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.
- Oh Deer! Deer-Proofing you Garden program with Sue Procter and Karen Coza was offered on Sunday, May 22 from 1:00 3:00 p.m.
- Quail Hollow Preschool come out with 25-30 kids ages 3-5 years on Monday, May 23 from 10:00 11:30 a.m. for a Creepy Crawly field trip with Christian Schwarz.
- The Watershed Academy from the San Lorenzo Valley High School will come out on Friday, May 27 from 12:30 2:30 for a Trek to the Forbidden Sandhills with 10 students. Sean Warton will lead the hike.

Staff is finishing up the final changes to the Rare Ones display for the visitor center. This display will address many of the rare species that make Quail Hollow home.

Lee Summers and Al Keuter met with the MayMac site manager, Billy Christian on Saturday, May 14 to walk the flag line to Pace Family Wilderness. It was agreed that a new Easement Deed would include a new, extended band in which the trail would be located and the deed would be offered in perpetuity. Horses, however will not be allowed on the new trail.

The Friends of Quail Hollow will begin to have board meetings at Quail Hollow starting Tuesday, May 17. They are currently recruiting volunteers to help with the Redwood Mountain Fair, in which a portion of proceeds go to organizations who provide volunteers who help with the fair.

# **Upcoming Interpretive Programs and Activities:**

- The last Broom Bash for the season will tentatively take place on Saturday, June 4 from 9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.
- Eric Feus from the Santa Cruz Bird Club will offer another Beginning Birding program on Sunday, June 5 from 8:00 10:00 a.m.
- A Snakes Alive program with Paul Haskins will take place on Sunday, June 5 from 1:00

   4:00 p.m.
- The Santa Cruz Astronomy Club will be back for another Star and Moon Gazing program on Friday, June 10 from 8:00 p.m. midnight.

Staff will be finishing up the planning for summer day camps this month and will begin preparing the program materials. Jeremy Lin will lead Time Travelers and Scott Gentile will lead Science Sleuths.

Christian Schwarz's summer projects will consist of work on planning for the Small World and other interpretive programs series this fall as well as looking into revisiting the pond plan.



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DATE: June 6, 2016

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission, Arts Commission

FROM: Margaret Ingraham, Aquatics Supervisor

RE: Aquatics Division Status Report

### **AQUATIC PROGRAMS**

Our summer schedule begins June 11th and our pool schedule will be as follows:

**Lap Pool Hours:** 

Monday thru Friday: 6:00 am to 7:30 pm

Saturdays: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Sundays: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

**Warm Water Pool Hours:** 

Monday through Friday: 6:00 am – 9:00 am

1:00 pm - 3:30pm

Tuesday and Thursday 6:00 am – 5:00 pm

6:30 pm - 7:30pm

Saturday and Sunday 9:00 – 10:30 am (Adults only)

10:30 am - 12:30 pm (Adults and children 6 years and under)

1:00 - 4:00 pm (All ages)

Our First April Pools Day was very well attended. Some of the favorite events were the FREE water treading clinic and swim lesson assessments.

NEW this year! Memorial Day kick off to summer! All pools will be open all day and Recreation Swim time will be 1:00 - 4:00 pm including the water slide, climbing wall, inner tubes, and Wibit (inflatable play apparatus).

**Swim lessons** – Our spring swim lessons have been very well attended and our summer lessons are filling up. Summer lessons will be held Monday through Friday evening and Tuesday through Friday mornings throughout the summer.

**Junior Lifeguards** - Our junior lifeguard program continues to be very popular and most of the summer sessions filled within 3 weeks of opening registration. NEW this year we are offering afternoon sessions of Little Guards!

Also NEW this year the junior lifeguard program will have a new entrance as well as a new location to meet and do their morning stretches.

**Water Polo** - Sundays from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm. Participants must be a member of USAWPA to participate in the program.

**Aquatic Staff Recruitment** - We have completed all of our assessments and interviews for Aquatics staff this summer. We will be training 25 lifeguards, 2 Head Guards, and 1 Aquatic Specialist for the 2016/2017 year.

**Private Pool Parties** - Private Pool Parties are available on Saturdays & Sundays. A variety of aspects of the facility may be rented for Private Pool Parties, from just the warm pool to aspects accommodating up to 110 people. Private Pool Parties are scheduled on weekends, spring, summer and fall, after the facility has closed to the public.

**School Parties** - Once again local schools will be renting the facility for their end of the year parties starting the last week in May and continuing into June.

**Adult Fitness Swimming** - Adult Fitness Swimming is very popular at the Simpkins Family Swim Center. The best-attended workouts are Tuesday and Saturday mornings; up to 35 swimmers fill the 50-meter pool at these times. Fitness swimmers may choose from several different workout times: Monday's 6:00 am; Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday workouts are at 6:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

Water Aerobics & Exercise - The water exercise classes this year continue to reach their highest capacity to date. Water exercise is an excellent way for people to meet their fitness goals without impact on the joints. Classes are designed to appeal to all levels of ability including, healthy, pre-natal, seniors, and rehabilitating or cross training fitness enthusiasts. A monthly calendar is available with dates, times and instructors names. Previous swimming or water-exercise experience is not required for participation in any of the water exercise classes.

**Lifeguard Training Exercises** - The lifeguard in-service in May was a review of swim lessons, CPR skills, a rule and enforcement drill.

In June, staff will practice as a team our emergency action plan (EAP) procedures. Staff gathers and responds to mock rescues, crowd control, first aid emergencies, and working with emergency responders.

**Swim Teams** - The Cabrillo Threshers and Santa Cruz County Aquatics swim teams continue to rent lanes in the 50-meter pool. The swim teams offer school-age competitive swimming programs Monday through Friday from 4:00-7:30 p.m.

### **Pool Closures and Holiday Schedule**

There are no scheduled pool closures in May, June, or July.

**Live Oak Community Rooms** - The Live Oak Community Rooms at the swim center are rented out regularly throughout the year for meetings, small events and classes.



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**DATE:** JUNE 6, 2016

TO: PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

FROM: SHERYL BAILEY & WILL FOURT, PLANNING DIVISION

**SUBJECT:** PARKS PROJECT PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS ON

**CURRENT PROJECTS** 

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**NORTH COUNTY PARKS** (Highlands, Ben Lomond, Felton Covered Bridge, Probation, Michael Gray Field, Quail Hollow Ranch and the North Coast)

Quail Hollow/Pace Property Trail Planning: Parks staff has met with interested volunteers, agency staff and property owners regarding a proposed new trail from the Quail Hollow to the Pace Property.

<u>Felton Library:</u> County Parks staff participated in a conceptual planning process led by the Friends of the Felton Library for the creation of an outdoor nature explore area on the future grounds of the Felton Library. The concept was completed in April. Parks staff continues to work with other County staff to initiate the first phases of site planning, development permit applications and environmental review.

**MID-COUNTY PARKS** (AJC, Government Center, Emeline Complex, Twin Lakes, Brommer, Felt, Floral, Coffee Lane, Soquel Lyons, Jose Avenue, Winkle Farm, Willowbrook Lane, Moran Lake, Maplethorpe, Santa Cruz Gardens, Heart of Soquel Plaza, The Farm, Mid-County beach access areas)

<u>Brommer Park</u>: The Parks Department held a community meeting to discuss potential options for the courts at Brommer Park. Staff has reviewed input received at the meeting and comments received by email and mail, and has prepared an updated proposed court configuration.

<u>Chanticleer Avenue Park</u>: The Parks Department has worked with consultants and project partners to prepare a first draft site plan for the first phase of park improvements. The Parks Department has provided input and approval to partners for the development of fundraising materials for the fundraising effort for LEO's Haven. Staff has worked with County Planning and County Drainage staff to clarify permitting requirements for Phase I improvements. Staff submitted a grant application for the project to the Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program.

<u>Simpkins</u>: County Parks has ordered outdoor exercise equipment that can be installed around the pool deck in the future.

<u>Farm Park Pedestrian Bridge (Phase 2):</u> A community meeting was held on April 26<sup>th</sup> to discuss the draft conceptual plan to install the bridge, construct a bocce ball court on the Tee Street side and provide ADA pathways from the Cunnison Lane side to those features. At the community meeting an interest was expressed in adding a playground on the Tee Street side and an ADA pathway to join the Tee Street from the Cunnison Lane sides of the park. Staff is working with the design team to develop an expanded scope of work to complete a conceptual plan that includes all these park features. It is anticipated that a contract for this work will be brought to the Board of Supervisors on June 28<sup>th</sup>. Once a revised draft conceptual plan is completed we anticipate sharing the revised concept plan with the community sometime this fall.

<u>Heart of Soquel- Park and Parking Improvement Project (Phase 1):</u> A Notice of Completion is pending resolution of a drainage issue located within the western parking lot. The Parks staff and consultant team recently approved the general contractor's 3<sup>rd</sup> version of their re-paving plan. Repaving work by the general contractor has begun and is anticipated to be completed within the next two to three weeks.

Heart of Soquel Park- Pathway Extension (Phase 2): Parks staff and SSA Landscape Architects Inc. have begun gathering the site's opportunities and constraints information, including topographic, biotic and arborist surveys to produce conceptual sketches for real property negotiations and a draft conceptual plan for permitting purposes. Meetings with the adjacent property owners (Discovery Pre-School and Law Offices) have been scheduled to take place the second week in June. The goal is to connect to the existing pathway at the Heart of Soquel Plaza area and continue the trail to the south and up and around to connect to the pedestrian bridge by the Lyons Park on Main Street.

Heart of Soquel Park- Pathway Extension (Phase 3): Recently, Supervisor Leopold attended a Soquel Elementary School District's Board of Director's meeting and the Board expressed an interest in allowing a pathway to be placed on their property in order to complete the connection to the pedestrian bridge by the Lyons Park on Main Street (mentioned above). A preliminary meeting is scheduled on June 3<sup>rd</sup> with school representatives, Parks Staff, the SSA Landscape Architects Inc. principle designer and the County's Chief of Real Property.

**SOUTH COUNTY PARKS** (Polo Grounds, Valencia Hall, Hidden Beach, Seascape, Aptos Village, South County Beach access areas, Scott Park, Scott Estate, Aldridge Lane, Mesa Village, Pinto Lake, Seacliff Village Park, Freedom Government Annex)

<u>Polo Grounds Restroom</u>: The construction began in April and the Parks Department held a ground-breaking event on April 27<sup>th</sup>. The building pads for both the restroom/concession and maintenance buildings have been prepared and passed relative compaction tests. The sewer, water and electrical connections have been started. The buildings themselves have been approved and are currently being constructed off-site.

<u>Pinto Lake</u>: The Resource Conservation District (RCD) has completed designs for two sediment catchment basins in the park, located on Amesti Creek and the CCC Creek. County Parks staff has worked with the RCD on final design, maintenance requirements, mitigation, match requirements and legal agreements for the projects. County Parks is conducting an appraisal of the basin sites to use the value of the land as grant matching funds.

<u>Seascape Park:</u> The Parks Department, together with Supervisor Friend's office, held a community meeting to discuss park improvements at Seascape Park. Staff has summarized input received and is working with Supervisor Friend's office to prioritize and plan improvements, including upgrades to the playground.

<u>Seacliff Village Park (Phase 1)</u>: The final inspection of the Park was completed on May 6, 2016. The Notice of Completion for the construction is scheduled to go before the Board of Supervisors, for their approval on June 14<sup>th</sup> or June 28, 2016. The project was completed under budget by approximately \$52,748.