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ARTS COMMISSION AGENDA

Monday, April 7, 2013
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 November 9, 2013.....Page 1
 - B. Information and Reports (Accept and File)
 1. Maintenance Section – Status Report.....Page 2-3
 2. Facilities Section – Status Report.....Page 4
 3. Recreation Section – Status Report.....Page 5-10
- 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. Action Items
 1. Elect Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.
 2. Eloise Pickard Smith award.
 - B. Information Items
 1. % for Public Art in Private Development
 2. Artist of the Year – 2015 nominations, 2014 event details
 3. Eloise Pickard Smith Award – 2014 award date/details
 4. Art and Parks
- VIII. AGENDA /MEETING FOR: Monday, May 5, 4:30 p.m.
Simpkins Family Swim Center, 2nd Floor
- IX. ADJOURNMENT



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November 9, 2013, 9:00 AM

979 17th Avenue, Simpkins Family Swim Center, Community Room - Santa Cruz, California

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

Excused Absence: John Faraola Unexcused Absence: None

Staff: Betsey Lynberg, Kathy DeWild

- II. Approved Agenda
Motion/Second: Stabile/Levy
AYES: 9
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1

- III. Approved Consent Agenda
Motion/Second: Stabile/Levy
AYES: 9
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1

- IV. Approved 2014 Public Art Plan
Motion/Second: Stabile/Theeuwes
AYES: 9
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1

- V. Approved Arts Commission Representative - Serve on Government Center Exhibits Selection Panel
Motion/Second: Bernstein/Phillips
AYES: 9
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1

- VI. Approved Arts Commission Representatives - Serve on Artist-Designed Hatchcovers Selection Panel
Motion/Second: Levy/Todaro
AYES: 9
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1

- VII. The meeting was adjourned at 12:08 p.m.



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DATE: February 14, 2014

TO: PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
ARTS COMMISSION

FROM: GRETCHEN ILIFF, MAINTENANCE DIVISION

RE: STATUS REPORTS ON CURRENT PROJECTS

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)

- The handicapped parking stalls received fresh paint in North County Parks this month.
- Several trees were pruned at the Probation center.
- The base ball infields at Highlands Park were graded and leveled for the upcoming little league season.

MID-COUNTY PARKS (AJC, Government Center, Emeline Complex, Twin Lakes, Brommer, Felt, Floral, Coffee Lane, Soquel Lyons, Jose Avenue, Winkle Farm, Willowbrook Lane, Moran Lake, Maplethorpe, Santa Cruz Gardens, Mid-County beach access areas)

- Some split rail fencing was replaced at Anna Jean Cummings Park.
Pickleball lines were added to the tennis courts at Willowbrook Park.
- Clean up of the undeveloped areas of Anna Jean Cummings and the Emeline Governmental Campus were conducted this month.

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

Gopher control was a high priority for staff last month at Pinto Lake, Polo Grounds and Aptos Park.

- Staff installed several metal decks and a new slide at Aldridge Lane Park.
- Parks staff used day time to clean and wax the floor at Aptos Park and Valencia Hall.

The Mission of the Santa Cruz County Department of Parks, Open Space and Cultural Services is to provide safe, well designed and maintained parks and a wide variety of recreational and cultural opportunities for our diverse community

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SIMPKINS FAMILY SWIM CENTER

- Swim Center staff built a garden shed for the community garden at Felt St park this month.
- Staff received training on pesticide safety and the use of owls for rodent control.



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DATE: February 14, 2014
TO: Parks & Recreation Commission, Arts Commission
FROM: Gretchen Iliff, Facilities Management Division
RE: Status Report on Current Projects

Summary for reservations in the Parks for the months of in December 2013 and January 2014, (excluding SFSC):

Attendance at Reserved Facilities:

December and January have been typical for off season events with parties and a few weddings. Staff estimates that approximately 6,000 park visitors attended events in reserved facilities at County Parks in these two months.

Center and Meeting Room Rentals in December 2013 and January 2014:

December and January hosted 9 weddings, receptions and events held at our various Park Centers with rental revenues totaling \$4,250.00. December and January also included 36 meeting room rentals totaling \$1,150.00.

The Facilities office has been very busy with inquiries and bookings for weddings and receptions for 2014 events. The summer schedule is quickly filling up.

Surf Contests:

We are in the midst of another successful surf season. Although there has been a reduction in the amount of contests hosted by surf clothing/ supply companies after the economic downturn, use of Pleasure Point Park, the Hook overlook and Moran Lake Beach by non-profit organizations, school surf leagues and for profit companies continues in these favorite surf and skimboard contest sites. The renovations and improvement along East Cliff Parkway have provided added benefit for events hosted at these park sites. July 2013 through June 2014 have a total of 17 days of contests, with revenues totaling \$4825.00.

Garden Plots:

Garden plot renewals at Jose Avenue and Felt Street Parks have been taking place during the last month. Jose Avenue has 14 garden plots and Felt Street Park has 17 plus 2 ADA garden plots. All plots have either been renewed or new gardeners will be given an opportunity to access these plots due to a number recently released plots during the renewal process. Many of these new gardeners have been on waitlists for years and are excited about starting their gardening experience in County Parks. Waitlists are also being maintained for garden plots at the future parks sites of Chanticleer Park and The Farm.

Recent Fundraiser at Pinto Lake County Park:

The Soquel High School Disc Golf Club, in partnership with the Children's Organ Transplant Association, hosted Chains for Change, a fundraising tournament at Pinto Lake County Park disc golf course to aide the 2013 Soquel High alumni, Gavin Jack, with heart transplant-related expenses. An estimated 100 people showed up, with up to 70 entrants, and \$8,000.00 was raised in this show of community support.



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DATE: December 9, 2013
TO: Arts Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM: Kathy DeWild, Program Coordinator
RE: Recreation and Cultural Services Division Status Report – Jan-Mar. 2014

ARTS AND CULTURAL

Public Art Projects

Outside the Box – Work has concluded on Phase 4 of “Outside the Box,” with Phase 5 set to begin end of February.

Chanticleer Park Public Art Project - Madeline Wiener completed and installed two large, limestone sculptures at Chanticleer Park. “A Day at the Park” features a (5’ x 7’ x 4’) couple sitting side-by-side, perhaps looking to their past or their future or watching children play in the park. The more playful, single figure (3’ x 6’ x 3’) leans back on her elbows with one leg crossing over the other, and appears to be looking up while enjoying her day at the park. The dedication of “A Day in the Park” is set for Wednesday, March 12 at 3:00 p.m.

Art Exhibitions – David Fleming’s oil paintings are up at the Simpkins Family Swim Center / Parks through March of 2014.

ADULT AND SENIOR PROGRAMS

February has been a highly anticipated month amongst trip-goers, as on Feb. 23 we will travel to Le Grand Chapiteau in San Jose to watch Cirque Du Soleil perform *AmaLúna*. This trip sold out quickly and there are several eager people on the waitlist hoping that they’ll be afforded the opportunity to join us!

March features a trip to the Walt Disney Family Museum and Fisherman’s Wharf.

Staff is busy in preparation of trips for June 2014 – May 2015. Stay tuned for April’s announcement of many new and exciting excursions!

YOUTH PROGRAMS

In the spotlight: Mar Vista ACE - After returning from Winter Break, we began January with the theme of New Beginnings at ACE. Projects included New Year's Resolutions, sunrise art and monkey-shaped pancakes. We played games such as Pictionary, Ultimate Ball, Band-Aid Tag, Barrel O' Monkeys, Island Mix and more. Monster Week featured activities such as Zombie Tag, Hot Lava Monster, Make Your Own Monster, Steal the Cookie, and more. The highlight of the week was a field trip to Pump'D Inflatable Fun Center. We concluded the month with a focus on the Chinese New Year celebration and the ringing in of the Year of the Horse. Projects included fruit roll-up fortune cookies, colored rice creations, traditional edible money bags and an art lesson on drawing a horse. Participants also played games such as Monkeys vs. Horses, All Horses Run, traditional Chinese children's games, emotional animal charades.

In honor of the opening of the Winter Olympics in February, we began by celebrating Sochi. Participants learned about traditional Russian architecture and saw what the Russian alphabet and computer keyboards look like. We made Matryoshka dolls, Russian tea cakes, and decorated eggs. Participants also enjoyed games like Olympic torch relays, Tipped Fox Tag, Nesting Challenge, Fire & Ice, traditional Russian children's games and more. We also took a field trip to the Santa Cruz Roller Palladium. Next was Happy Hearts Week, during which participants made projects such as shrinky-dink rings, heart-shaped bird feeders and candy roses for moms. We also played games such as Don't Break My Heart, Minute to Win It (Valentine's edition) and had team scavenger hunts for puzzle pieces that, once found, were assembled into heart shapes. We were joined by Jen Walker and her canine working dog Moon from the Santa Cruz Animal Shelter, who taught techniques of safely approaching dogs. Moon patiently let all of the children practice by properly greeting him. Next was Fun With Science week, a kid favorite! We made Gak, rockets, conducted several experiments and engineered shelters for an egg drop. We also played games such as Amoeba Tag, Atomic Invasion, Fire at the Laboratory and more. The highlight of the week was a performance by the Banana Slug String Band, who brought their unique style of environmental education to us!

March will offer activities that correlate with themes such Space Week, Mardi Gras, Dr. Seuss and Reptiles & Amphibians. Participants are looking forward to a field trip to Simpkins Family Swim Center, our first Taekwondo workshop and a visit from Lindy the Reptile Lady and her reptilian friends!

AQUATIC PROGRAMS

The Winter Schedule will conclude on Friday, February 28, 2014

The Spring Schedule, listed below, starts March 1, 2014 and runs through June 13, 2014

Lap Swimming

The lap pool is open for lap swimming Monday through Friday, 6:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Saturday it is open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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

Mon/Wed/Fri	6:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. 3:00-5:00 p.m. (recreation swim) Closed 5:30-6:30 p.m. 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Tues/Thurs	6:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Closed 5:00-6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. (Shared w/swim lessons 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 6:30-7:30 p.m.)
Friday	6:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m. 3:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Saturday	9:00-10:30 a.m. (adults only) 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. (adults and kids ages 6 and under) 12:30-4:00 p.m. (Recreation Swim - all ages)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (all ages)

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

Monday through Friday	3:00-5:00 p.m.
Saturday	12:30-4:00 p.m.

Spring Swim Lessons –Spring swimming lessons begin on March 3, 2014. Sessions will be available on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm AND Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm. Evening swim lesson sessions will be available on Monday, Wednesday & Friday evenings from 5:00–7:30 pm AND Tuesday, Thursday evenings from 5:00 – 7:30 pm.

Spring Break Pool Junior Lifeguard Program – For the second year we will offer a week long Spring Break Pool Junior Lifeguard Program at Simpkins Family Swim Center, Mon – Fri from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm with the option for participants to stay for Recreation swim from 2:00 – 5:00 pm free of charge, March 31 – April 4, 2014. The program follows similar schedules and activities as our very popular Summer Pool Junior Lifeguard Program and has a special activity day on the last day. Program fees are \$164 for residents and \$180 for non-residents.

Adult Fitness Swimming - Adult Fitness Swimming is very popular at the Simpkins Family Swim Center. The most well 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 workout times: Tuesday and Wednesday workouts are at 6:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.; Monday, Thursday and Friday workouts are offered at 6:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday workouts are offered at 9:00 a.m.

Water Aerobics & Exercise - The water exercise classes this year continue to reach 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.

Saturday Water Polo - Drop-in Water Polo is held on Sundays from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. One must be a member of USAWPA to participate in the program. A Swim fee of \$6.00 will be collected or you may use a swim pass.

Pool Rentals - 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 Tuesday through Friday from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Lifeguard Training Classes - Lifeguard Training Classes will be offered at the Simpkins Family Swim Center January through May, 2014. Most classes will be held on Friday evenings and Saturdays; fees are \$290 for residents and \$319 for non-residents. County Parks will also be offering limited courses in First Aid for Public Safety Personnel (CA Title 22) at the Simpkins Family Swim Center. 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 and Sundays starting March 1, 2014, through August 31, 2014. A variety of rental options are available for Private Pool Parties. Private Pool Parties are scheduled on weekends, spring, summer and fall, after the facility has closed to the public.

QUAIL HOLLOW RANCH INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS

Recent interpretive programs:

- It's a Small World – Microscope Viewing took place on Sunday, January 5 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. with park interpreter Lee Summers leading the program
- Two more Broom Bashes took place in January on Saturday, January 11 and 25 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Linda Brodman from the California Native Plant Society's Habitat Restoration Team co-lead the work party along with park volunteer, Chuck Baughman. A total of 11 people showed up for both programs.
- The Fungus Federation of Santa Cruz offered a Fungus Foray with Cassandra Furntes leading on Saturday, January 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Despite the lack of rain – and also mushrooms – the program ran with 12 people attending.
- Historic Crafts for Kids was offered by park interpreter Lee Summers, on Sunday, January 19, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., where the children learned about and made crafts from the Ohlone, Mission, and early American traditions.
- A Mad Scientist birthday party took place on Sunday, January 26 from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. A total of 26 kids and parents attended the program.
- Alex Rinkert led a birding program called Birding through the Habitats on Saturday, February 1 from 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.
- A Child's Victorian Tea Party was offered by Lee Summers on Sunday, February 2 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. The participants enjoyed parlor games and tea.

- A Broom Bash took place on February 8 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Seven people braved a rainy day to pull broom at the Discovery loop maintenance site.
- On Sunday, February 9 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Lee Summers led a historic program called Life of a Pioneer in which five children enjoyed pretending they were pioneers and built a miniature homestead, working together to overcome challenges.

The Nest Box Monitoring season began with a box maintenance work party on Sunday, January 12 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. This was followed by a box installation work party on Sunday, January 19, same time. New locations for some nest boxes were discussed beforehand to address continuing but declining harassment by House Wrens.

Scheduling continued for the 2014 interpretive events as well as planning for the Time Traveler and Science Sleuths Summer Day Camps and the Wisdom in Nature adult program.

Preparation began for the Volunteer Recognition Party on Saturday, February 22 from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.

Park Interpreter, Lee Summers, changed her work schedule from Friday – Sunday to Saturday – Monday beginning this month. This will allow for better communication with office staff, volunteers and the public as well as less confusion over holiday schedules.

Annual attendance statistics and volunteer hours were tallied with well over 1800 people attending an interpretive program in 2013 and a total park attendance of almost 7600 visitors. In addition, almost 2800 hours of volunteer time was donated making their total hours since 2001 come to 26,300 hours. Calculating each hour at a rate of \$22 (as per the State of California) volunteers donated over \$61,000 worth of work this year!

Upcoming interpretive programs:

- A Broom Bash is scheduled for February 22 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Mad Scientist Experiments with Lee Summers will be offered on Sunday, February 23 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
- Also on Sunday, February 23, Lee Summers will offer a Mad Scientist birthday party from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- Ponderosa High School will be out for several weeks of community service starting Friday, February 28 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Students will help paint fences, pull broom and trim back Eucalyptus on March 14 and 28 also.

Quail Hollow Ranch was invited back to the Migration Festival at Natural Bridges State Beach on Saturday, February 8 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We hosted an information booth on why some bird species migrate while others don't. Four volunteers helped host the booth along with staff, including Tim and Barb Jolly and Kathy and Connor Chesus. A total 69 interested visitors visited the booth. Rain forced the event indoors reflecting a lowered attendance than in previous years.

This year's Volunteer Recognition Luncheon will take place on Saturday, February 22 from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. Lead volunteers will update us on their work:

~ Al Keuter will update us about the expansion of the Sunset trail

- ~ Linda Brodman will share her 5 minute presentation at a recent weed symposium which featured her work at Quail Hollow
- ~ Christina Floyd will bring us up to date on the upcoming nest box program which will kick off on March 8.

- ~ Jim Williams will let us know how plans are going with the creation of a Friends of Quail Hollow Ranch 501(c)3

- ~ Supervisor McPherson will be on hand to recognize several volunteers for their ongoing support of the park:
 - Al Keuter – for his work on trails
 - Linda Brodman and Chuck Baughman – for their work on broom removal
 - Simon Stapleton – for his work on the gardens
 - Jenny Anderson – for her work on the nest box program
 - Kathy Chesus – for her help with advertising and office duties

- ~ Betsey Lindberg will help distribute quail and hour pins for volunteers who will be receiving them.