



# County of Santa Cruz

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### PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION Minutes of February 4, 2019, 7:00 p.m. meeting 979 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue Santa Cruz, CA 95062

#### I. ROLL CALL

Present: Steven Bennett, Jim Rapoza, Mariah Roberts, Kate Minott,  
Staff: Jeff Gaffney, Jennifer Mead

#### II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

Accept agenda as presented (Rapoza/ Roberts 4/0)

#### III. CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Minott had one correction to December 3, 2018 minutes. Under Commissioner reports, Commissioner Roberts' district should be the 1<sup>st</sup> District, not the 2<sup>nd</sup> District.

A. Approved minutes from December 3, 2018 as amended (Minott/ Rapoza 4/0)

Commissioner Minott had two corrections to the reports: In Planning report on page 5, 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph: change insure to ensure. In Recreation report on page 9, 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph: change Wood Rate to Wood Rat.

B. Accept and file reports as amended (Rapoza/ Roberts 4/0)

#### IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (none)

#### V. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Roberts 1<sup>st</sup> District – There's been a wonderful development for the Chanticleer Park LEO's Haven project. Two bids came in for the Phase 1 construction and those have been under consideration and on schedule. K & D Landscaping based in Watsonville have donated a lot of service to the project in the form of referrals and fundraising for in-kind materials through their professional contacts. They had a great experience on this project and are looking to help County Parks in this way again.

Bennett 4<sup>th</sup> District – Quick update from Pajaro Valley Sports Foundation. They moved to bi-weekly meetings instead of monthly and got in line for a pilot program at Freedom School. They might be able to rehab and install two soccer fields and get the ball rolling while they save up for the larger sports facility. I will keep you in the loop as much as I can.

Rapoza 5<sup>th</sup> District – Walls are going up on the Felton Library, if it were to stop raining, I'm sure they would be able to get even more done. They have the foundation and walls all framed in and ready to go. I haven't had a chance to get out to other parks in the district.

Minott 2<sup>nd</sup> District – Thank the Rotarians who started volunteering in Seacliff Village park to take care of the landscaping. I've been asked by people who are ready to have a park in the new Aptos Village and I am curious if there are plans or ideas for a park there. Everyone in Aptos is very happy.

## **VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- Looking at hiring a grant writer
- Parks Superintendent oral board last week - final interviews toward end of Feb early March
- Budget season is happening - I am meeting with CAO's office and they will tell me their priorities. Staff costs and utility costs are going up!
- We are collaborating with other departments on a Long Range Facilities plan – CAO's office is pushing this forward and they want regional spaces and know what are priorities are.
- We hosted the GIRLS Paving the Way meeting in January – the program follows middle school girls through high school to college, and encourages recreation and vocational learning. We are looking at more funding opportunities and a permanent place to put the program.
- I'll be providing input to the Watsonville strategic plan in the next few days.
- Working on branding the department more clearly. Different logos, patches and memos. Same logo and style throughout We want people to know who we are among all the other parks and rec organizations.

## **VII. REGULAR AGENDA – Information Items**

- a. Library Annex Presentation was given by Damon Adlao of Public Works. Betsey Lynberg (Public Works) and Susan Nemitz (Santa Cruz Public Libraries) were also present and added additional comments to the presentation.

## **VIII. REGULAR AGENDA – Action Items**

- a. Motion to accept resolution about County Parks access and direct staff to begin a resolution numbering system (Roberts/Rapoza 4/0)

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. (Roberts/ Minott 4/0)**