



County of Santa Cruz

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PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION Minutes of August 5, 2019, 6:30 p.m. meeting 275 Main Street 4th Floor, Community Rm Watsonville, CA 95076

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Jim Rapoza, Mariah Roberts, Maggie Duncan-Merrell, Kate Minott
Staff: Jeff Gaffney, Jennifer Mead

II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

Accept agenda as presented (Duncan-Merrell/Rapoza 4/0)

III. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes were approved (Duncan-Merrell/Rapoza 4/0)
- B. Accept and file reports as presented (Minott/Duncan-Merrell 4/0)

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- 1. Jean Brocklebank Subject: Scott Creek Beach
- 2. Vivian Evan Subject: Anna Jean Cummings Park
- 3. Michael Lewis Subject: Scott Creek Beach and Anna Jean Cummings Park
- 4. Lisa Sheridan Subject: Anna Jean Cummings Park
- 5. Katherine Sweet Subject: Anna Jean Cummings Park

V. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Duncan-Merrell 3rd District: July was "Parks Make Life Better" month which was very successful especially with the final event at Harvey West. SC Parks and Rec is taking applications for the annual Outrigger Race taking place in August. Fall registration opens today for SC Parks and Rec. It has been a great summer for the city Junior Guards.

Minott 2nd District: I want to thank the kids who volunteered at Seacliff Village Park and Aptos Village Park. I look forward to hearing the update from Friends of Santa Cruz County Parks. There are exciting things happening with Phase 2 of Seacliff Village Park!

Rapoza 5th District: Ben Lomond Park is looking good, the Valley Women's Club has donated native plants to beautify the park. Felton deck is also looking good since staff has been staying on top of the garbage that accumulates from loitering. Taco Tuesday at Felton Covered Bridge was a big hit. The collaboration with Boulder Creek Rec at the Bear Creek Country Club is well received from the community. The recreation district is doing well with managing the facility & pool.

Roberts 1st District: The playground is actually in at Chanticleer Park. There is a restroom and the playground equipment is in the ground. July was a big month and it is so neat that County Parks

hosted a free event every day somewhere in the county. One event I wanted to highlight was at Pleasure Point where members of the public got to draw on the sidewalk with chalk. This was a simple & wonderful event for the community with 150 people in attendance.

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- We made it through July! Staff did an amazing job. Especially awesome to partner with other Park agencies on so many great events.
- We submitted the Statewide Park Program Grant today for the Farm Park, we are asking for \$7M.
- We have Fellow working at the Park Office, Haven Parker. She was valedictorian of her class and is bringing a lot of skills to the office. She will be with us for two years and will be working with staff on all sorts of projects.
- I attended a CPRS roundtable with Parks Directors, it was good to connect with other directors on issues facing parks and open spaces.
- The Food Truck pilot program at 701 is doing well, staff is working out the kinks with vendors.
- We did a site visit with the skateboarding company NHS, Supervisor Zach Friend, Friends of County Parks and DreamWorks skate design to discuss installation of skate feature at Seacliff Village Park.
- We recently signed an agreement with DPW regarding Coastal Encroachment and the responsibilities of Parks now that we have our own Coastal Encroachment policy.

VII. REGULAR AGENDA – Information Items

- a. Terry Corwin gave an update about Friends of Santa Cruz County Parks
- b. Cabrillo Host Lions presented a proposal for small area to honor veterans at Aptos Village Park

VIII. REGULAR AGENDA – Action Items (none)

IX. 7:30pm – SCHEDULED ITEM – The Commission discussed topics below with the Watsonville City Parks Commissioners

- a. Discussion topics: Shared interests for South County residents, goals of Watsonville City Parks, goals of Santa Cruz County Parks, areas for partnership, possible physical connections between Pinto Lake City Park & Pinto Lake County Park

X. WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE LISTING (page

XI. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.