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PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes of August 12th, 2024, 5:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

Simpkins Family Swim Center Community Rooms, 979 17th Ave., Santa Cruz, CA 95060

I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL Meeting called to order by Chair Martinez at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Alexis Konevich (District 1), Tricia Wiltshire (District 2), Jeremy Sanford (District 3), Monica Martinez (District 5)

Vacant: (District 4)

Staff: Jeff Gaffney, Rebecca Hurley, Juan Perez Alvarez, Annalise Rodriguez, Frankie Farr

II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS No 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.

Aptos Resident: Notified commission about the dedication on September 28th at Aptos Village Park with the Aptos Lions Club. Voiced concerns about the Bert Scott Estate and trailers.

Four members of the Community spoke about Rugby. Would like to see what Parks can do to make fields more playable for Rugby as well as soccer.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA Motion to approve: Sanford/2nd: Wiltshire/All in favor.

- a. Approve minutes from May 13th, 2024.....page 2-3
- b. Consider Reports:
 - i. Aquatics Section Report.....page 4-5
 - ii. Maintenance Section Report.....page 6
 - iii. Planning Section Report.....page 7-12
 - iv. Recreation Section Report.....page 13-14
 - v. Reservations Section Report.....page 15-16
 - vi. Volunteer Section Report.....page 17-25

V. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

District 1: Introduced herself, gave a brief about her onboarding and various meetings with County Parks staff. She also spoke about some meetings with stakeholders and constituents. Alexis then went on discuss her relationship and discussions with former commissioner Lee and her desire to include more pollinator gardens at various County Parks. She also mentioned her work with community members for Felt Street Park improvements. Finally, she discussed the Monarch butterfly town hall as well as the groundbreaking at Floral.

District 2: Thanked the Lions Club for all the work they have done at Polo and Aptos Village Park. Tricia told an amazing story about her child being able to participate in a camp, and how they offered 1 to 1 ratio of aids to kids which allowed physically disabled kids to participate in camp. She spoke about ways we might be able to eliminate access barriers and shared examples of Steve Miller from Shared Adventures and all the great things they are doing.

District 3: Voiced concerns with North Coast beach access and parking. Specifically with the possibilities for accidents on Highway 1. Additionally, Jeremy spoke about the ability to play rugby and other sports on the fields during the winter.

District 4: Vacant

District 5: Acknowledged the several volunteer projects happening County wide and thanked the volunteers and Parks staff for their efforts to beautify the Parks across the County. Especially at Quail Hollow, three full days at AJC and continued beautification at Ben Lomond Park.

VI. DIRECTOR’S REPORT

VII. REGULAR AGENDA: ACTION ITEMS

District 1 Commissioner Alexis Konevich introduced the “All Kids Play Scholarships”. Asked Commissioners to share and support initiative by sharing information with their community and District Supervisors. All Commissioners were in favor.

VIII. REGULAR AGENDA: INFORMATION ITEMS

- a. Presentation by Lisa and Angie of Resource Conservation District on Natural resource management. They presented some of the rapid assessment work they are doing as well as a general overview of what RCD does and can do.
- b. South County Park update by Deputy Director Rebecca Hurley. Approaching one year anniversary of Park purchase/acquisition. Presented plan of possible uses based on community survey such as, walking paths, and possible athletic fields.
- c. Commissioner reports on Work Plan.....page 26-27

See attached work plan document.

IX. NEXT MEETING: November 18th, 2024. Meeting will be held at Simpkins Family Swim Center Community Rooms.

X. WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE LISTING No written correspondence.

XI. ADJOURNMENT Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:30 p.m.: Sanford/2nd: Wiltshire/All in favor.