



County of Santa Cruz

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PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION Minutes of December 4, 2017, 7:00 p.m. meeting 979 17th Avenue Santa Cruz, CA 95062

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Steven Bennett, Kate Minott, Jim Rapoza, Mariah Roberts
Staff: Jeff Gaffney, Lynna Hemeryck, Eric Sturm

II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS:

Motion to accept agenda as presented. (Bennett/ Roberts 4/0)

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Approved minutes from October 2, 2017. (Minott/ Bennett 4/0)
Accept and file items and reports. (Minott/ Roberts 4/0)

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- Kari Olsen, a Soquel resident, expressed disappointment in the direction that the Farm Bridge project has taken. She feels that the input and opinions of the community members and property owners adjacent to the Farm Park have been disregarded in the iteration process.

V. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- Roberts – The Chanticleer Park Project is ticking along. There was a successful fundraiser held on Friday, December 1st. Groups from every district have stepped up to support the project.
- Minott – Received complaints about insufficient number of pickleball courts. Pickleball remains a highly popular topic in Mid County.
- Bennett – Looking forward to getting community input on the bike track proposal at Pinto Lake Park. Expressed concerns about the hidden dog park, which seems to be in disrepair. There aren't many dog parks in District 4 with the exception of Franich.
- Rapoza – Great to see that there is a new roof on the restrooms at Highlands Park. Has also received reports from constituents that there are not enough softball fields or soccer fields. The field at Highlands Park was closed a week and a half before the end of the recreational soccer season for Scotts Valley/SLV. Request for coordination on this in the future.

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

- Jeff presented a proclamation to Jennifer Mead for her service to the Parks and Recreation Commission, signed by all of the Commissioners
 - Lynna Hemeryck was introduced as the new Secretary
- Pinto Lake Community Meeting on December 9th from 10-11am
 - To discuss proposed new bike pump track at Pinto Lake County Park
- Mike Pini promoted to Maintenance Supervisor
- At Board of Supervisor's Meeting on December 5th, there will be an Arts Commission presentation on the Felton Library Public Art Proposal
- Leo's Haven held a fundraiser on Friday, December 1st and raised over \$1 million dollars
- SB-5 will be on the June 2018 Ballot
 - \$4.1 billion bond measure, some of which is partitioned for small communities with underserved populations
- Live Oak Library Annex
 - Capital Improvements Project Manager is moving forward with a request for qualifications on December 12th
- Parks Department is currently examining areas to designate for drone use
- Rio Del Mar public land easement and walkway
 - Rental units have encroached on a portion of the Esplanade to Beach Drive
 - Working with Coastal Commission and State Parks to reopen the coastal trail to the end of Seacliff State Beach and connect with the stairway up to Kenneth Drive
- Moving forward with design & construction of Farm Park and pedestrian bridge
 - Bridge plans have been designed with ADA access in mind

VII. REGULAR AGENDA – Information Items

- a. Direct Staff to revise Commission By-Laws with the date accepted and approved by the Board of Supervisors, 11/7/2017.
- b. A local resident donated \$10,000 to improve Hidden Beach and playground. There were matching funds and a fundraising event is being planned to reach a goal of \$100,000. (Santa Cruz County Trust Fund #134989)
- c. Direct staff to prepare report on the potential impact of the June 2018 Ballot measure on Santa Cruz County Parks.
- d. The date and time for a Special Commission meeting at Bear Creek Country Club will be determined at the next Commission meeting.

VIII. REGULAR AGENDA – Action Items

- a. The Commission approved the 2018 schedule of meeting dates. (Bennett/ Roberts 4/0)

IX. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting Adjourned at 8:18 p.m. (Minott/ Roberts 4/0)