



# County of Santa Cruz

## PARKS, OPEN SPACE & CULTURAL SERVICES

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## PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, September 15, 2008

Government Center, Board Chambers

7:15 p.m.

701 Ocean Street

Regular Meeting

Santa Cruz, CA 95060

### I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:23 p.m.

Members: Janet Doten, Dave Mercer, Katharine Minott, Michael Rosenberg  
Francisco Serna

Present: Michael Rosenberg, Dave Mercer, Katharine Minott, Janet Doten

Staff: Joe Schultz, Christine Bennett, Bob Olson, Cristina James

### II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS OR APPROVAL

The agenda was approved as written (Minott/Doten 4/0).

### III. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of August 11, 2008 were approved as written (Minott/Mercer 4/0)

B. Information and Reports (Accept and File)

- 1) Facilities Division – Status Report
- 2) Maintenance Division – Status Report
- 3) Planning Division – Status Report
- 4) Recreation & Cultural Services Division – Status Report
- 5) Arts Commission Agenda September 8, 2008

The Information and Reports were accepted and filed. (Minott/Mercer 4/0).

### IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - None

### V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Schultz provided staff reports on Floral Park and McGregor Park; a flyer announcing the Gold Award given to the Santa Cruz County display at the State Fair; and a flyer for the District VI Legislative Forum on October 3<sup>rd</sup> and invited the Commissioners to attend.

### VI. REGULAR AGENDA (DISCUSSION ITEMS)

## **A. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **1. Floral Park Update**

Presentation by Paul Rodrigues with RDA showing the revised concept plan by SSA. The biggest concerns of neighbors surrounding the park was the location of the restroom building and moving the swing set closer to the picnic area. There are some details such as grading still to be determined, and then the plan will be presented to the Planning Department for permit approval. There is approximately \$800,000 in RDA funds allocated for this park project.

### **2. McGregor Park Site Update**

Presentation by Park Planners, Bob Olson and Cristina James. Purchase of the site was in December 2007 which gave the green light to developing a Master Plan. First meeting with the community was in May, and three concept plans were presented at a workshop on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Concept #1 was the favorite, and a third meeting was held on September 15<sup>th</sup>. A final version of the master plan will be brought before this Commission for public hearing in October. There are no funds allocated, so we will need to seek Proposition 84 monies, grants, or donations. This project should go before the Board of Supervisors in December.

### **3. Polo Grounds and Soquel Creek Water District**

Director Schultz stated there have been discussions which are ongoing, but no action taken.

### **4. Freedom Lake Hyacinth**

Presentation by Park Planners, Bob Olson and Cristina James. Site visit with representatives from various agencies involved in the grant and project was done on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Supervisor Pirie's office sent letters to members of the Senate and Congress asking for support of the project and Parks' staff are currently working to try to expedite that process. The decision if grant funds were approved should be received some time in December or January.

### **5. Davenport Landing Park Update**

Director Schultz stated that the restroom building was painted and re-roofed, and the sign was refurbished. Supervisor Coonerty and the principal at Pacific School will be hosting a gathering to celebrate the improvements.

### **6. Proposal to change meeting day of the Commission**

Director Schultz proposed changing the meeting day of the Commission to the first Monday of each month, following the Arts Commission. All Commissioners were in agreement as long as the time and place remained the same. No vote or final decision was made at this time.

## **VII. AGENDA/MEETING FOR: Parks Commission, October 6, 2008 at 7:15 p.m. at the Board Chambers, 5<sup>th</sup> floor, 701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060 (Government Center).**

### **A. INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. McGregor Park public hearing
2. Polo Grounds and Soquel Water District

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m. (Doten/ Minott 4/0)**