



County of Santa Cruz

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS PARKS, OPEN SPACE, AND CULTURAL SERVICES DIVISION

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PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA

Monday, December 16, 2013
7:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting

Simpkins Family Swim Center
979 17th Avenue
Santa Cruz, CA 95062

- I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL
- II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS OR LATE ADDITIONS
- III. CONSENT AGENDA (Action)
 - A. Approve minutes from October 21, 2013... Pages 1-2
 - B. Consider Reports:
 1. Maintenance Section – Status Report... Pages 3-4
 2. Facilities Section – Status Report... Page 5
 3. Planning Section – Status Report... Pages 6-7
 4. Recreation Section – Status Report... Pages 8-11

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Opportunity for persons to address the Commission on matters which are within the scope of responsibility of the Commission but not on today's agenda. Presentations must not exceed three (3) minutes in length, and individuals may speak only once during Oral Communications.

IV. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

V. INFORMATION ITEM, Pages 12-15

1. Live Oak Playful Cities Designation

2. Pinto Lake Disc Golf Course Update

VI. REGULAR AGENDA (Action), Pages 16-22

1. Consider Nominations of Board Members to serve on the Board of Directors of Friends of Santa Cruz County Parks formerly known as SHARP (Supporters and Helpers of Arts Recreation and Parks).
2. Consider Parks and Recreation Commission 2012 – 2013 Biennial Report and Proposed 2014 Goals.
3. Consider Proposed 2014 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Schedule.

VII. WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE LISTING (Available at meeting.)

The Mission of the Santa Cruz County Parks, Open Space and Cultural Services is to provide safe, well designed and maintained parks and a wide variety of recreational and cultural opportunities for our diverse community



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PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
Minutes of October 21, 2013, 7:00 p.m. meeting
979 17th Avenue
Santa Cruz, California

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Steven Bennett, Katharine Minott, Mariah Roberts, Jim Lang, Dave Mercer

Staff: Betsey Lynberg, Gretchen Iliff, Melissa Henderson

II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS: None

III. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approved Minutes from June 10, 2013, meeting.
- B. Accepted and filed Reports.

Motion/Second: Lang/Minott

AYES: 5
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0

IV. DIRECTOR'S REPORT –Directors report was given.

V. INFORMATION ITEM

- 1. Request from staff for potential nominees for the Friends of Santa Cruz County Parks Board of Directors for consideration at the December 16, 2013, Commission meeting.

VI. REGULAR AGENDA

- 1. Considered report on proposals to allow dogs off leash on Live Oak beaches and proposal from LOOLA to allow dogs off-leash on County owned beach between 20th Avenue and Corcoran Lagoon between sunrise to sunset daily, with additional direction for staff to prepare initial criteria for off-leash dog areas and an initial review of the County park and beach property inventory to identify possible opportunities for fenced and unfenced off-leash dog areas in County parks and report back to the Commission no later than April 2014.

Motion/Second: Minott/Mercer

AYES: 5
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0

Minutes of October 21, 2013, 7:00 p.m. meeting (cont.)

2. Considered results of August 2013 park poll and selected two Commissioners (Roberts, Bennett) to serve on an ad-hoc committee to provide input to Parks staff.

Motion/Second: Lang/Roberts

AYES: 5

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0



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DATE: December 12, 2013
TO: PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
ARTS COMMISSION
FROM: GRETCHEN ILIFF, MAINTENANCE DIVISION
RE: STATUS REPORTS ON CURRENT PROJECTS

PARKS, BUILDING, AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

NORTH COUNTY PARKS (Highlands, Ben Lomond, Felton Covered Bridge, Probation, Michael Gray Field, Quail Hollow Ranch and the North Coast)

- Staff spent time this month cleaning several feet of wind driven sand from the observation deck at Scott Creek Beach.
- Several dead trees were removed at Quail Hollow Ranch Park.
- The fields at Highlands Park were top-dressed and seeded this month.

MID-COUNTY PARKS (AJC, Government Center, Emeline Complex, Twin Lakes, Brommer, Felt, Floral, Coffee Lane, Soquel Lyons, Jose Avenue, Winkle Farm, Willowbrook Lane, Moran Lake, Maplethorpe, Santa Cruz Gardens, Mid-County beach access areas)

- Three 'bait tanks' used for depositing cigarette butts were installed along East Cliff Parkway in Pleasure Point.
- Staff made some repairs to the concrete walkways at Jose Park this month.
- A concrete pad was constructed at Chanticleer Park in preparation for the new public art component. Volunteers had a work day and spread wood chips and did a clean up of the site.

SOUTH COUNTY PARKS (Polo Grounds, Valencia Hall, Hidden Beach, Seascape, Aptos Village, South County Beach access areas, Scott Park, Scott Estate, Aldridge Lane, Mesa Village, Pinto Lake, Freedom Government Annex)

- The fields at the Polo Grounds and Pinto Lake Park were over-seeded and top-dressed this month. Aptos Village Park turf will also be completed next month.

- A Youth work crew re-painted the play structure at Aldridge Lane Park. New metal decks are on their way for the play structure and will be installed by staff soon.
- Parks staff built a small foot bridge for one of the Pinto Lake Park trails.
- A new septic system was installed at Pinto Lake Park.

SIMPKINS FAMILY SWIM CENTER

- Staff are working on sanding and repainting the metal water slide stairs during the closed season.
- Staff replaced two exhaust fans in the locker rooms.
- Staff received training on eye protection and playground safety and maintenance.



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DATE: December 12, 2013
TO: Parks & Recreation Commission, Arts Commission
FROM: Gretchen Iliff, Facilities Management Division
RE: Status Report on Current Projects

Summary for reservations in the Parks for the months of October and November 2013, (excluding SFSC):

Attendance at Reserved Facilities:

The very busy 2013 season has slowly entered the winter off season. October and November continued to host picnics, meetings, weddings, special events and athletic field rentals. Staff estimates that over 50,000 park visitors attended events in reserved facilities during these two months.

Center and Meeting Room Rentals in October and November 2013:

October and November hosted 33 weddings, receptions and events held at our various Park Centers with rental revenues totaling \$20,500.00. While 2013 use is quieting down, the 2014 wedding and event season is quickly filling up with over 60 weddings and family events already reserved for the new year in the four main park centers (not including the special event rentals of these sites). October and November also included 50 meeting room rentals totaling \$1,850.00.

Picnic Rentals in October and November 2013:

There were 40 picnics in the reservable picnic areas with rental revenues totaling \$4,400.00.

Athletic Fields:

Athletic fields closed countywide as of November 16th (with Polo Grounds closing November 23rd). There have been over 600 individual bookings in the 18 athletic fields with rental revenues totaling \$29,500.00 during the months of October and November. The off season allows for reconditioning and closures during the winter weather. The process for completing the 2014 reservation contract paperwork is beginning as renewal requests are going out to over 25 baseball, soccer and volleyball leagues that use the fields on a continuous basis, with 90% being youth leagues.

Park Services Officers (PSO):

The Facilities division of County Parks includes one permanent Program Coordinator and five extra help Park Services Officers (PSO). The PSOs provide for the staffing and oversight for use of Park Centers and special events while ensuring that County policies and regulations are followed during these events in order to protect public assets. Their unique skill set focuses on quality customer service in order to provide for unique and memorable special events in County Parks. Four PSOs staffed over 165 events, both public and private, during this calendar year, while one PSO provides for administrative duties in the Facilities office and assists in collecting at least a third of the rental revenues for the variety of uses within County Parks. These staff can be commended for their concerted efforts to provide for safe, enjoyable use of County Park facilities.



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DATE: DECEMBER 12, 2013
TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION, ARTS COMMISSION
FROM: BETSEY LYNBERG, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: PARK PLANNING DIVISION STATUS REPORT

BERT SCOTT ESTATE ROOF REPLACEMENT

Wald Ruhnke & Dost has prepared draft plans and specifications and cost estimates for replacing the roofs on the main house and on the caretaker's house.

CARMICHAEL TRAIL

This trail will provide connections between Cabrillo College, Vienna Woods neighborhoods and Nisene Marks State Park. Conservation Corps crews cleared and constructed the trail over the summer. Trail signage is being completed and installed. The trail is expected to be open to the public in winter 2014.

CHANTICLEER PARK

The Planning Department has issued a development permit for interim improvements. Staff is working with the Consultant, County Planning, and community members on implementation of the interim plan. The fenced off-leash dog area is open, planning for a community garden is underway, volunteers have constructed the bike pump track and Parks staff has prepared an interim parking area and is installing erosion control measures.

EAST CLIFF PARKWAY PROJECT

Although not quite complete, the community continues to enjoy the parkway improvements along East Cliff Drive in Pleasure Point. The Contractor is completing some fencing at the Hook overlook area.

THE FARM PARK

Parks staff continued with efforts to implement the Prop 84 Urban Greening Grant for stream and oak woodland habitat restoration and a community garden. Fish and Game permits for stream bed restoration have been secured, and plant propagation is underway. H.T. Harvey and Associates are preparing final construction documents for bid in spring 2014. Invasive tree removal work has been completed.

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FELTON COVERED BRIDGE ROOF RESTORATION

Caltrans has completed the Preliminary Environmental Study for the replacement of the roof for the Felton Covered Bridge. Environmental Science Associates has completed the Historic Properties Survey Report. Caltrans, as the agency responsible for administering the Federal Highway Administration grant, has approved the Historic Properties Survey Report and issued a NEPA Categorical Exclusion for the restoration work.

HEART OF SOQUEL

Development permit application for creek side trail, gathering area, and parking and circulation improvements has been submitted. The application has undergone a preliminary environmental review. A hearing is anticipated for early 2014. The County was recently awarded a State Water Board Grant over \$660,000 for storm water quality low impact development features at Heart of Soquel. Construction is planned for summer 2014.

MCGREGOR PARK SITE

Plans and documentation necessary for development permits for Phase 1 improvements of McGregor Park have been submitted to the Planning Department. Phase 1 improvements are planned to include drainage and site infrastructure, park walkways and a sidewalk along McGregor Drive, picnic area, play area, accessible parking, turf and landscaping. Construction is planned for summer 2014.

PROPOSITION 40 UNALLOCATED FUNDING

In July 2011 Parks received notification that the enacted State Budget provided additional time for Proposition 40 grant recipients to complete their projects under the Per Capita and RZH Block Contracts. To date Parks has utilized all but \$131,119 of the original grant amounts. Parks staff has submitted three new grant applications to the State. The projects include: additional picnic tables at Ben Lomond Park; new poured-in-place surfacing and tot structure at Willowbrook Park; and a new group picnic area and shelter at Pinto Lake Park. New contracts with the State have been approved. Parks staff will proceed with the projects once deed restriction are recorded for each project and staff hired.

QUAIL HOLLOW RANCH PARK

A community meeting was held on September 17, 2013, to discuss trail and creek restoration opportunities at Quail Hollow Park. The Discovery Loop Trail and Quail Hollow Brook have suffered damage as the result of heavy seasonal drainage patterns and a culvert failure in the creek. Ideas to address these problems were discussed with volunteers, neighbors and horse boarders at a well attended meeting. Staff has submitted two grant applications to the State Habitat Conservation Fund for Trail Restoration and Riparian Habitat Restoration work.

TWIN LAKES BEACHFRONT

In a unanimous decision, on August 15, 2013, the California Coastal Commission approved the Twin Lakes Beachfront Project. This project is a coastal access improvement project that creates a pedestrian oriented beachfront with Universal ADA access along East Cliff Drive between 5th to 7th Avenues. The project also improves East Cliff Drive to include bike lanes, organized parking, improved vehicular circulation, interpretive elements and public art. The Regional Transportation Commission recently awarded a \$200,000 grant for this portion of the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail.



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DATE: December 12, 2013
TO: Arts Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM: Kathy DeWild, Program Coordinator
RE: Recreation and Cultural Services Division Status Report – Nov.-Dec. 2013

ARTS AND CULTURAL

Public Art Projects – Work is continuing on Phase 4 of “Outside the Box,” with five of the eight boxes completed and three more in progress. Selection panels will be convened in early 2014 for the Heart of Soquel and McGregor Park public art projects.

Art Exhibitions – Don McPherson’s watercolors are up at the Simpkins Family Swim Center / Parks through January 2014. The panel met on December 5 to select artists for 2014 exhibitions at the County Governmental Center, as well as other County-owned facilities.

ADULT AND SENIOR PROGRAMS

November was a very exciting month for Senior Mall Walk program participants, as their hard work was acknowledged at the Mall Walkers 24th annual awards ceremony. Thirty-one walkers received awards for attaining their goals and reaching new mileage categories, including Jean Moorhead, who received recognition for reaching an accumulated total of more than 13,500 miles! Lou D’Amico received an award for walking the most miles, with a total of 1,542.8 miles in one year. Volunteers for the program were also honored and recognized for their hard work and dedication. The following generous vendors donated drawing prizes including: Capitola Mall, Ambiance Gallery, Beck’s Shoes, Café Cruz, Capitola Book Café, Chili’s, Christopher & Banks, Dharma’s, Jamba Juice, Jeffrey’s, Macy’s, Master Car Wash, Pizza My Heart, Ristorante Italiano, Round Table Pizza, Togo’s and The Craft Gallery.

December featured two festive outings and several dedicated trip-goers participated in both! On December 7 we took a trip to the Great Dickens Christmas Fair. It was amazing to see the Cow Palace transformed into Victorian-era streets of London. Performances, good food and unique shopping opportunities made for a very fun day. A few days later we were off to San

Francisco's Union Square for our annual December shopping trip. We were graced with dry weather and a lovely day. The bus meandered through Vasona Park's Festival of Lights before dropping participants off at their return destinations.

A bus load of registrants are eager for February's trip to see Cirque du Soleil perform their new traveling show Amaluna under Le Grand Chapiteau in San Jose. The artistry and athleticism included in their shows has always delighted us in the past!

YOUTH PROGRAMS

In the spotlight: Kinder Enrichment at Mar Vista - The Kinder program is going strong, serving 21 children each day, including 14 young boys who keep staff on their toes! The children are now comfortable with the schedule and the staff. The names and the personalities of the children have been discovered over several weeks of spending time and observation.

In November programming focus moved to the upcoming holiday of Thanksgiving. Foil and crayon leaf rubbings happened in the first week of November for the Festive Fall theme. We also sang a song about falling leaves. The science of why the leaves of the tree turn colors was covered. The children also cut out leaves and pasted them on plates to make a thankful wreath to decorate their homes. The second week was about family gatherings. The children brought pictures of their families to share at circle time. They created family drawing in their journals and worked on a comparison page between two family members, discovering that each person is different in both looks and personality. The third week covered harvest and dining, where the children learned what a cornucopia was and what types of fruit and vegetables are in season for fall. The children traced their hand to make hand turkeys and also colored by number a handsome turkey. Great times were had when we took the children to cookies and milk field trip at The Farm Bakery in the final week - a real walking adventure with 18 kinders!

For the month of December the staff had only three weeks of programming because of the winter break and holidays. Moving closer to the school break "Winter Wonderland" the theme took over the Kinder room with many creative snowflakes for décor in the first week. Staff and Mar Vista A.C.E. volunteers in training set the scene by putting up the winter wonderland landscape on the walls. The children made count-down chains to take home with different printed colored paper. A snowmen color and cut turned out to bring out many imaginative designs on what the children thought the snowman should wear, including spider webs that shoot from the stick for arms. The children also sang about ten little snow men. The second theme week was Holiday Delights, which consisted of many different gingerbread designs. There was also a ginger bread foam project that made for a great collage on a shape of a house. A special art order provided a chance to have the children make their own pillows that were in a shape of a hard candy. The third week of December turned in a gift workshop. The theme was "Gifts of the Season" where we visited the ideas of why we give and share. We had the children make gift bags with snowflake stamps and popsicle-stick frames adorned with snow flake gems and glitter. The big event was to serve up some cookies and punch to celebrate the season. Winter break is December 23 through January 10. With County mandatory furloughs during the time children are on break, staff will hit the ground running for Winter Camp Dec. 30 - Jan. 10. The first day back for Kinder programming in 2014 will be January 13.

AQUATIC PROGRAMS

The winter schedule runs through February 28, 2014:

Lap Swimming

The lap pool is open for lap swimming Tuesday through Friday, 6:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Saturday it is open from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Warm-water Pool - The warm-water pool is available for general use on:

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| Tuesday/Thursday | 6:00 a.m.-7:30 p.m. |
| Wednesday | 6:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m. 3:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. |
| Friday | 6:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m. 3:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. |
| Saturdays | 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (all ages) |

Pool Closures – In addition to the pools being closed on Sundays and Mondays during the winter season, the pool will closed on the following dates:

December 25 and 31
January 1, 24, and 25
February 21 and 22

Swim Lessons – Winter swim lessons began on December 3, and will continue through February 2014. Lessons will be held in the warm-water pool, which is heated to 88°, rain or shine. Private swim lessons will also continue throughout the winter season, with four private swim contractors: Jessica Nail, Stacy Henderson, Becky Gomoll, and Matt Nauman.

Adult Fitness Swimming - Adult Fitness Swimming is very popular at the Simpkins Family Swim Center. The most well attended workouts are Tuesday and Saturday mornings. Up to 40 swimmers fill the 50-meter pool at these times. Fitness swimmers may choose from among three different times each day to work out mid-week. Most workouts are held at 6:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Saturday workouts are at 9:00 a.m.

Water Aerobics & Exercise - The Water exercise classes this year reached their highest capacity so far. Water exercise is an excellent way for people to meet their fitness goals without impact on the joints. Classes are designed to appeal to all levels of ability including, healthy, pre-natal, seniors, arthritic, and rehabilitating or cross training fitness enthusiasts. A monthly calendar is available with dates, times and instructors names. Previous swimming or water exercise experience is not required to participate in the water exercise classes.

Saturday Water Polo - Drop-in Water Polo is held on Sundays from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm. One must be a member of USAWPA to participate in the program. A Swim fee of \$6.00 is collected or you may use a swim pass.

Pool Rentals - Santa Cruz County Aquatics and the Cabrillo Threshers swim teams continue to rent lanes in the 50-meter pool. The swim teams offer school-age competitive swimming programs Tuesday through Friday from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Lifeguard Training Exercises - During the winter months the lifeguards are challenged individually to perform spontaneous skill checks during their shifts at the swim center.

QUAIL HOLLOW RANCH INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS

- Quail Hollow Ranch Hosted an information booth at the Valley Women's Club's Green Solutions Watershed Symposium on Saturday, November 2 from 1-5 p.m. About 26 people came by the booth.
- Eric Feuss lead another Beginning Birding program on Sunday, November 3 from 8-10 a.m. A total of nine birding enthusiasts joined the program.
- Master Gardener, Simon Stapleton, led a gardening program called, Gardening with Raised Beds on Sunday, November 3, from 1-3 p.m.
- Main Street School's 4th grade classes visited Quail Hollow for a Habitat Hike with Lee Summers on Monday, November 4 from 10-11:30 a.m. and Friday, November 8 from 9-10:30 a.m. A total of 31 kids and 10 adults attended the Monday program where \$62 was collected and a total of 30 kids and 10 adults attended the Friday program with \$60 collected.
- A Pioneer Birthday Party was offered to a 9 year old on Sunday, November 17 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Lee Summers led the party with a total of 9 children and 2 adults attending.
- After the party, Lee Summers led a program on Orienteering for Kids on Sunday, November 17 from 2-4 p.m. A total of 14 kids and 5 parents attended the program and \$42 was collected.
- The Fungus Foray scheduled for Saturday, November 23 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. was cancelled due to lack of rain.
- If Houses Could Talk – A Ranch House Tour was given by Lee Summers on Sunday, November 24 from 2-4 p.m.
- The kick-off of this season's Broom Bashes took place on Saturday, December 7 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. with another one on Saturday, December 21 at the same time. Linda Brodman from CNPS Habitat Restoration Team co-led the work party, along with volunteer Chuck Baughman.
- A dinosaur Birthday Party was scheduled for Sunday, December 8 from 1-3 p.m. for a 6 year old. Lee Summers led 15 kids on a host of party games all about reptiles.
- Mushrooms 101, a full-day class on everything one could hope to know about these fungi, was to be offered by Christian Schwarz and Adam Ryzska on Saturday, December 14 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Unfortunately, this class was cancelled due to lack of rain.
- On Sunday, December 15 from 1-3 p.m., Lee Summers led a program on Mad Scientist Experiments. A \$5 fee was charged.

Staff are busy scheduling interpretive activities and programs for 2014.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date 5/7/2013

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**Building a Movement for Play: Non-Profit Organization KaBOOM!
Names Live Oak Among 217 "Playful City USA" Communities**

- Communities Recognized for Prioritizing Play for Children -

WASHINGTON, D.C. – With research proving play is critical to the overall well-being of children, 217 cities and towns, including Live Oak, earned recognition from national non-profit KaBOOM! as 2013 Playful City USA communities for their efforts to give children the childhood they deserve by providing ample opportunities for play.

In the seventh year of the annual program, KaBOOM! recognized only 37 communities with their very first Playful City USA designation.

Today's generation of children play less than any previous generation despite the vast benefits of play. The *Journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics* reports that play is essential to the social, emotional, cognitive and physical well-being of children.

Though unincorporated, Live Oak is a vibrant community in the heart of Santa Cruz County, third to Santa Cruz and Watsonville in population. This designation as a "Playful City, USA" Community shows a recognition by KaBOOM! of the common goals and shared accomplishments of the Live Oak community. When Chanticleer Park Neighbors and Live Oak Family Resource Center decided to apply for KaBOOM recognition, leaders from entities throughout the community were quick to add their commitment to these shared goals.

"Kids need to play actively, every day, at home, in school and in their communities, yet play is disappearing," said Darell Hammond, Founder and CEO of KaBOOM! and author of *The New York Times* Best Seller *KaBOOM!: A Movement to Save Play*. "Children spend nearly eight hours a day in front of a screen; almost half of all poor students are deprived of recess; and to make matters worse, only one in five children live within walking distance of a park. Playful City USA communities like Live Oak are creating innovative programs and initiatives and deserve recognition because of their efforts to give kids the childhood they deserve and best prepare them for their future."

KaBOOM! selected Live Oak for its outstanding dedication to play. As an unincorporated community, Live Oak boasts a multitude of examples of Best Practices for play:

1. A strategic partnership between Live Oak School District, Boys & Girls Clubs and the County to build a new youth center at Shoreline Middle School.
2. A unique non-profit program, the Mini Mermaid Running Club that offers girls tools to live a healthy lifestyle.
3. Live Oak Resource Center collaborates with the Sheriff's Activities League and LOSD to offer a FREE sports

PINTO LAKE COUNTY PARK DISC GOLF MAINTENANCE REPORT

Hole 1 – Basket was moved approximately 60' to shorten the hole and reduce pedestrian traffic over drainage way. The area was seeded with erosion control seed and fencing installed to better delineate walking routes and reduce use near the drainage way.



Culvert under roadway near hole 1 is scheduled for replacement in January 2014. The new culvert will improve drainage and water flow in this area.

Future work/considerations – After culvert replacement re-vegetate area on both sides and create a small fence or natural barrier to prevent users from crossing the roadway at the culvert crossing.

Hole 2 – No work done at this time.

Future work/considerations – Repair bridge fencing. Remove existing non- natives, primarily English ivy. Continue to allow some vegetation growth but periodically cut back Poison Oak in winter months.

Hole 3 – Hole was moved approximately 40' for the winter months. The previous tee basket location area was seeded with erosion control mix and covered with chips. Several Carex and Coffee berry plants were planted along the slope side between the existing pathways.



Temporary plastic fencing was installed in area beyond hole 3 basket for re-vegetation purposes.

Several tree protection posts were installed along this hole.

Future work /considerations – Develop a trail to provide a more suitable connection from this trail to the lower trail, current access is steep and undefined. Discussion has begun with the California Conservation Corp regarding appropriate trail design for this area.

Continue the practice of 'resting' the basket area during the wetter months by moving the basket to an alternate location.

Designate area beyond tee basket as a site to re-vegetate. Continue to monitoring tree damage from discs, install more tree protections if needed.

Hole 4 – The concrete pad for this hole has been removed. The chain basket was moved further from an existing Oak to reduce potential for golf disc's contacting the tree.

Future work/considerations – Monitor tee pad area for soil disturbance. Consider seasonal rotation of tee pad area with seasonal re-vegetation.

Hole 13 – Concrete pad was removed and chain basket moved further away from the walking trail/service road.

Future work/considerations - Move hole to another location but still provide needed flow' for the disc golf course.

Monitor to see if tree protections are needed.

Hole 14 – Hole was removed from the location along the walking/service road. The new location is in the meadow area and is within the 60' mowing strip along the field edge.



Monitor vegetation going into winter months and re-seed if needed.

Hole 17 – The existing walking path bridge was increased to cover the entire seasonal water flow in this area. Repairs were made to the stairs leading to his hole.

Future work/considerations – The multiuse trail in this area is steep and is predisposed to compaction and erosion. Trail changes are needed to minimize pedestrian use issues. Discussion with the California Conservation Corps for a new trail design has begun.



Install tree protections and monitor tree disc damage.

Remove non-natives

Mulch areas where needed.

Hole 18 – Tree protections were added.



Future work/considerations – devise and install additional tree protections, specifically higher up on two Oak trees.

Allow for continued understory growth with occasional cutting of poison oak.

Plant compatible native understory plants ie coffeeberry

Meadow/Field holes 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

Future work/considerations – Lack of regular mowing is impacting the meadow. Plants and trees, native and non-native are beginning to establish themselves in the non-mowed areas.

Monitor meadow/field vegetation and oversee if needed.

Move baskets periodically to minimize erosion and compaction.



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December 10, 2013

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBERS TO THE NON-PROFIT
FRIENDS OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY PARKS

Members of the Parks and Recreation Commission:

As your Commission may recall, Friends of Santa Cruz County Parks (FoSCCP) is a non-profit organization which helps to further park and recreation services by linking community donors and County Parks. For example, throughout 2013 FoSCCP provided scholarships to local area youth for swimming lessons, summer camps, renaissance camp, and pool junior guards.

FoSCCP by-laws state that the board of directors shall consist of at least five (5) but no more than fifteen (15) directors, and that directors shall be appointed by the Parks and Recreation Commission. At the October 21, 2013, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, Commissioners were asked to seek nominations for the FoSCCP board of directors.

It is recommended that Commissioners present nominations for members of the FoSCCP board of directors and approve appointments of nominees.

Yours truly,

JOHN J. PRESLEIGH
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PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION 2012-2013 BIENNIAL REPORT

ROLE OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Assess the needs and resources of the County for parks, open space and cultural services and recommends programs to satisfy those needs.

- I. Advise the Board of Supervisors on matters regarding parks, recreation and open space plans for the County.
- II. Advise the Board of Supervisors on the preservation of historical and cultural resources in the County.
- III. Review the annual budget for Parks, Open Space and Cultural Services, and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

MEETINGS AND STRUCTURE

The Commission meets on Mondays six times a year at 7:00 p.m., on dates determined by the Commission. Meetings are held at a park site or the Parks, Open Space and Cultural Services Office, 979 17th Avenue, Santa Cruz.

The Commission is made up of five members, one nominated by each County Supervisor, which operates using the Sturgis Rules of Order and a structure that includes a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson. Staff support is provided by the Department of Public Works - Parks, Open Space and Cultural Services Division.

COMMISSION STAFF

Betsey Lynberg, Assistant Director of Public Works

ATTENDANCE

Attachment A displays the attendance of the Commissioners for the past twenty-four months.

2012-2013 Commission Activities and Accomplishments

- * Considered proposals brought forward by members of the community:
 - Proposal for Seasonal 9-hole Disc Golf Course at Anna Jean Cummings Park requested by Soquel High School Disc Golf Club
 - Proposal to Preserve Open Space and Dedicate and Enhance Existing Trails at Anna Jean Cummings Park requested by Friends of Anna Jean Cummings Park
 - Proposal to Allow Dogs Off Leash on Live Oak Beaches requested by Live Oak Off Leash Advocates
 - Proposal to Retain Existing Leash Laws on Live Oak Beaches requested by Leash Law Advocates of Santa Cruz County
- * Received reports on the status of various park improvement projects including:
 - Pinto Lake Disc Golf
 - McGregor Park
 - Farm Park Stream and Habitat Restoration and Community Gardens Grant
 - Felt Street Park Construction
 - Felton Covered Bridge Grant
 - Lions Club Trail at Polo Grounds Park
 - Polo Ground Water Recharge & Water Conservation Project
 - Live Oak Youth Center Project
 - East Cliff Drive Parkway Construction
 - Carmichael Trail
 - Highlands Park Play Area Rubber Tire Mulch
 - Veteran's Memorial Building
- * Reviewed existing park facilities, General Plan policies and zoning for parks and open space in south County
- * Received report on the August 2013 voter survey regarding Santa Cruz County Parks and appointed two Commissioners to an ad hoc committee to provide input to County Park staff regarding possibilities for increased revenue to support County parks and recreation programs
- * Received regular reports regarding participation in and revenues received for various recreation programs and facility rentals
- * Received regular reports on the activities of the Arts Commission

- * Received regular reports on the activities of the Parks Maintenance, Planning, and Facilities sections
- * Reviewed proposed Parks Division Budgets for Fiscal Years 2012/2013 and 2013/2014
- * Wrote letter of support to the California Coastal Commission for the Twin Lakes Beachfront Project
- * Appointed representatives to the Commission's Off Leash Dog Committee
- * Appointed members to the Board of Directors of the non-profit Supporters and Helpers of Arts, Recreation and Parks (SHARP), renamed to Friends of Santa Cruz County Parks (FoSCCP)
- * Received training from County Counsel regarding the Brown Act
- * Received report on the status of State Park closures

Proposed 2014 Commission Goals

* Park Facilities

Review and make recommendations regarding proposed park improvements for: Felton Covered Bridge Roof Renovation Project; Proposition 40 Improvements at Ben Lomond Park, Willowbrook Park and Pinto Lake Park; Farm Park Proposition 84 Urban Greening Grant Habitat Restoration and Community Gardens Project; McGregor Park Phase I; Chanticleer Park Interim Improvements; Brommer Park Water Recharge; Heart of Soquel and Soquel Creek Trail; Twin Lakes Beachfront; and fenced off leash dog areas in existing County parks; and others, as necessary.

* Recreation Programs

Review and make recommendations regarding proposed youth recreation and senior programs

* Community Proposals

Complete consideration of proposal for off-leash dogs on Live Oak Beaches and additional disc golf holes at the Farm Park

* General

Review the FY 2014/2015 and FY 2015/2016 Proposed Budgets and provide recommendations to the Board of Supervisors

Prepare letter of support as necessary for various grant opportunities

Support efforts to collaborate with volunteers and other partners to provide parks, recreation, and cultural opportunities

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION - Attendance 2013

P = Present **E = Excused Absence** **U = Un-excused Absence** **V = Vacant** **R = Resigned** **C=Canceled Meeting**

| | Jan | Feb | Mar | April | May | June | July | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|-----|-----|-------|-----|------|------|-----|------|-----|------------------------------|-----|
| DISTRICT 1 | No meeting held in January. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Michael Rosenberg | | P | | - | | - | | | | - | No meeting held in November. | |
| Mariah Roberts | | P | | P | | P | | | | P | | |
| DISTRICT 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Katharine Minott | | P | | P | | P | | | | P | | |
| DISTRICT 3 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jim Lang | | | | | | P | | | | P | | |
| DISTRICT 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Steven Bennett | | | | | | P | | | | P | | |
| DISTRICT 5 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dave Mercer | | P | | P | | U | | | | P | | |

Mariah Roberts replaced Michael Rosenberg as Commissioner for District 1 beginning April 2013.
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PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETINGS

PARKS DEPARTMENT OFFICES
979 17TH AVENUE, SANTA CRUZ

Proposed YEAR 2014 Schedule

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|---------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| MONDAY | February 24, 2014 | 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. |
| MONDAY | April 21, 2014 | 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. |
| MONDAY | June 9, 2014 | 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. |
| MONDAY | August 18, 2014 | 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. |
| MONDAY | October 20, 2014 | 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. |
| MONDAY | December 15, 2014 | 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. |