



County of Santa Cruz

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PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION Minutes of October 1, 2018, 7:00 p.m. meeting 979 17th Avenue Santa Cruz, CA 95062

I. ROLL CALL

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

II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS (none)

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Accept agenda as presented (Minott/ Rapoza 5/0)

Accept minutes (Roberts/ Sibille 5/0)

Accept and file reports (Rapoza/ Roberts 5/0)

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (none)

V. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- Rapoza – Felton deck looks good, staff did a great job. I attended the Felton Library groundbreaking, kudos to Will for all the work he is doing. I saw there's heavy equipment already on site. I was at Quail Hollow for the charter school capture the flag game. The house looks great, the volunteers did great job on landscaping and painting the fence.
- Sibille – No report really. I'm bummed to hear that Scott Creek Beach will be changing. I imagine I will hear more about that from Parks staff as time moves on.
- Minott – The Mountain Bikers of Santa Cruz have been wonderful partners on so many County projects. Early last month they had a few work days to help mulch and improve the drainage at Pinto Lake. The pump track ribbon cutting is on Oct 22nd.
- Roberts – I want to call out Gretchen Iliff, because she has done so much and was one of the first people who supported Chanticleer Park Neighbors Association. We are excited for the Oct 13 groundbreaking! It will be a Fall Festival rather than just a groundbreaking. Parks has taken a large role in helping to put on the event.
- Bennett - No big report from South County. We are still working on Pajaro Valley Sports Foundation to identify potential sports fields. It was a busy September; I attended the County Fair.

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Director Jeff Gaffney gave his report to the Commission.

- I participated in the Friends of Santa Cruz County Parks Strategic Planning process
- Graniterock is hosting their annual Quail Hollow fundraiser on Oct 13 at the quarry near the park.

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- We completed one of three Library Annex community meetings. Each meeting builds off the last. Looking how Measure S funds can contribute to building a better community/library center at Simpkins.
- Public Works is working with the Downtown Streets Team on the north coast 2 days a week. I toured with the team in San Lorenzo Valley - we looked under Graham Hill bridge which is in an unfortunate state. San Lorenzo Valley is different because there are not a lot of services there.
- The California Conservation Corps have been at Pinto Lake for 20 years and have been wanting to leave for some time. It is a hard location to get to and hard for the community to see everything that they are doing. We are looking at other options for the space they are occupying at Pinto.
- Thank you all for your diligent attention to our parks and for regularly coming to meetings and volunteering your time for County Parks and the community. I work with a lot of advisory bodies, you all so dedicated and engaged. Thank you for that!

VII. REGULAR AGENDA – Information Items

VIII. REGULAR AGENDA – Action Items

- a. The Commission heard a presentation on Measure G and motioned to endorse the measure and support the resolution adopted by Board of Supervisors on August 7, 2018 that supports budget priorities to meet the critical unmet needs in County Parks. (Roberts/ Rapoza 4/0) One abstention (Bennett)

IX. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m. (Roberts/Sibille 5/0)