



# County of Santa Cruz

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## PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, February 11, 2008

Government Center, Board Chambers

7:15 p.m.

701 Ocean Street

Regular Meeting

Santa Cruz, CA 95060

### I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m.

Members: Janet Doten, Dave Mercer, Katharine Minott, Michael Rosenberg  
Francisco Serna

Present: Janet Doten, Dave Mercer, Michael Rosenberg, Francisco Serna

Absent: Katharine Minott

Staff: Joe Schultz, Clark Beattie, Gretchen Iliff, Beth Porter

### II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS OR APPROVAL

The agenda was approved as modified (Mercer/Doten 3/0). Item #2 under information items was removed from tonight's agenda due to a proposal from Rick De La Cruz to attend a future meeting and present the Aptos Village Site Plan after a scheduled community meeting on the subject on February 21, 2008. A letter of explanation from Mr. De La Cruz was distributed to Commissioners.

### III. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of November 6, 2007 were approved as presented (Mercer/Doten 3/0)

B. Information and Reports (Accept and File)

- 1) Facilities Division – Status Report
- 2) Maintenance Division – Status Report
- 3) Planning Division – Status Report
- 4) Recreation & Cultural Services Division – Status Report
- 5) Arts Commission Agenda February 23, 2008

The Information and reports were accepted and filed as written. (Mercer/Doten 3/0).

### IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - None

### V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Schultz introduced Park Planner Bob Olson. Bob gave a brief background and introduced the new Park Planner, Cristina James.

### VI. REGULAR AGENDA (DISCUSSION ITEMS)

#### A. DISCUSSION ITEMS

### **1. Proposal to Name the Community Gardens at the Farm Park for Steve Boysol.**

Owen Lawlor, a long time friend of Steve Boysol and a builder and developer of the Farm Housing Project, gave a brief history of the Farm Restaurant and the involvement of Steve Boysol. In 1974/1975, Steve purchased the property and opened the Farm Restaurant, a well known and popular restaurant. Steve, using his knowledge of farming gained while serving in the Peace Corps in Tonga, created the first restaurant organic garden in the County. Steve was the manager of the Crow's Nest and the Shadowbrook restaurant in the early 1970's. He was the pioneer in the County of organic farming and began a trend that was followed by many chefs of fine restaurants. Michael McClellan, former owner of the Crow's Nest and Shadowbrook Restaurants, also told of Steve's contribution to the Farm Park property. Mr. Boysol employed at the Farm Restaurant several employees who became well known community members and business owners. Steve passed away on Thanksgiving 2007, and several hundred people attended his memorial service. Both Mr. Lawlor and Mr. McClellan asked the Parks Commission to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that an appropriate legacy for Steve Boysol would be to name the community gardens at the Farm Park for Steve. The commissioners agreed with this concept and will place this item on a future Commission agenda. Mr. Lawlor and Mr. McClellan will be informed about the progress of this concept. A public hearing will be held with public invited to participate in the discussion.

### **2. Par 3 Property**

Commissioner Minott asked that this item be placed on tonight's agenda. Her absence tonight will require discussion of this topic at a future commission meeting.

### **3. Seacliff Park**

Director Schultz reminded Commissioners that the County took title to the property at McGregor. On May 14<sup>th</sup> a community meeting will be held, location to be determined, for community input on this new park site. Commissioner Rosenberg asked that the Commissioners be notified of the meeting so that they may attend. The community may contribute ideas of what they would like to see on that site. Commissioner Rosenberg indicated that Rick De La Cruz's letter to the Commissioners explained that a public meeting will be held for discussion about the Aptos Village Plan on February 21<sup>st</sup> at Seacliff Inn.at 7:00 p.m. The County Planning Department is the host and public input is invited.

## **B. ACTION ITEMS**

None

**VII. AGENDA/MEETING FOR: Parks Commission, March 10, 2008 at 7:15 p.m. at the Board Chambers, 5<sup>th</sup> floor, 701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060 (Government Center).**

**A. INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. Community Gardens @ Farm Park named for Steve Boysoll – set Public Hearing
2. Par 3 Property
3. Seacliff Park

**B. ACTION ITEMS - None**

Clark Beattie told the Commissioners about Pooches in the Park scheduled for Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. He invited commissioners to attend and asked for volunteers to be judges for various dog contests. There will be free micro chipping for dogs, demonstrations by K-9 Sheriff Department personnel and their dogs, doggie goodie bags and various vendors who will display and sell pet products. Commissioner Rosenberg asked that a flyer be sent via email with details about the event.

Commissioner Serna spoke of increased tagging and graffiti on the North Coast and asked about the best course of action to pursue. Gretchen discussed a similar problem recently in Live Oak. When there is an increase in repeated tagging, the maintenance workers photo document the damage. There is an active community group on the North Coast, according to Commissioner Serna, that watches this activity and organizes clean ups. Gretchen will ask maintenance staff to keep a watch on this activity at the North Coast.

Director Schultz recently attended a gathering at the Davenport Resource Center and met some of the community members. He again thanked Commissioner Serna for inviting him to this luncheon and giving him the opportunity to meet residents of the Davenport area.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m. (Mercer/Doten 4/0)**