



# County of Santa Cruz

## PARKS, OPEN SPACE & CULTURAL SERVICES

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## PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, August 11, 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 7:17 p.m.

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

Present: Francisco Serna, 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 3/0).

### III. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of June 9 , 2008 were approved as written (Minott/Doten 3/0)

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 August 4, 2008

The Information and Reports were accepted and filed. (Minott/Doten 3/0).

### IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - None

### V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Schultz introduced Christine Bennett as the Parks' Department Secretary, who started on July 1, 2008. A brief update on Freedom Lake was given by Cristina James, Park Planner. Site visit for US Fish & Wildlife grant will be on September 3<sup>rd</sup> with Parks' staff and partners for grant coordination. Will know in January if we will receive grant funds. Recommendations of the Department of Fish & Game due in September, as well as a review by the County Planning Department staff. Commissioners to be added to list of recipients for any updates on project, so they can support the effort when appropriate. Appears to be only lake in county with this problem, and the quantity will need to be disposed of using outside resources. Ecology Action will be doing out-reach and education, contingent upon receiving funding with the grant.

*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*

Director Schultz provided a handout to Commissioners for review regarding childhood obesity epidemic, "Go For Health" and "No Child Left Inside" campaigns and the "5 2 1 0" initiative. Watsonville is the focus area for the "Go For Health" campaign in our area.

Director Schultz asked the Commissioners to consider changing the meetings to the first Monday of every month, which would require a change of By-Laws. More discussion and possible voting the next meeting.

## **VI. REGULAR AGENDA (DISCUSSION ITEMS)**

### **A. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **1. Budget Update**

Lack of a state budget directly impacts counties and it is possible that the Board of Supervisors will request departments to present revised budgets mid-year.

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

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 hopefully a final version can be brought to the Board of Supervisors in October. Main concerns with concept are proximity of skate area and pathway, safe exit features to roadway deterring misuse by skateboarders or BMX riders, and to add vegetation which will be low-cost and not obstruct view. Master Plan process is continuing, but there has been no funds allocated so we will need to seek Proposition 84 monies, grants, or donations. Commissioner Minott extended invitation to Director Schultz to attend an Aptos Chamber breakfast meeting to raise public interest/awareness.

## **VII. AGENDA/MEETING FOR: Parks Commission, September 15, 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. Floral Park
2. Update on McGregor
3. Polo Grounds and Soquel Water District
4. Freedom Lake Hyacinth
5. Update on Davenport Landing Park
6. Proposal to change meeting day of Commission

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m. (Minott/Doten 3/0)**