



County of Santa Cruz

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, OPEN SPACE & CULTURAL SERVICES

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JEFF GAFFNEY
DIRECTOR

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA

****Please note different meeting location****

Monday, February 6, 2017
7:00 pm
Regular Meeting

Muzzio Community Center
26 W. Front St.
Watsonville, CA 95076

I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS OR LATE ADDITIONS

III. CONSENT AGENDA (Action)

- A. Approve minutes from Dec. 5, 2016Page 1
- B. Consider Reports:
 - 1. Maintenance Section – Status ReportPage 2-3
 - 2. Facilities Section – Status ReportPage 4
 - 3. Recreation Section – Status ReportPages 5-7
 - 4. Aquatics Section – Status Report.....Pages 8-10
 - 5. Planning Section – Status Report.....Pages 11-12
- C. Approve appointment of Margit Aramburu to the Friends of Santa Cruz County Parks Board of Directors (Pages 13-14)

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. Presentations must not exceed three (3) minutes in length, and individuals may speak only once during Oral Communications.

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

VI. REGULAR AGENDA – Information Items

- 1. Presentation from Jonathan Pilch, Director of Watsonville Wetlands Watch
- 2. Presentation from Ana Espinoza, Director of Watsonville City Parks & Community Services
- 3. Postponing By-law review to next meeting (April 3, 2017)

VII. REGULAR AGENDA – Action Items (none)

VIII. WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE LISTING (none)

IX. ADJOURNEMENT

The Mission of the Santa Cruz County 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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PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION Minutes of December 5, 2016, 7:00 p.m. meeting 979 17th Avenue Santa Cruz, California

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Kate Minott, Mariah Roberts, Jim Rapoza, Alex Sibille, Steven Bennett
Staff: Jeff Gaffney, Jennifer Mead

II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS:

Motion to accept the agenda as presented. (Roberts/ Rapoza 5/0)

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to amend meeting location of October 3, 2016 minutes to reflect the Highlands Park location. (Bennett/ Rapoza 5/0)

Approved minutes from October 3, 2016 as amended (Roberts/ Rapoza 5/0)

Accept and file reports. (Sibille/ Roberts 5/0)

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- Tricia Potts update the Commission about LEO's Haven activities

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

VI. REGULAR AGENDA – Information Items

1. Terry Corwin of Land Trust of Santa Cruz presented to the Commission
2. The Commission reviewed by-law changes

VII. REGULAR AGENDA – Action Items

3. The Commission accepted the 2017 meeting dates (Roberts/ Sibille 5/0)

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting Adjourned at 8:23 p.m. (Rapoza/ Roberts 5/0)



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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS PARKS, OPEN SPACE, AND CULTURAL SERVICES DIVISION

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JOHN J. PRESLEIGH
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

DATE: February 1, 2017
TO: PARKS & RECREATION 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)

Winter storms deposited debris and destroyed fencing at Ben Lomond Park. Several large trees fell along the trails at Quail Hollow Ranch.

The California Conservation Corps (CCC) worked one day removing non-native vegetation at the Highlands park. The CCC worked alongside our new Americorp Team. The Americorp Team is living at Highlands Park and is working at several county sites for the next ten weeks.

The roof replacement for the Covered Bridge at **Felton Park** was completed and staff installed 'holiday' lights along both sides of the bridge. Christianson Tree Service donated their time to install the lights on the tallest part of the bridge.

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, Heart of Soquel Plaza, The Farm, Mid-County beach access areas)

Logs and debris were deposited in the Moran Lake parking lot due to high surf. Staff are beginning the clean up process. Additionally, several trees at the park fell and two others needed to be removed.

Staff repaired a domestic water leak at Anna Jean Cummings park

A contractor is preparing a bid for the work to restore the Hook parking area outdoor shower. The shower was turned off last year and is being re-designed to meet current County codes.

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, Seacliff Village Park)

Staff assisted the contractor with the installation of the new play structure at Seascape Park. Parks staff completed the demolition of the old structure and rebuilt two picnic tables and installed the new wood fiber under the structure.

Aptos park received some attention this month. Staff replaced several overhang support posts and hardware.

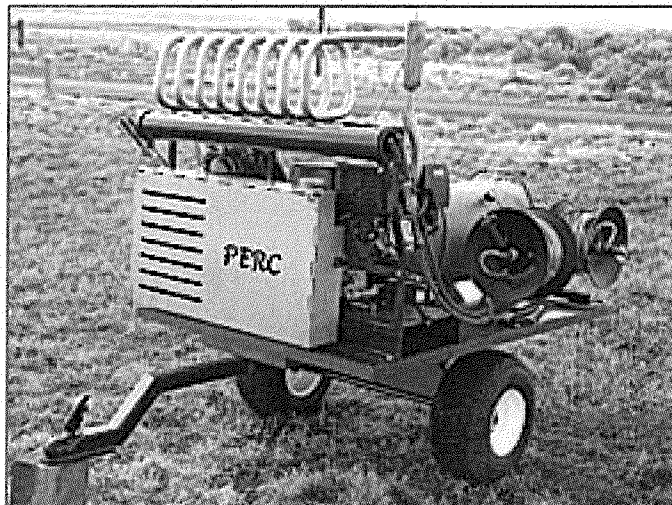
Due to excessive rains the Pinto Lake Park pier is underwater and the back 20 acres of the park is inaccessible. A March fun run has been cancelled and we are unsure of when the water will recede.

SIMPKINS FAMILY SWIM CENTER

A new recreation pool pump was installed at the **Simpkins Family Swim Center**.

All maintenance staff received training on the topics of How to Safely Discard Syringes and Face Protection and maintenance work.

The Department purchased a new device to eradicate gophers. The device injects pressurized carbon monoxide into gopher burrows and overcomes the gophers immediately. It seems to be very effective!



Pressurized Exhaust Rodent Control (PERC)



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DATE: Feb 1, 2017
TO: Parks & Recreation Commission, Arts Commission
FROM: Mary Chavez, Program Coordinator
RE: Facilities Division Status Report- January/February 2017

Summary for reservations and Facilities operations in the Parks (excluding SFSC):

Attendance at Reserved Facilities:

January and February have been typical for off season events with parties and a few weddings at park centers and picnic areas. Staff estimates that approximately 5,900 park visitors attended events in reserved facilities at County Parks in these two months.

Center and Meeting Room Rentals in January and February 2017:

January and February hosted 9 weddings, receptions and family events held at various Park Centers with rental revenues totaling \$4,800. December and January also included 47 meeting room rentals totaling \$1,110.

The Facilities office has been very busy with inquiries and bookings for weddings, receptions and special events in the park centers for 2017. The summer schedule is quickly filling up. The typical season of use is weekends (mainly Saturdays and some Sundays) May through October, with approximately 52 available dates (36 for Quail Hollow Ranch). At this time, Aptos Park is reserved 33% of all available dates (with only 14 Saturdays remaining available), Highlands Park is reserved at 35% (with only 8 Saturdays remaining available) and Quail Hollow is reserved at 53% (with only 8 Saturdays remaining available). Park centers continue to be popular wedding and event locations, with customers appreciating the picturesque and affordable venues for their special occasions while continuing to be a significant revenue source for the Department.

Surf Contests:

We are in the midst of another successful surf season. Non-profit organizations, school surf leagues and for-profit companies continue to hold contests at Pleasure Point Park, the Hook (41st Avenue) overlook and Moran Lake Beach, which are favorite surf and skimboard contest sites. July 2016 through June 2017 have a total of 19 days of contests, with revenues totaling \$5,050.

Garden Plots:

Garden plot renewals for Jose Avenue, Felt Street and the Farm Parks have been taking place during the past month. Jose Avenue has 14 garden plots, Felt Street Park has 17 plus 2 ADA garden plots, and the Farm has 10 plus 2 ADA plots. All plots have either been renewed or new gardeners will be given an opportunity to access these plots due to a number of recently released plots during the renewal process. The new gardeners are excited about starting their gardening experience in County Parks. Gardeners at the Farm will have their second full season since the garden plots opened in June 2015. A waitlist has been maintained for future park site Chanticleer Park. Garden plot revenues are approximately \$2,500 annually.



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DATE: February 1, 2017
TO: Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM: Kathy DeWild, Program Coordinator
RE: Recreation & Cultural Services Division Status Report – January, 2016

ARTS AND CULTURAL

Art Exhibitions

Sandra Cherk's pastel paintings are on exhibition at the Simpkins Family Swim Center / Parks office through the end of March. A selection panel met in December to review artists' applications for exhibitions in 2017, and artists were selected to show their work at the County Government Center.

Felton Library

The Just In Time Panel met with Parks staff in December to review the application for a temporary public art project at the site of the future Felton Library. The application, from a community group consisting of members of the community, Felton Library Friends, and Open Studio artists, was approved by the JIT Panel. The committee plans to distribute materials, instructions/guidelines, and other information to the involved artists this month, and hope to install the completed works this summer. The purpose of the art installation is to bring the long-awaited new library to the consciousness of the community, to publicize the fact that the library project is moving forward, to create an event for community awareness and participation, and to raise funds for the new Felton Branch.

Holiday Art & Craft Faire

The annual Holiday Art & Craft Faire took place on December 3 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Simpkins Family Swim Center, and it was a rousing success! A steady stream of shoppers was present throughout the day, and several of the vendors commented that it was their best day of sales, ever.

ADULT AND SENIOR PROGRAMS

The first couple of weeks in December were very busy! The Mall Walkers partook in their annual holiday potluck party on Friday, 12/2. On Sunday, 12/4 trip-goers traveled to the Cow Palace to enjoy the Great Dickens Christmas Faire and Victorian Holiday Party. Then on 12/6