



# County of Santa Cruz

## DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, OPEN SPACE & CULTURAL SERVICES

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### PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes of February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 6:00 p.m. Regular Meeting  
Aptos Village Park Clubhouse, 100 Aptos Creek Rd., Aptos CA 95003

#### I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

- a. **Present:** Katherine Lee (District 1), Tricia Wiltshire (District 2), Jeremy Sanford (District 3), Monica Martinez (District 5)
- b. **Absent:** Martha Victoria Vega (District 4)
- c. **Staff:** Jeff Gaffney, Alexis Rodriguez-Rocha, Frankie Farr

#### II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

#### III. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Any person may address the Commission during its Oral Communication period. Speakers must not exceed three (3) minutes in length, or the time limit established by the Chair, and individuals may speak only once during Oral Communications. All Oral Communication must be directed to an item listed on today's Consent Agenda, Closed Session Agenda, yet to be heard on Regular Agenda, or a topic not on the agenda that is within the jurisdiction of the Commission. Commission members will not take actions or respond immediately to any Oral communication presented regarding topics not on the agenda but may choose to follow up later, either individually, or on a subsequent Commission Agenda. Oral communications will normally be received by the Commission for a period not to exceed thirty (30) minutes. If, at the end of this period, additional persons wish to address the Commission, the Oral Communication period may be continued to the last item on the agenda.

#### IV. CONSENT AGENDA **Motion to approve: Wiltshire, Second: Sanford | Ayes: Lee, Wiltshire, Sanford, Martinez**

- a. Approve minutes from December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023.....page 2 – 3
- b. Consider Reports:
  - i. Aquatics Section Report.....page 4
  - ii. Maintenance Section Report.....page 5
  - iii. Planning Section Report..... page 6 – 7
  - iv. Recreation Section Report.....page 8 – 9
  - v. Reservations Section Report.....page 10
  - vi. Volunteer Section Report..... page 11 – 14

#### V. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

**District 1:** Following the storms, some parks are doing better than others. Was able to talk to Jesse Williams, Parks Superintendent, that addressed some issues. Work in several parks within District 1 is going good and the parks are looking good and ready for spring.

**District 2:** District was quiet since the last meeting. Got a few calls about trees that had fallen, but they were not in her district.

**District 3:** Would like to address waste management on north coast beaches and improve restroom facilities (davenport landing).

**District 4:** Absent.

**District 5:** Felton Covered Bridge Pump Track MOU with Santa Cruz Mountain Trail Stewardship was approved by the Board of Supervisors. The project continues to have high engagement from constituents. Attended the County Park Friends Board retreat on behalf of the commission and was able to start the conversation with CPF on engaging the two bodies.

**VI. DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

There was some storm damage at **Moran Lake County Park**. Luckily, no one was hurt, but some trees did damage properties during the windstorm. The **Live Oak Library Annex** is a year behind scheduled, but things are coming along. Once it is reopened, we will have access to community rooms once again. **Simpkins Swim Center** – have been some HVAC/boiler issues, both being addressed and replaced. **New Whiting Road Park** – survey for interim use being released soon, may provide an opportunity for PRC to help create a Master Plan. **Watsonville Vets Hall** – City of Watsonville and PV Health Trust for programming (returning post-COVID and storms). **AmeriCorp** – returning on Feb. 23. Mid to end March. A grand is opening being planned for **Willowbrook County Park**.

**VII. REGULAR AGENDA: ACTION ITEMS**

- a. None.

**VIII. REGULAR AGENDA: INFORMATION ITEMS**

- a. Update on 2024 Recreation Programs – Sarah Shea, Parks Superintendent  
As a Parks Superintendent, Sarah manages the recreation side of things or “wins” in the department. Parks has come out of Pandemic era full steam ahead to offer more recreation opportunities to individuals of all ages. Parks also added a recreation coordinator this past year to support the program expansion. Our recreation team has been hosting a variety of seasonal camps at different Parks locations. We are also partnering with PVUSD. Currently looking to add a specialty camp out of Pinto Lake. Instructors and contractors ready to use community rooms for more programming. Parks is sending staff to trainings for Fam Camps → take families out camping/work with State Parks. UC Master Gardeners moving into Pinto Lake and creating a demo garden.

**IX. NEXT MEETING:** Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 5:00 p.m. Location to be announced in public notice.

**X. WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE LISTING**

**XI. ADJOURNMENT** Motion to adjourn: Sanford, Second: Lee | Ayes: Lee, Wiltshire, Sanford, Martinez