



County of Santa Cruz

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PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION Minutes of June 3, 2019, 7:30 p.m. meeting 15685 Forest Hill Drive Boulder Creek, CA 95006

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Jim Rapoza, Mariah Roberts, Maggie Duncan-Merrell, Kate Minott
Staff: Jeff Gaffney, Jennifer Mead

II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

Accept agenda as presented (Rapoza/Duncan-Merrell 3/0)

III. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Commissioner Rapoza had correction to April 8, 2019 minutes. Item VIII.a. incorrectly had "(Roberts/Rapoza 4/0)" as Mover and Seconder. The Mover and Seconder should read "(Minott/Duncan-Merrell 4/0)". Minutes were approved as amended (Rapoza/Duncan-Merrell 3/0).
- B. Accept and file reports as presented (Rapoza/Duncan-Merrell 3/0)

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

1. Jean Brocklebank Subject: Scott Creek Beach and Snowy Plover Habitat
2. Michael Lewis Subject: Scott Creek Beach bridge construction project

V. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Rapoza 5th – Thank you for meeting up here in Boulder Creek. I want to thank staff for their quick response to the trash that accumulated at the Felton Deck. I attended the Memorial Day parade in Felton and went to the festival at Felton Covered Bridge Park, it was well attended and the park looked great.

Duncan-Merrell 3rd District – Commissioner Duncan-Merrell gave a detailed report about summer events and programs happening in the City of Santa Cruz Parks and Recreation Department. Program registration is full despite recent increases to prices. The City and County Parks Departments are collaborating on two big events this summer on July 5th (at Cooper St. in downtown Santa Cruz) and July 27th (Harvey West Park). She also reported on how City Parks is working to prevent homeless encampments from spreading in their parks.

Roberts 1st District – We went out with the kids to Chanticleer Park and took some great photos of the start of construction. There will be a time-lapse camera on the Parks website. I'm excited to see all the July events and activities the Department has put together. I went to the Monterey Bay Economic Partnership summit last week and it was really neat to see the collaboration of private businesses, City, County, and MAH for the Abbot Square Award. It is wonderful to see what has developed around this little County park in downtown Santa Cruz.

Minott 2nd District – I have an article from the Rio Del Mar Improvement Association about Seacliff Village Park. Unfortunately, someone cut down two swings at the park. On Facebook people were offering donations for improvements at Seacliff. Citizens were reporting a distressed park sign and people were willing to donate money to fix the sign. A shade structure is dearly wanted at Seacliff Village Park. When will the Capital Improvement Program be presented? Director Gaffney: on June 11th.

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Staff is gearing up for summer, take a look at our July calendar. This is our first year doing this and we are excited!
- We have a new Maintenance Supervisor for North County, Jesse Williams. He is a licensed Landscape Contractor, and has worked for the City of Scotts Valley Public Works Dept.
- There was a groundbreaking at the Shoreline Soccer field for the new Shoreline Athletic Complex. Great project and it will be good timing as we continue with the Library Annex project.
- We had the final community meeting for the Library Annex project at the end of May.
- We finalized the MOU with County Park Friends! We are excited to have an agreement in place and look forward to our partnership. I know we will do great things.
- I've been meeting with County Park Friends & NHS about installing a skate feature at Seacliff Village Park. Supervisor Friend is enthusiastic about the project but wants to have a restroom in the works as well.
- We are adding a community meeting aspect to the Heart of Soquel movie nights. Doing this will help us be competitive in our grant applications. We'll have a drop-in workshop to get input and comments on Farm Park improvements.
- We held the annual Mall Walk Awards in May. It is a beloved program and always fun to honor everyone who is part of it.
- We are working with the City of Santa Cruz Parks Department to see if we can help with maintenance and programming at Harvey West pool.

VII. REGULAR AGENDA – Information Items

1. Michael Beaton, Director of General Services Department, gave presentation on the Ocean Street Government Center Expanded Access project
2. The Commission discussed the withdrawn proposal for needle exchange by Harm Reduction Road Show
3. Jeff Gaffney gave an update on the County Parks Budget
4. Jeff Gaffney gave an update on Bear Creek Country Club facility use and partnership with County Parks

VIII. REGULAR AGENDA – Action Items (none)

IX. WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE LISTING

X. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 9:41 p.m. (Duncan-Merrell/Rapoza 4/0)