

County of Santa Cruz

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, OPEN SPACE & CULTURAL SERVICES

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PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA

Monday, October 3, 2016
7:00 pm
Regular Meeting

Highlands County Park
8500 Highway 9
Ben Lomond, CA 95005

I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS OR LATE ADDITIONS

III. CONSENT AGENDA (Action)

- A. Approve minutes from August 1, 2016 Page 1
- B. Consider Reports:
 - 1. Maintenance Section – Status Report Page 2-3
 - 2. Facilities Section – Status Report Page 4
 - 3. Recreation Section – Status Report Pages 5-7
 - 4. Aquatics Section – Status Report..... Pages 8-10
 - 5. Planning Section – Status Report..... Pages 11-12

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 Carol Childers of Community Bridges followed by Q & A
- 2. Presentation from George Galt of Boulder Creek Recreation District Board followed by Q & A
- 3. Review changes to Parks Commission By-laws (Pages 13-16)
- 4. Discuss benefits of & reasons for a County Parks Ranger, and potential Junior Ranger program
- 5. Optional tour of Highlands Park facility led by Jeff Gaffney at 6:15pm

VII. REGULAR AGENDA – Action Items - (none)

VIII. WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE LISTING (Page 17)

IX. ADJOURNEMENT



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PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION Minutes of August 1, 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

Approved minutes from June 6, 2016. (Roberts/ Sibille 4/0)

Motion to move Maintenance Status Report to item 1 under Regular Agenda – Informational Items. (Roberts/ Rapoza 5/0)

Motion to accept and file reports. (Rapoza/ Bennett 5/0)

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (none)

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

VI. REGULAR AGENDA – Information Items

1. The Commission and members of the public discussed an item that was on the Maintenance Status Report.
2. The Commission and the Director discussed possible future drone policy.

VII. REGULAR AGENDA – Action Items

3. Motion for the Commission Chair to work with staff on future meeting formats and locations. (Roberts/ Bennett 5/0)
4. Motion for Commission Chair to work with staff and consult County Counsel regarding by-law changes. (Roberts/ Sibille 5/0)
5. Motion for Commission to discuss the Mission Statement at the next workshop. (Rapoza/ Sibille 5/0)

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting Adjourned at 8:36 p.m. (Sibille/ 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: September 28, 2016
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 restrooms at **Ben Lomond Park** were repainted in their entirety.

The California Conservation Corps (CCC) worked three days removing non-native vegetation at the 2 acre **future Felton Library** site.

The roof replacement for the Covered Bridge at **Felton Park** received final completion status. All work to the historic bridge was done in accordance with federal historical rehabilitation standards.

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)

The sidewalk along Cunninson Lane, providing the main pedestrian access way to **The Farm Park**, was repaired. The sidewalk which functions as the ADA access path was plagued by uneven surfaces caused by upheaval from tree roots. Staff grinded down raised trip hazards and jack hammered and replaced entire sections of failing concrete providing a smooth and even access way to the park.

Staff reinstalled signs at **Anna Jean Cummings Park** prohibiting the use of motorized model aircraft.

Twelve canary pine trees were removed alongside the **Governmental Services Building at 701 Ocean Street**. The pine trees were exhibiting signs of distress and removed before they could potentially cause damage to the adjacent building. The work included grinding out stumps below finished grade.

A pathway bridge at **Moran Lake Park** was repaired by Parks staff. Repairs included installation of a new railing and retaining wall. The repairs ensure safe and unimpeded access through the park is maintained.

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 installed landscaping around the new restroom and concessions building at **Polo Grounds Park**. The new perimeter landscaping, irrigated by a water-efficient drip system, features native and drought tolerant plant material accented by boulders. The new planting area provides a welcoming face to the new building.

A new 12,000 square foot turf area was installed at **Seascape Park**. Prior to installing sod, staff prepared the area by removing weeds, repairing and expanding the irrigation system, grading, and installing gopher wire under the entire area. The completed lawn area will serve as the primary venue for the annual Walk to End Alzheimer's scheduled on September 24th. The new space will compliment future investments planned for the park including a brand new play structure, a new drinking fountain and new picnic area along the bluff.

The tennis court resurfacing project was completed at **Aldridge Lane Park**. Large surface cracks and depressions that have long interfered with tennis matches were repaired. The new court surface includes three coats of acrylic resurfacer to ensure a smooth and level playing surface, a bi-color blue and green color scheme, fresh court lines and a new net.

Staff assisted in preparing **Aptos Village Park** and **Pinto Lake Park** for a busy fall season of events including Grazing on the Green and the Special Z Games. Preparations included repairing and staining picnic tables and benches at Aptos, spreading mulch in landscape beds at Aptos, and trail maintenance at Pinto Lake.

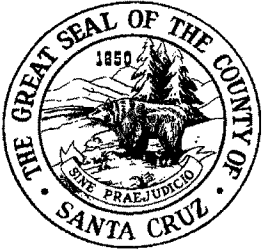
SIMPKINS FAMILY SWIM CENTER

A new hot water system, providing on-demand hot water to the **Simpkins Family Swim Center** locker rooms was installed. The ultra energy efficient system replaced the less efficient, ten year old system that completely failed leaving patrons without hot water in the locker rooms.

Staff assisted in preparations for the 2nd Annual Parks and Rex Event hosted at Simpkins. The pool deck and pools were prepared and staged to accommodate a variety of activities.

All maintenance staff received training on the topics of cleaning and disinfecting play equipment and department protocols for safety issue communication.

A Safety Committee was formed with one representative from South County, North County, Mid County and Simpkins. The Committee will meet regularly to reasearch best practices and propose implementable ideas aimed at creating a safer work place.



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DATE: September 28, 2016
TO: Parks & Recreation Commission, Arts Commission
FROM: Mary Chavez, Program Coordinator
RE: Facilities Division Status Report- September/October 2016

Summary for reservations in the Parks for the months of September and October 2016, (excluding SFSC):

Attendance at Reserved Facilities:

2016 has proven to be another full year of reservations and events in County Parks. Reservations have included hundreds of rentals for picnics, meetings, weddings, special events, athletic field and fitness programs scheduled in parks countywide. Staff estimates that over 112,000 park visitors attended events in reserved facilities during the months of September and October.

Center and Meeting Room Rentals in September and October 2016:

During these two months there were 42 weddings, receptions and events held at our various Park Centers with rental revenues totaling \$52,150. The same months in 2015 hosted 34 weddings and events with \$39,100 in revenue, reflecting a revenue increase of 25%. There were also 48 meeting room rentals totaling \$1,500.

Picnic Rentals in September and October 2016:

There were 60 picnics in the reservable picnic areas with rental revenues totaling \$8,900. Non-profit organizations and some local businesses scheduled approximately 15 of these picnic rentals (about 25%).

Athletic Fields:

The fall sports season has been in full swing and baseball, soccer and volleyball programs have continued to grow, filling the 18 athletic fields with these sports activities. There have been 670 individual bookings with rental revenues totaling \$37,000 during these two months. Another successful Santa Cruz Classic Tournament took place in September with the Polo Grounds and Anna Jean Cummings Park hosting this annual countywide tournament run through the Santa Cruz County Youth Soccer League, which boasts over 5,600 players between the ages of 6 and 18, who also play their fall seasons in all four parks with soccer fields.

Special Events and ongoing programs:

The special event season has included a wide variety of festivals, 5k fun runs, and non-profit community events and fundraisers. September hosted the delectable **Grazing on the Green** (Santa Cruz Cancer Benefit Group) at Aptos Park, **SLV Fellowship Picnic** at Felton Covered Bridge Park, **I/You Venture Picnic** (Family Services Association) at Aptos Park, and the 30th annual **Coastal Clean Up Day** (CA Coastal Commission/ Save Our Shores) in countywide beaches and rivers, with 8,403 pounds of pollution collected by 2,092 volunteers. **Walk for Water 5k** (Christ Lutheran Church) took place at Pinto Lake County Park. Seascapes Park hosted the annual **Walk to End Alzheimer's**, October events included three walk/runs at Pinto Lake County Park: the **Breast Health Walk** (Palo Alto Medical Foundation, Sutter Health), the **Post Apocalyptic Zombie Fun Mud Run** (Special Z Games), and the **Day of the Dead 5k** (Watsonville Kids Running Club). **Surf City AIDS Ride** (Santa Cruz AIDS Project) staged their annual ride from the County Governmental Center.

Cross country season is taking place at Pinto Lake County Park, with 8 middle school and high school meets in September and October. **Surf season** has also resumed and September hosted 2 surf contests at Pleasure Point, 1 contest at 41st Avenue (the Hook) and the annual two-day Skimboard contest at Moran Lake Beach.



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DATE: September 28, 2016
TO: Arts Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM: Kathy DeWild, Program Coordinator
RE: Recreation & Cultural Services Division Status Report – September, 2016

ARTS AND CULTURAL

Art Exhibitions

Vanessa Stafford's acrylic paintings are on exhibition at the Simpkins Family Swim Center / Parks office through October 14. Shelly Errington's photographs go up the week of October 17.

Mural Project

With funding from Public Works, the new Mural Project will bring fresh artwork to faded murals, as well as oft-tagged retaining walls or other surfaces, in unincorporated Santa Cruz County. The first area identified for a facelift is a 280' x 15' stretch of retaining wall on Soquel Drive, near Rio Del Mar. A Call to Artists will go out in early October.

Artist of the Year Award – The Arts Commission selected the 2017 Artist of the Year; the announcement about the awardee for 2017 will be made in the new year.

Percent for Arts – Public Art Projects – Bruce Myers installed boulder seating at the Farm Park; work continues on other elements of his public art project, including the bridge and mosaics.

ADULT AND SENIOR PROGRAMS

Trip-goers enjoyed a day on Angel Island on Aug. 25, complete with a narrated tram tour around the island, breathtaking views of the San Francisco Bay and an enriching tour of the immigration station and its fascinating history. This was quite a special treat as the two tours are generally not combined.

On Aug. 31, Giants fans took a trip to AT&T Park and watched their favorite team win!

Lucky winners of a lottery drawing were treated to a free cruise aboard the *Chardonnay II* on Sept. 1, generously offered by Chardonnay II Sailing Charters.

Also in September, participants journeyed to Fish Camp to ride the Sugar Pine Railroad through some of Sierra National Forest's most magnificent scenery. Next, a lovely lunch was enjoyed at

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the beautiful Tenaya Lodge, complete with a mouth-watering slice of apple pie, smothered with a delectable caramel sauce. Lastly, a unique shopping experience was had at the Coarsegold Historic Village.

Five travelers joined Collette in September for extended trips to New Orleans and Italy.

October trips include a Napa Valley River cruise and tour of Mare Island, and an Apple Hill tour with a visit to Marshall Gold Discovery SHP.

YOUTH RECREATION PROGRAMS

Mar Vista ACE

School resumed in mid-August and staff was happy to see familiar faces and meet many new participants and their families. During the first week, children created representatives of themselves for the weekly drawing of "jobs" and Star of the Week, personalized mula buck envelopes for our reward system, and made friendship bracelets. Favorite activities were enjoyed such as marble rollercoasters and games of Pac Man, Alien Nation, Cone Ball, Hawk & Mouse and more. Next was Olympics Week, coinciding with the last week of the summer Olympics. Participants enjoyed torch relays, Olympic food sculptures with vegetables, track and field activities, flag-making, soccer and more. During Friendship Week, children made friendship pins to share, cards, parachute people and played games such as Ant Tag, Capture the Flag, People to People, Clean Your Room and more. The highlight of the week was an ice cream social!

September was great at Mar Vista ACE. We kicked off the month with Vocation Appreciation Week, which featured games such as First Responders, Stick the Band-Aid, Medical Charades, Bucket Brigade and more. Projects included lego home creations, watercolor scenes and pipe cleaner art. Balloons and Battleships Week included activities such as balloon volleyball, tissue paper balloon scenes, balloon rockets, Beat the Balloon, Human Battleship, Battle Royal and more. We also had a wonderful time during the first field trip of the year to Pump'd. The changing of the seasons was celebrated during Festival of Fall Week with projects such as leaf animals, fall trees with multi-colored leaves and leaf rubbings and games of Electricity, Hawk and Mouse, Fall Wars, Protect the Cone and more. The last week will feature a focus on Water Resources.

October will begin with Transportation Week. Children love this week because on Wednesday they'll get to bring their bikes and scooters (with helmets, of course) to ACE and participate in activities such as Red Light, Green Light and a timed obstacle course. We will also play Transportation Jeopardy, Flo's V8 Café, Wheelbarrow Races, At the Train Station, scooter relays and more. October also calls for Pumpkins & Pals and Friendly Ghost and Ghouls Week. Participants will play festive games such as Guess the Ghost, Count Dracula and Graveyard. They will also create marshmallow mummies, spiders and jack-o-lantern quesadillas. Staff are also gearing up for a carnival on Oct. 26, complete with games, prizes and the ever-popular cardboard maze for kids to crawl through.

Kinder Enrichment and Transitional Kinder (KE/TK) Held at Mar Vista Elementary School, the children spend the morning and early afternoon in the Kinder Room, joining the older kids in the A.C.E. room from 2:20-6 p.m. Set-up for the first day of KE/TK started on August 17; staff had to spruce up the room, ensure that there were enough supplies, transplant a few spiders and start activity planning. The three themes for August were Welcome, All About Me, and Farm Life.