



# County of Santa Cruz

## DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, OPEN SPACE & CULTURAL SERVICES

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### PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION Minutes of October 3, 2022, 7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting Virtual via Zoom

#### I. ROLL CALL

Present: Monica Martinez, Maggie Duncan-Merrell, Martha Victoria Vega, Tricia Wiltshire Potts, Katherine Lee  
Staff: Jeff Gaffney, Noah Ross

#### II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

#### III. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

1. Barbara Chamberlain Subject: Spoke on Aptos Village Park and desire to have a plaque commemorating Cabrillo Host Lions Club.
2. Mariah Roberts Subject: Thanked new commissioners. Spoke of County Park Friends recent funds hand off for Willowbrook. Also spoke on accessibility concerns at coastal access in Aptos.
3. Yadira Flores Subject: Reiterated accessibility concerns at Aptos coastal access. Also spoke on inclusivity at parks and park sites around the county.
4. Janet Sparks Subject: Reiterated comments on a plaque for Cabrillo Host Lions at Aptos Village Park.
5. Becky Steinbruner Subject: Reiterated comments on a plaque for Cabrillo Host Lions at Aptos Village Park. Asked for a chance to discuss this at the next meeting.
6. Barry Scott Subject: Reiterated comments on a plaque for Cabrillo Host Lions at Aptos Village Park.

#### IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Approve Minutes of August 1, 2022 (Martinez/Lee 5/0)

#### V. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Martinez 5th District: Spending lots of time at Highlands Park. Shared info on event held by Granite Rock, Sat Oct 8<sup>th</sup> at the quarry across from Quail Hollow Ranch. Supports Friends of Quail Hollow Ranch.

Vega 4<sup>th</sup> District: National Night Out is tomorrow. Lots of upcoming south county activity. Would be nice for levee trails to be added to County Parks. Collaborated to add mile markers already.

Wiltshire Potts 2<sup>nd</sup> District: Been a long-time community member of Parks Commission. History of promotion of accessible playgrounds. Oct 8<sup>th</sup> is Seacliff Fair. Willowbrook Park Memorial is in final

stretch, Chili Cookoff is Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>, proceeds go to Deputy Sheriff Association which will fund Willowbrook Project.

Lee 1<sup>st</sup> District: Enjoys parks around county, especially Leo's Haven, happy to be a part of the commission.

Duncan-Merrell 3<sup>rd</sup> District: Benchlands cleaned up, thanked city staff and hazmat crew. Spoke on concerns over encampments in neighborhood parks.

## **VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- Reminder that the public may bring questions or topics to their commissioners, and commissioners may bring items to chair for agenda consideration.
- Spoke on brown act reminders.
- Spoke on Krystal Jones departure to Human Services Department.
- Discussed "Beach Island" verdict. Will be updating as more information is available.

## **VII. REGULAR AGENDA – Action Items**

- a. Motion: Adopt resolution approving the commission's findings under AB 361 (Martinez/Vega, 5/0)

## **VIII. REGULAR AGENDA – Info Items**

- a. CAO's presentation tabled to next meeting.
- b. Discussed Parks Renaming Policy.
- c. Commission discussed potential impact on Cup tax for County Parks and benefits Park Rangers would have for the County. Established subcommittee to establish language for 12/5/22 action item.

**IX. NEXT MEETING:** Monday December 5<sup>th</sup> 7:00-9:00 p.m. Virtual Meeting via Zoom.

**X. WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE LISTING** (Page xx)

**XI. ADJOURNMENT** – Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. (Vega/Wiltshire 5/0)