



County of Santa Cruz

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PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES (CORRECTED)

Monday, March 10, 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, Katharine Minott, Michael Rosenberg

Absent: Francisco Serna

Staff: Joe Schultz, Gretchen Iliff, Beth Porter

II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS OR APPROVAL

The agenda was approved as presented (Minott/Doten 4/0).

III. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of February 11, 2008 were approved as presented
(Mercer/Minott 4/0)

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 March 3, 2008

The Information and reports were accepted and filed as written. (Minott/Doten 4/0).

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - None

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Schultz announced that a new Aquatics Coordinator has been hired, Laurie Boswell, who has previously worked with the Los Gatos – Saratoga Recreation Agency. She will be introduced at the May 12 commission meeting. Next month, the Chair and Vice Chair elections will take place at the Parks Commission Meeting.

The Mission of the Santa Cruz County Department of 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

Reminder that the Form 700 is due to the County Clerk by April 1, 2008.
The Pooches in the Park was a very successful event, the best attended out of all three years. Five hundred goodie bags for pooches were distributed with the estimated crowd of humans at 1,000. The costume contest was quite an event.

VI. REGULAR AGENDA (DISCUSSION ITEMS)

A. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Par 3 Property

Commissioner Minott reported that there is a formalized committee "Save the Par 3" chaired by Suzanne Shynne and Debora Vanderwoode. The group has met with Ellen Pirie and is designing a logo for a webpage. By the April meeting, the webpage should be ready for viewing. The purpose of the group is to save the recreation zoning of the property. Preliminary support has been offered by the Monte Foundation. There has been discussion of reviving the Par three course on the site.

2. Seacliff Park

Director Schultz discussed the "visioning" meeting that has been set for May 14th, 2008 which will be open to the public. Seacliff Improvement Association will sponsor this meeting, location to be determined. The South County Housing group allowed the use of their community room, which the group fortunately was able to use at last June's meeting. It is hoped that will work for future meetings of the Seacliff Improvement Association. Meeting attendees prefer to hold their meetings close to the Seacliff area to avoid driving through the County. There is a possibility in the future for using the community room in the church that will occupy one third of the parcel where the park and South County Housing will reside.

B. ACTION ITEMS

1. Set Public Hearing to Name Community Gardens at the Farm Park for Steve Boysol

The design contract for the Farm Park is scheduled for the board's approval tomorrow (March 11, 2008). The design and construction of the Farm Park will probably be a three year project. Redevelopment Agency will fund the project. A motion was made and approved to set a public hearing for the May 12 Parks Commission meeting to name the community gardens at the Farm Park for Steve Boysol, the former owner of the property and the Farm Restaurant (Mercer/Doten 4/0).

VII. AGENDA/MEETING FOR: Parks Commission, April 14, 2008 at 7:15 p.m. at the Board Chambers, 5th floor, 701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060 (Government Center).

A. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Jose Avenue Skate Park – Update
2. Skate Park in Aptos - Update
3. Parks Budget Information

B. ACTION ITEMS

1. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. (Doten/Mercer 4/0)