



County of Santa Cruz

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PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION Minutes of June 4, 2018, 7:00 p.m. meeting 15685 Forest Hill Drive Boulder Creek, CA 95006

I. ROLL CALL

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

II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS (none)

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Approved minutes from April 2, 2018. (Roberts/ Rapoza 4/0)
Accept and file items and reports. (Rapoza/ Minott 4/0)

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (none)

V. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- Roberts – First successful movie night at Heart of Soquel on May 17th – this series of movies in the parks is a great way to engage people in the community.
- Roberts – People in the 2nd District are happy! The Rio Del Mar Homeowner's Association has committed funds to update the playground equipment at Hidden Beach Park. We also have an anonymous donor in Seascape who will commit fund toward the project.
- Rapoza – I want to extend a big thank you to the volunteers who helped at Felton Library. Also a big thank you to Will for the getting the grant for the Discovery Park. We have a public meeting come up for the library and park. The Taco Tuesday at the Felton Covered Bridge was a big hit – there were so many people in the park!
- Bennett – great meeting with Pajaro Valley Sports Foundation. Jeff and I got together with the Rotary, and Dave Kegebein at the Fairgrounds to discuss the land near the Fairgrounds. There's about 30+ acres out there, we'd like to see what we can do with them.

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

- Jennifer Mead is back working as Secretary. Lynna Hemeryck is still working in the department for recreation programs and will be with us through first week of August.
- Artist of the Year event was fantastic, another great performance, several people attended.
- July is Parks and Recreation Month! We have three big events during the month: Friday Night Recess, July 6; Movie Night at Highlands, July 13; and Family Fun Day, July 28.
- Budget is coming up, we are doing some staff restructuring to create more Maintenance Worker positions.
- Gretchen Iliff is retiring soon – we are trying to convince her to stay!

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- We just went to the Board for a Request to Advertise for Pinto Lake Pump Track. Should have a contract in place by September and finish construction in October.
 - There was an attempted kidnapping at Pinto Lake in broad daylight right near the future pump track sight. Having the pump track will bring more people into the park and deter criminal activity.
- There is a new concessionaire at Rio Del Mar Esplanade – it is a stand up paddle board shack and snack bar.
- Working on an Encroachment policy with a fee structure that will go to the Board on June 12.
- Will Fournier got another grant for the Pinto Lake Pump Track through PeopleForBikes organization.

VII. REGULAR AGENDA – Information Items

- a. Board of Director's Member Tess Fitzgerald provided a report on the Boulder Creek Recreation & Park District
- b. Director Jeff Gaffney gave an overview of the County Parks Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Proposed Budget

VIII. REGULAR AGENDA – Action Items

- a. Teresa Corwin, Mariah Roberts and Tricia Potts were nominated to the Friends of Santa Cruz County Parks Board of Directors (Minott/Rapoza 4/0)

IX. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m. (Minott/Roberts 4/0)