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ARTS COMMISSION AGENDA

Monday, April 2, 2012
4:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting

Simpkins Family Swim Center
979 17th Avenue
Santa Cruz, CA 95062

- I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL
- II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS OR APPROVAL
- III. CONSENT AGENDA
 - A. Minutes from February 6, 2012 1
 - B. Information and Reports (Accept and File)
 - 1) Maintenance Division – Status Report 2-3
 - 2) Facilities Division – Status Report 4
 - 3) Planning Division – Status Report 5-6
 - 4) Recreation Division – Status Report 7-14
 - 5) Parks Commission Agenda 15
- 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.
- V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT
- VI. STAFF REPORT
- VII. REGULAR AGENDA
 - A. Discussion Items
 1. Artist of the Year 2013
 2. Vision for Arts in Santa Cruz County
 3. Mobile Muse
 4. North-county public art tour
 - B. Action Items
 1. Commissioner to serve on Outside the Box panel
- VIII. The next meeting date is to be determined.
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT



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February 6, 2012, 4:30 PM

979 17th Avenue, 2nd Floor - Santa Cruz, California

- I. Present: James Nee, Evelyn Bernstein, Cynthia Kilian, Denise Ward, Bobbi Todaro, Joanna Phillips, Paul DeWorken, Judy Stabile, Linda Levy

Staff: Betsey Lynberg, Kathy DeWild

Excused Absence: Joanna Phillips

Unexcused Absence: None

- II. Approved Agenda
Motion/Second: Nee/Stabile

AYES: 8
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1

- II. Approved Consent Agenda
Motion/Second: Nee/Stabile

AYES: 8
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1

- III. Approve Percent for Art in Private Development
Motion/Second: Bernstein/Nee

AYES: 8
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1

- IV. Approve Commissioner to Serve on Hidden Beach Pump Station Public Art Panel
Motion/Second: Bernstein/Nee

AYES: 8
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1

- V. Next meeting date: April 2, 2012

- VI. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM.



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DATE: March 13, 2012
TO: Parks & Recreation Commission, Arts Commission
FROM: Gretchen Iliff, Maintenance Division
SUBJECT: Status Report on Current Projects - March 2012

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).

Tree and vegetation pruning occurred at Felton Covered Bridge Park this month.

Girl Scouts and the Valley Women's Club are removing non-native plants from the nature trail area at Highlands Park. The effort is being spearheaded by valley resident Linda Skeff, who hopes to demonstrate and encourage the removal of non-native plants on both public and private properties.

MID-COUNTY PARKS (Anna Jean Cummings Park, Governmental Center, Emeline Complex, Twin Lakes, Brommer, Floral, Coffee Lane, Soquel Lions, Hestwood, Jose Avenue, Winkle Farm, Moran Lake, Maplethorpe, Santa Cruz Gardens, Mid-County beach access areas).

Felt Street Park opened in the last month. Parks staff is regularly providing maintenance for this park. Due to nice weather, weekend birthday parties seem to be the big activity for the new park.

Staff has spent some time at the Chanticleer Park site this past month. Some signs and trash cans were installed. Staff plan to mow the site, remove some debris, and encourage informal use.

SOUTH COUNTY PARKS (Polo Grounds, Valencia Hall, Hidden Beach, Seascape, Aptos Village, South County Beach access areas, Scott Park, Scott Estate, Simpkins Family Swim Center, Aldridge Lane, Mesa Village, Pinto Lake, Willow Brook, Freedom Government Annex).

Polo and Pinto baseball fields opened a few weeks early this month due to the great weather. Staff is continuing preparation for the opening of the soccer fields on March 16, 2012.

Gopher activity is taking much time this month. There is a huge infestation on all of our athletic fields. Staff are trapping and using rodent gas to limit turf damage.

Staff replaced some of the fencing at Floral Park. The fence was in disrepair, and two large trees were removed that bordered the property lines were also removed.

SIMPKINS FAMILY SWIM CENTER

Scheduled pool closings this month allowed staff to perform some preventative maintenance at the Swim Center. Two pumps were rebuilt, the parking lot was striped, underwater pool lights were replaced, and the pools super chlorinated.

One swim center staff person and one north County staff person replaced the 6-inch backflow device at Pinto Lake Park this month. The George Wilson Company wanted \$6,800 to do the work, so Parks staff purchased the unit for \$3,200 and installed it themselves. Way to go Parks!



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JOHN J. PRESLEIGH
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DATE: March 5, 2012
TO: Arts Commission, Parks & Recreation Commission
FROM: Gretchen Iliff, Facilities Management Division
RE: Status Report on Current Projects

Summary for reservations in the Parks for the month of February 2012 (excluding SFSC):

Attendance at Reserved Facilities:

February was typical for off season events with parties and a few weddings. Staff estimates that approximately 1,850 park visitors attended events in reserved facilities at County Parks in February.

Center and Meeting Room Rentals in February:

There were 4 weddings and receptions held at our various Park Centers and 35 meetings in February. Center and meeting room rental revenues totaled \$2,640. Valencia Hall continues to grow in popularity as it offers a lovely venue for a very reasonable rental rate. A new yoga class has begun at Highlands Park and is offered Tuesday and Thursday mornings and evenings.

Athletic Fields:

Baseball season is upon and most leagues have been able to start their use of the baseball fields in various parks earlier than the March 17th opening date. Soccer fields will open the 17th. Spring baseball and soccer programs have filled the schedules throughout County Parks' fields.

Garden Plots:

The opening of Felt Street Park included the opening of the new community garden plots, 17 plus 2 ADA in all. Due to previous years of gardening prior to park construction, up to 14 gardeners had the opportunity to renew their contracts. The remaining 4 plots (1 ADA), along with any plots released by previous year gardeners, will be filled through a lottery based on a waitlist. Jose Avenue garden plots contracts are also being renewed for the year and continues to be a very popular location. Gardeners are looking forward to planting in anticipation of spring.



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DATE: MARCH 5, 2012
TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION, ARTS COMMISSION
FROM: BOB OLSON, PARK PLANNER
SUBJECT: PARK PLANNING DIVISION STATUS REPORT

BERT SCOTT ESTATE ROOF REPLACEMENT

Staff has sent out a Request for Qualifications to various consultants to prepare plans and specifications for removing and replacing the roof at the Bert Scott Estate. Responses are due back on Friday, March 9, 2012. The qualifications of each firm will be evaluated, with contract negotiations proceeding with the most qualified firm. It is the intent of staff to have the roof replacement project ready for bidding in May of this year.

FELT STREET PARK

The Contractor has completed all but a few punch list items generated by the preliminary final inspections. The park was opened for public use on January 11, 2012. The Grand Opening celebration took place on February 2, 2012. The park was filled to capacity for this event. Staff is currently working with the Contractor on the close-out documents for the project.

THE FARM PARK

Park Maintenance Staff has installed two disc golf practice baskets included in the Park Master Plan on the site to establish an interim use for the park site. Staff is also finalizing the contract with the State for a Proposition 84 Urban Greening Grant for riparian restoration and community Garden portions of the Farm Park. Additional funding will be required to construct limited support facilities for the community garden (parking, water system connections, etc).

FELTON COVERED BRIDGE ROOF RESTORATION

Parks staff, DPW Engineering and Caltrans are currently working on a modified scope of work to decrease the potential environmental impacts the project may have on the area adjacent to the Felton Covered Bridge. The project is currently in the Preliminary Environmental Study Stage. The results of the Preliminary Environmental Study will indicate if any special environmental documents will need to be prepared to proceed with the project.

MCGREGOR PARK SITE

Parks staff is awaiting the results on the Proposition 84 Urban Greening Grant Program Application. State Parks Grant staff indicated that the successful applicants will be notified in the spring of 2012. In the interim, Parks staff is developing a Request for Qualifications for the

selection of a design consultant to shepherd the project through the Development Permit, Master Site Plan Phase of the Project.

EAST CLIFF PARKWAY PROJECT

Construction is continuing on the East Cliff Parkway Project with the underground installed, Phase I and Phase III bike paths installed. Phase II road preparation work has begun along with minor concrete for trash enclosures, signage and other footings. The Pleasure Point Park Restroom is under construction with the underground, masonry and roof sheathing complete. The County Public Works Department is managing the project with assistance from Parks staff.

GROUND WATER RECHARGE PROJECT AT POLOGROUNDS

The groundwater recharge project has been completed for both area one and area two. To recap the scope of the project, area one (next to South Polo Drive) included a large rectangular shaped bioretention area and adjacent 20 vertical seepage pits. Area two (closest to the main parking lot) included the construction of a bioretention swale and 12 vertical seepage pits. The project was constructed by The Don Chapin Company with project management provided by County Environmental Health Services and Parks staff. This the last update for this project.

PROPOSITION 40 UNALLOCATED FUNDING

In July 2011, the Parks Department received notification that the enacted State Budget provided additional time for Proposition 40 grant recipients to complete their projects under the Per Capita and RZH Block Contracts. To date, the Parks Department has utilized all but \$131,119 of the original grant amounts. Parks staff has submitted three new grant applications to the State. The projects include: additional picnic tables at Ben Lomond Park; new poured in place surfacing and tot structure at Willowbrook Park; and a new group picnic area and shelter at Pinto Lake Park. New Contracts with the State have been signed by the County. Parks staff will proceed with the projects as soon as copies of the fully executed contracts from the State are returned.

SIMPKINS FAMILY SWIM CENTER VARIABLE FREQUENCY DRIVE (VFD)

Parks staff is currently working with the Contractor and Design Engineer on the approval of construction submittals. There has been a delay in the submittal approval process due to insufficient data provided by the Contractor. It appears we are getting closer to a submittal package that the Design Engineer will approve. The project will include a variable frequency drive control system for the 50-meter pool recirculation pump and the recreation pool recirculation pump. Once installed, the VFD system will help off-set energy costs to operate the pool pumps.



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DATE: March 5, 2012
TO: Arts Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM: Kathy DeWild, Program Coordinator
RE: Recreation and Cultural Services Division Status Report – March and April, 2012

AQUATIC PROGRAMS

Spring Schedule starts March 10, 2012 and runs through June 16, 2012

The spring pool schedule is as follows:

Lap Swimming - The lap pool is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Wednesdays and Fridays from 6:00 to 7:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. (closed 7:30-11:30 a.m.) Saturdays it is open from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. It is closed on Sundays until April 15, 2012.

Warm-water Pool - The warm-water pool is available for general use on:

Tuesday and Thursday	6:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Shared w/swim lessons 10:30a.m.-12:30 p.m. & again open from 6:00-7:30 p.m.)
Wednesdays	6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Fridays	6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. 3:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 10:30 p.m. (adults only) 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (adults & kids 6 years and younger) 12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. (all ages)

Recreation Swim – This includes the Warm Water Pool and the 1st lane of the 50M pool

Tuesday through Friday	3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Pool Closures –February 24 and 25 was the last weekend of our currently scheduled pool closures.

Spring Swim Lessons - Swim lessons will be held through the winter months this year on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., and Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday evenings from 5:00–7:00 p.m.

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 49 swimmers fill the 50-meter pool at these times. Fitness swimmers may choose from several different workout times: Tuesday-Thursday workouts are at 6:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.; Friday workouts are offered at 6:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.; Saturday workouts are offered at 9:00 a.m.

Water Aerobics & Exercise - The water exercise classes this year have reached 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.

Water Polo - Drop-in water polo is offered Saturdays from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. One must be a member of USAWPA to participate in the program.

Pool Rentals - The Santa Cruz County Aquatics and the Cabrillo Threshers 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 to 6:30 p.m.

Lifeguard Training Classes - Lifeguard Training Classes are currently being offered at the Simpkins Family Swim Center starting in January. Most classes will be held on Friday evenings and Saturdays; fees are \$264 for residents and \$290 for non-residents. Interested candidates can find more information on the parks website at www.scparks.com. All course materials are included in the course fees.

Private Pool Parties – Private Pool Parties are available on Saturdays starting March 10, 2012 and on both Saturdays and Sundays starting April 15, 2012. 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.

ARTS AND CULTURAL

The Arts Commission approved the Selection Panel’s recommendation of public artist for the Behavioral Health Unit public art project. The artist selected to continue in the process will present his proposal to the Board of Supervisors on March 6.

Gary Young has been named the 2012 Artist of the Year by the Santa Cruz County Arts Commission. Gary, a nationally-recognized poet, is the County’s 26th artist to be so honored. As a poet, printer, visual artist and educator, Gary has contributed extensively to the cultural life of Santa Cruz County. The high level of artistic production in Santa Cruz County is acknowledged through the Artist of the

Year Award. Recipients must live in Santa Cruz County and have a national and/or international reputation, as well as having contributed to the cultural enrichment of the local community. Gary will give a "Profile Performance" on Friday, May 25, 7:00 p.m. at the Museum of Art & History, 705 Front Street, Santa Cruz. The evening will celebrate the convergence of literary and visual arts. Enjoy a discussion and demonstration of poetry, typography and letter press printing. Admission is FREE to the public. Advance tickets are not available. Seating is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis the night of the event.

Artists have been selected to exhibit their work at the County Government Center in 2012. Showing through the end of March are Laurie Longenecker, Sandra Cherk, David Fleming, Osobel George, and Maren Sinclair Hurn.

Ericka Perloff will be exhibiting landscapes done in pastel March through May, at the Simpkins Swim Center/Parks Offices.

QUAIL HOLLOW RANCH INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS

Recent interpretive programs:

1. Paul Haskins was back for another of his Herp Walks on Sunday, February 5 from 1:00 -3:00 p.m. A whopping 30 people attended the reptile and amphibian survey.
2. A total of 24 weed enthusiasts attended the February 11 Broom Bash from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Volunteer, Chuck Baughman, led the work party.
3. On Sunday, February 19, Lee Summers led a group of 8 people on a History Hike from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. learning about the history of California as it relates to Quail Hollow.
4. Linda Brodman from CNPS Habitat Restoration along with volunteer, Chuck Baughman, led 8 people up the Italian trail to pull French broom at the February 25 Broom Bash from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
5. A very inquisitive group of five birders joined Eric Feuss for his seasonal Beginning Birding program on Sunday, March 4 from 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.
6. Paul Haskins returned for another of his reptile and amphibian surveys entitled In Search of Herps on Sunday, March 04, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Participants surveyed the Discovery loop and enjoyed handling the gopher and California king snakes that he brought from home.

A Dinosaur Birthday Party was offered by Lee Summers and Sasha Townsend on Saturday, February 4 from 1:00 – 3:30 p.m. A total of 21 kids and parents enjoyed the program. A Lost and Found Birthday Party took place on Saturday, February 25 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. A total of 15 kids along with 15 adults learned how to use a compass to create and follow an invisible trail to a birthday treasure. Lee Summers led the program.

Sarah Pierce, Jim Williams, Sasha Townsend, and Lee Summers all staffed an information booth about the birds of Quail Hollow at the Migration Festival at Natural Bridges State Beach on Saturday, February 11 from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. A total of 415 people learned why some birds migrate while others do not at this fun-filled event.

Celebrating another successful year of volunteering, a Volunteer Valentine's Luncheon was scheduled on Sunday, February 12 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. A total of 19 volunteers attended the event and were awarded quail pins and hour pins for their time accumulated. Last year a total of over 3,700 hours were donated as volunteers worked on weekend interpretive programs, birthday parties, day camps, outreach events, resource binders, invasive plant removal, nest box monitoring,

garden maintenance, trail maintenance and development, advertising, visitor center hosting, etc. Since 2001 volunteers have donated a total well over 36,000 hours.

Lee Summers and Al Keuter met with Jodi McGraw at the request of Matt Johnston, from the County Planning office in order to review a proposed Sunset trail extension which would run along the east ridge of the park and then switchback down to the ranch complex. Jodi's assessment was needed to determine if June Beetles may be impacted as a result of the trail. Initial feedback is positive as long as horses are kept from utilizing the new trail. In addition, Conrad Jones from the Department of Fish and Game has been contacted for review, as portions of the trail switchbacks go onto department property.

Volunteer, Ken Moore, discovered an abandoned pot farm while monitoring French boom sites. Reporting his discovery to the office, staff along with volunteer, Al Keuter, inspected the site to plan for garbage removal. While inspecting the site, the group discovered a very large silver-leaved manzanita prompting Al Keuter to contact editors of the new *Jepson's Manual* to alter their description of this species to include this individual measured at 17 feet.

Eagle Scout, Nathan Wahler, completed his project at Quail Hollow recreating the second look-out vista along the Sunset trail. He cleared brush, removed poison oak, built and installed 2 picnic tables as well as a bench at the overlook. Now hikers have a place in the shade to picnic or rest on the way up the trail.

Upcoming interpretive programs:

1. Another work party to remove French broom from the park has been scheduled for Saturday, March 10 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Linda Brodman and Chuck Baughman will lead the *Broom Bash*.
2. Lee Summers will lead children in a discovery of the wonderful world of chemistry in her *Mad Scientist Experiments* on Sunday, March 11 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
3. Lucky park visitors will have a chance to observe many astronomical wonders through the amazing telescopes of the *Santa Cruz Astronomy Club* on Friday March 16 from 8:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. (weather permitting).
4. Master Gardener, Peter Quintana, will be back for a *Pruning Program* on the care and maintenance of trees and shrubs on Sunday, March 18 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
5. Chuck Baughman will lead another of this month's *Broom Bashes* on Saturday, March 24 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
6. Visitors will have a chance to learn about the wonderful world of knitting with Sarah Pierce at her *Knitting Basics* class on Sunday, March 25 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
7. *A Trek to the Forbidden Sandhills* will be offered every Sunday throughout April from 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Sean Warton will lead the hikes this year.
8. On Sunday, April 1, Paul Haskins will be out from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. for another of his *In Search of Herps* programs as he combs the Discovery loop for reptiles and amphibians.
9. Yet another *Broom Bash* is scheduled for Saturday, April 7 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. with Chuck Baughman and Linda Brodman as we begin to wind down the broom season.
10. Thomas Whitman will return for his *Non-toxic Vertebrate Pest Control* program on Sunday, April 15 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Participants will pay \$25 for a class all about the dos and don'ts of dealing with gophers, deer, and other garden pests.

11. Our final *Broom Bash* of the season will take place on Saturday, April 21, from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Chuck Baughman with Linda Brodman will lead volunteers to clean up the last remaining broom sites in the park in an effort to halt the blooming/seed production cycle.
12. Visitors wanting to learn about bats can come to Quail Hollow on Sunday, April 22 from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. and join Monique Lee as she shares her abundant knowledge in her program: *Bats: Gentle Masters of the Night*. A fee of \$5 per person will be charged.
13. Renee Shepherd, from Renee's Garden, will visit Quail Hollow to offer a program entitled *Great Gardens from Seed for Busy People* on Sunday, April 29 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Jenny Anderson and all the Nest Box Checkers will kick off their bird box monitoring season on Saturday, March 10 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. as they review the process of data collection for Cornell University. Boxes were repaired and installed last January with a few changes from last year. Due to some marauding House Wrens who laid claim to numerous boxes and even killed other birds, efforts are being made to select for different species this year. The number of boxes will be reduced and many relocated out of House Wren habitat. Because of these challenges, we will not recruit new volunteers to this program this year.

Staff will be meeting with CCC representatives on Friday, March 9 at 11:00 a.m. to look at possible work to be done on the Discovery Loop. Winter rains of 2010-2011 caused much damage. Park maintenance completed basic repairs but removing water bars and ditching water flow will be needed for subsequent winters.

A Lost and Found Birthday Party will take place on Sunday, March 18 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lee Summers will lead the program as kids learn how to use a compass. A 9-year-old will be celebrating his birthday at Quail Hollow on Sunday, April 1 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. with a Running with the Wildcats party. Lee Summers will lead a maximum of 15 kids along trails playing a variety of predator – prey games.

Pacific Homeschool will visit the park for an Orienteering program on Friday, March 23 from 10:30a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Lee Summers will lead the program.

Phyllis Endicott will be back for a Spring Cooking Camp on Thursday and Friday, April 5 and 6 from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. A maximum of 15 kids will learn all about fresh, home made foods, taking home a multi-course dinner for four by the end of the program.

This year's volunteer of the year award ceremony will be on Tuesday, April 17 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors chambers. The Quail Hollow nominee is Tim Jolly who has spent 6 years and over 400 hours working on broom removal, bird surveys, outreach programs, trail roving, research and most recently has been helping Al Keuter with Sunset trail maintenance and extension development.

Semprevirens Outdoor School staff will visit Quail Hollow for a staff-training about the sandhills on Friday, April 20 from 2:00 – 4:30 p.m. Lee Summers will lead the program. Permission to offer this program must be granted by the California Department of Fish and Game first as it is an additional hike into their sandhills property. Baring permission, the field trip will take place along park trails.

The SLV Homeschool will visit Quail Hollow on Friday April 27 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in hopes of learning about the sandhills. Permission to offer this program must be granted by the

California Department of Fish and Game first as it is an additional hike into their sandhills property. Baring permission, the field trip will take place along park trails.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Mar Vista ACE Program

February was a splendid winter month at Mar Vista ACE. The unusually warm weather allowed us to enjoy many fun and enriching outdoor adventures. We also watched the sweet pea plants bloom that were planted by the kids in the fall, with beautiful electric blue blossoms we thought we'd have to wait until spring to experience. The month began with Into the Future Week, featuring projects such as future tellers, space art, and astronaut pudding. We asked participants to tell us what they envisioned the future will be like and heard some very imaginative responses, such as talking food. During Inspire Your Heart with Art Week, participants made many great valentines to give to special people in their lives. One mother who received a necklace with a heart-shaped pendant made of marbled clay and stamped with a message from her daughter became emotional days later when she thanked staff and told us how many compliments she had been receiving about it. We also played many active games and the kids really enjoyed finding large puzzle pieces in a scavenger hunt and attempting to be the first team to assemble their heart puzzle. Participants enjoyed a field trip to the Aptos Museum, where they learned many things about the area's past. After leaving the museum, they savored a scoop of ice cream and ended the day with a visit to the Aptos Branch Library. We have a suggestion box that we encourage the kids to utilize to share their ideas about what they would like to see at the program and the idea that we have a panda-themed week at ACE was suggested on a number of occasions. Staff was hesitant about the idea because we thought it would be very challenging to tailor an entire week of activities to a panda theme. However, when we got started, we had a blast! We played games with the kids based on the characters in Kung Fu Panda, such as Be at Peace and Master Shifu Says, got the Belly Bumpers out for bumping face-offs and called it Panda-Monium, and played Bamboo Wars. For our themed cooking project, each child got a rice ball that they created a panda face with, using olive slices. They were very cute and a healthy snack! Next was Fun with Science Week, including a very special visit from Steve the Science Guy. Children experienced walking on eggs without them breaking, watching balloons withstand being pressed against a bed of nails, water not leaking from Ziploc bags when they poked pencils through both sides, antacid rockets, shake-and-take glow-in-the-dark slime, among other demonstrations. Other highlights of the week included experiments with phosphorescents under a black light, static electricity, water surface tension and building structures for an egg drop challenge that the kids thoroughly enjoyed.

March began with Dr. Seuss Week. Participants played games like Horton and a Who, Grinch Tag, Swedish fish toss, Dr. Seuss Nation, charades, and more. A variety of mediums were accessible for creation of fantasy creatures and children made their own cartoon flipbooks. We also made our own goldfish crackers using a whole-wheat cheese cracker recipe. We took a field trip to Aptos Pizza, where each child made a personal pizza and learned about the pizza-making process. During Reptiles and Amphibians Week, participants enjoyed a hands-on presentation by The Reptile Lady, who taught us about her snakes, bearded dragon, legless lizard, tortoise and turtle. Later, we played a game of Jeopardy to test the knowledge that they gained from the presentation as well as other facts learned throughout the week. We also played a tag game that demonstrated how and why

chameleons change colors. Next was Leaping Leprechauns week, featuring a potluck party among other festive activities. During Spring Into Spring week, we celebrated the beginning of what we hope to be a lovely season. We enjoyed a field trip to Pump'd Inflatable Fun Center in Watsonville, where participants had a fabulous time literally bouncing off the walls. Last was Monster Week, featuring a field trip to Ocean View Park. The kids had a fabulous time on the large slides!

April is always fun, as staff and participants alike enjoy the festivities of spring. Upcoming themes include Insects, Ocean and Transportation. Staff look forward to Spring Camp at Aptos Village Park during Spring Break.

Kinder Enrichment

February began with a celebration of International Week, during which the children discovered new places and customs. Next was Big Hearts Week -- the children made Valentine's gifts, had a red- and- pink themed potluck, and played lots of fun themed games. During Carnival Week we explored the kid-friendly version of wacky New Orleans traditions by implementing a funny hat day and making great masks. Lastly was Zoom, Zoom, Zoom (transportation) Week and we focused on different modes of travel. The kids had fun playing Red Light, Green Light!

For March we planned themes that encourage imagination. In our first week we learned more about bugs and butterflies. Some of the projects that participants really enjoyed were buggy bookmarks and coffee filter butterflies. During Shamrocks and Leprechauns Week we read about some fanciful myths and legends. We played a fun running game called Rainbow Tag and made great art projects like 3-D shamrocks, theme beading, and watercolor rainbows. Staff enhanced the playful atmosphere by playing Irish harp and pipe musical CDs. Next we welcomed the season of spring during Green and Growing Week. Participants learned how to make tissue paper flowers and planted grass seeds. We also enjoyed watching our favorite green friend, Kermit the Frog, in a clip from The Muppet Movie. The month ended with Spring has Sprung and Yuk It Up Weeks. During Yuk It Up Week humor and comedy abounded and the kids learned jokes for an open session at circle time. They had a blast!

We look forward to the month of April. Many projects and games featuring bunnies, chicks, and colored eggs are soon to come!

La Selva Beach ACE Program

February was a very festive month, beginning with Magic Week. Participants played parachute games and had a blast forming, sculpting, and popping bubbles. We also made gak (or slime), experimented with static electricity with tissue paper and water bending, and experienced the wonder of Wint-O-Green Lifesaver triboluminescence. During Happy Growing Hearts Week participants made and decorated heart-shaped sugar cookies, beaded hearts, and magnetic clay "love" bugs of several creative varieties. They also played games like Rainbow Tag, Trust Games, Bullseye, and more. Next was Carnival Week, the highlight of which was a field trip to Pump'D, an indoor inflatable fun center complete with huge inflatable slides, an obstacle course, bounce houses, and more. Participants also played games like Bingo, Bullseye, soccer, and enjoyed a variety of musical games. Last, but certainly not least, was Survivor Week, during which many island-themed activities took place such as Ultimate Team Challenge, Island Tag, Survivor Relay Races, Coconut Ball, Sea-Sand-Shore, tropical fish creations, rainforest butterflies, and a treasure hunt.

The month of March was magnificent and began with Dr. Seuss's Imagination Week, which featured highlights such as children's future self- portraits, creative roller coasters, a wax museum drama

game, tie-dye paper and oil pastel drawings, and predator & prey games. The following week's theme was Leaping Leprechauns and included activities such as clay clovers, a blarney stone craft, Giants & Leprechauns, a pony bead rainbow craft and bingo for prizes. We also took an exciting field trip to the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk for bowling & mini-golf. Another highlight of Leaping Leprechauns week was the St. Patrick's Day Potluck Party, during which we celebrated the start of Daylight Savings Time and the beginning of spring! Next was Sun, Glorious Sun Week which included highlights such as a cool color waves activity, rainbow tag, clay sun faces and an outdoor appreciation nature walk.

Staff look forward to an awesome month of April which will include many fun filled, exciting activities with themes such as Outdoor Appreciation, Sunny Bunnies and Tropical Oceans. We also look forward to field trips to Manresa Beach and to the Simpkins Swim Center. In the first full week of April, the Parks Department will be offering a daytime Spring Camp located at Aptos Village Park. Teens from local junior highs and high schools will volunteer and help staff to provide a safe, fun-filled program.



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PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA

Monday, March 19, 2012 7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting	Simpkins Family Swim Center 979 17th Avenue Santa Cruz, CA 95062
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I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS OR LATE ADDITIONS

III. CONSENT AGENDA

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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.

IV. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

V. REGULAR AGENDA

A. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Live Oak Youth Center

2. East Cliff Drive Parkway Construction Update

3. Carmichael Trail Update

B. ACTION ITEMS

None

VII. WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

VIII. ADJOURNMENT