



County of Santa Cruz

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, OPEN SPACE & CULTURAL SERVICES

979 17TH AVENUE, SANTA CRUZ, CA 95062

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JEFF GAFFNEY
DIRECTOR

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA

****Please note different meeting location****

Monday, February 6, 2017
7:00 pm
Regular Meeting

Muzzio Community Center
26 W. Front St.
Watsonville, CA 95076

I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS OR LATE ADDITIONS

III. CONSENT AGENDA (Action)

- A. Approve minutes from Dec. 5, 2016Page 1
- B. Consider Reports:
 - 1. Maintenance Section – Status ReportPage 2-3
 - 2. Facilities Section – Status ReportPage 4
 - 3. Recreation Section – Status ReportPages 5-7
 - 4. Aquatics Section – Status Report.....Pages 8-10
 - 5. Planning Section – Status Report.....Pages 11-12
- C. Approve appointment of Margit Aramburu to the Friends of Santa Cruz County Parks Board of Directors (Pages 13-14)

IV. 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.

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

VI. REGULAR AGENDA – Information Items

- 1. Presentation from Jonathan Pilch, Director of Watsonville Wetlands Watch
- 2. Presentation from Ana Espinoza, Director of Watsonville City Parks & Community Services
- 3. Postponing By-law review to next meeting (April 3, 2017)

VII. REGULAR AGENDA – Action Items (none)

VIII. WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE LISTING (none)

IX. ADJOURNEMENT

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 December 5, 2016, 7:00 p.m. meeting 979 17th Avenue Santa Cruz, California

I. ROLL CALL

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

II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS:

Motion to accept the agenda as presented. (Roberts/ Rapoza 5/0)

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to amend meeting location of October 3, 2016 minutes to reflect the Highlands Park location. (Bennett/ Rapoza 5/0)

Approved minutes from October 3, 2016 as amended (Roberts/ Rapoza 5/0)

Accept and file reports. (Sibille/ Roberts 5/0)

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- Tricia Potts update the Commission about LEO's Haven activities

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

VI. REGULAR AGENDA – Information Items

1. Terry Corwin of Land Trust of Santa Cruz presented to the Commission
2. The Commission reviewed by-law changes

VII. REGULAR AGENDA – Action Items

3. The Commission accepted the 2017 meeting dates (Roberts/ Sibille 5/0)

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting Adjourned at 8:23 p.m. (Rapoza/ Roberts 5/0)



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

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JOHN J. PRESLEIGH
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

DATE: February 1, 2017
TO: PARKS & RECREATION 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)

Winter storms deposited debris and destroyed fencing at Ben Lomond Park. Several large trees fell along the trails at Quail Hollow Ranch.

The California Conservation Corps (CCC) worked one day removing non-native vegetation at the Highlands park. The CCC worked alongside our new Americorp Team. The Americorp Team is living at Highlands Park and is working at several county sites for the next ten weeks.

The roof replacement for the Covered Bridge at **Felton Park** was completed and staff installed 'holiday' lights along both sides of the bridge. Christianson Tree Service donated their time to install the lights on the tallest part of the bridge.

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, Heart of Soquel Plaza, The Farm, Mid-County beach access areas)

Logs and debris were deposited in the Moran Lake parking lot due to high surf. Staff are beginning the clean up process. Additionally, several trees at the park fell and two others needed to be removed.

Staff repaired a domestic water leak at Anna Jean Cummings park

A contractor is preparing a bid for the work to restore the Hook parking area outdoor shower. The shower was turned off last year and is being re-designed to meet current County codes.

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, Seacliff Village Park)

Staff assisted the contractor with the installation of the new play structure at Seascape Park. Parks staff completed the demolition of the old structure and rebuilt two picnic tables and installed the new wood fiber under the structure.

Aptos park received some attention this month. Staff replaced several overhang support posts and hardware.

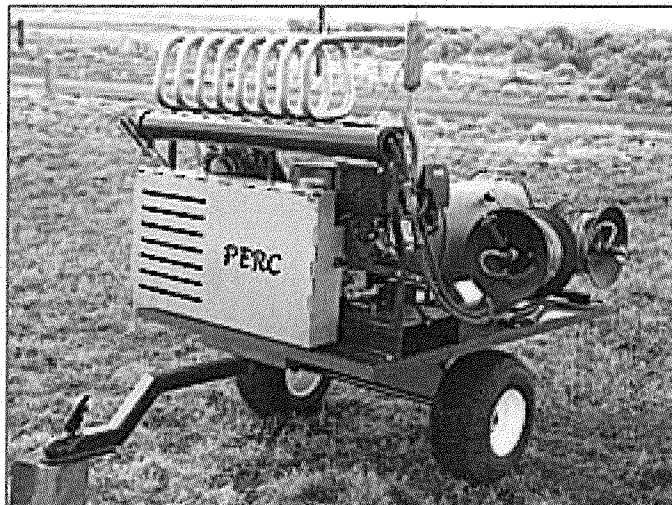
Due to excessive rains the Pinto Lake Park pier is underwater and the back 20 acres of the park is inaccessible. A March fun run has been cancelled and we are unsure of when the water will recede.

SIMPKINS FAMILY SWIM CENTER

A new recreation pool pump was installed at the **Simpkins Family Swim Center**.

All maintenance staff received training on the topics of How to Safely Discard Syringes and Face Protection and maintenance work.

The Department purchased a new device to eradicate gophers. The device injects pressurized carbon monoxide into gopher burrows and overcomes the gophers immediately. It seems to be very effective!



Pressurized Exhaust Rodent Control (PERC)



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JEFF GAFFNEY
DIRECTOR

DATE: Feb 1, 2017
TO: Parks & Recreation Commission, Arts Commission
FROM: Mary Chavez, Program Coordinator
RE: Facilities Division Status Report- January/February 2017

Summary for reservations and Facilities operations in the Parks (excluding SFSC):

Attendance at Reserved Facilities:

January and February have been typical for off season events with parties and a few weddings at park centers and picnic areas. Staff estimates that approximately 5,900 park visitors attended events in reserved facilities at County Parks in these two months.

Center and Meeting Room Rentals in January and February 2017:

January and February hosted 9 weddings, receptions and family events held at various Park Centers with rental revenues totaling \$4,800. December and January also included 47 meeting room rentals totaling \$1,110.

The Facilities office has been very busy with inquiries and bookings for weddings, receptions and special events in the park centers for 2017. The summer schedule is quickly filling up. The typical season of use is weekends (mainly Saturdays and some Sundays) May through October, with approximately 52 available dates (36 for Quail Hollow Ranch). At this time, Aptos Park is reserved 33% of all available dates (with only 14 Saturdays remaining available), Highlands Park is reserved at 35% (with only 8 Saturdays remaining available) and Quail Hollow is reserved at 53% (with only 8 Saturdays remaining available). Park centers continue to be popular wedding and event locations, with customers appreciating the picturesque and affordable venues for their special occasions while continuing to be a significant revenue source for the Department.

Surf Contests:

We are in the midst of another successful surf season. Non-profit organizations, school surf leagues and for-profit companies continue to hold contests at Pleasure Point Park, the Hook (41st Avenue) overlook and Moran Lake Beach, which are favorite surf and skimboard contest sites. July 2016 through June 2017 have a total of 19 days of contests, with revenues totaling \$5,050.

Garden Plots:

Garden plot renewals for Jose Avenue, Felt Street and the Farm Parks have been taking place during the past month. Jose Avenue has 14 garden plots, Felt Street Park has 17 plus 2 ADA garden plots, and the Farm has 10 plus 2 ADA plots. All plots have either been renewed or new gardeners will be given an opportunity to access these plots due to a number of recently released plots during the renewal process. The new gardeners are excited about starting their gardening experience in County Parks. Gardeners at the Farm will have their second full season since the garden plots opened in June 2015. A waitlist has been maintained for future park site Chanticleer Park. Garden plot revenues are approximately \$2,500 annually.



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DATE: February 1, 2017
TO: Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM: Kathy DeWild, Program Coordinator
RE: Recreation & Cultural Services Division Status Report – January, 2016

ARTS AND CULTURAL

Art Exhibitions

Sandra Cherk's pastel paintings are on exhibition at the Simpkins Family Swim Center / Parks office through the end of March. A selection panel met in December to review artists' applications for exhibitions in 2017, and artists were selected to show their work at the County Government Center.

Felton Library

The Just In Time Panel met with Parks staff in December to review the application for a temporary public art project at the site of the future Felton Library. The application, from a community group consisting of members of the community, Felton Library Friends, and Open Studio artists, was approved by the JIT Panel. The committee plans to distribute materials, instructions/guidelines, and other information to the involved artists this month, and hope to install the completed works this summer. The purpose of the art installation is to bring the long-awaited new library to the consciousness of the community, to publicize the fact that the library project is moving forward, to create an event for community awareness and participation, and to raise funds for the new Felton Branch.

Holiday Art & Craft Faire

The annual Holiday Art & Craft Faire took place on December 3 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Simpkins Family Swim Center, and it was a rousing success! A steady stream of shoppers was present throughout the day, and several of the vendors commented that it was their best day of sales, ever.

ADULT AND SENIOR PROGRAMS

The first couple of weeks in December were very busy! The Mall Walkers partook in their annual holiday potluck party on Friday, 12/2. On Sunday, 12/4 trip-goers traveled to the Cow Palace to enjoy the Great Dickens Christmas Faire and Victorian Holiday Party. Then on 12/6

we'll took a trip to San Francisco for shopping in Union Square and stopped off at Vasona Park to enjoy the Festival of Lights.

Upcoming trips include *Luzia* (a Cirque du Soleil presentation), Villa Montalvo guided tour and downtown Los Gatos exploration and a trip to historic downtown Sonora with a tour and tasting at Ironstone Vineyards.

YOUTH RECREATION PROGRAMS

Mar Vista ACE

December began with Money Matters Week, during which staff developed fun activities such as a version of The Price is Right game to teach program participants the value of a dollar and the concept of budgeting. Children made their own wallets and earned "ACE dollars" to spend in the ACE store. The highlight of the week was a field trip to the Boardwalk for bowling and laser tag. During Music Week, participants made harmonicas, button tambourines and experimented with drawing to different genres of music. Also, special guest singer/songwriter Freesia Raine conducted music workshops with participants on 12/7. Celebrations Week featured games such as Medic, Throw Your Party, relays and an obstacle course and art such as picture frames, ornaments and borax crystals. We also braved a slightly rainy day and took a walking field trip to Marianne's Ice Cream and Seacliff Village Park. Next was Happy Holidays week, during which participants made craft stick trees, holiday cars and planted succulents to give as gifts. We also played fun games such as Banana Tag and Snowball Fight. The highlight of the week was a field trip to Pump'D Inflatable Fun Center.

Participants returned from Winter Break on Jan. 18 to find a low-key movie day waiting for them. Staff were sweeping up popcorn for the next week! They also played Island Tag, created pastel winter scenes and explored snow science. During Into the Future Week, games were enjoyed such as Future Wax Museum, Space Ball and Capture the Planet. Activities also included Picasette art projects, balloon rockets, Lego future construction projects and drawings of imagined future selves. Fuzzy Animal Week featured fuzzy bear fork art, felt finger puppets, a groundhog craft, graham cracker animal fun and games such as Pac Man, Animal Sounds Tag, Animal Charades and more. We also took advantage of some of our staff's super powers by arranging for them to teach workshops in Kung Fu, disc golf and theater.

February will feature field trips to the Santa Cruz Roller Palladium and Anna Jean Cummings Park. Staff are also lining up some great special guests! Themes such as Inspire Your Heart With Art, Your World and Mardi Gras will lend to many fun and enriching activities for participants to enjoy.

Kinder Enrichment and Transitional Kinder (KE/TK)

We started the Year off with Winter Polar Animals, creating cotton-ball polar bears. The children were shown on a globe where the arctic region is located. The next week included the topic of dreams. The children created a hand rainbow to show unity and togetherness. We also talked about our dreams for the world. We also had the children create a poster of what they dream of for themselves, and the world.

The last week of January/first week of February theme is "The World." The children will make their own world maps, and be introduced to different countries through food and crafts. This month the children will let their families and communities know how much they are loved with handmade gifts and cards. It is also carnival season, so we have a week dedicated to the kid friendly version of Mardi Gras, with mask making and beading, as well as learning about parades and the delight of the King Cake. For the final week of February, we'll celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss. This author's wild imagination lends itself well to a variety of crafts, including a red sock project and crazy machines. We'll also talk about protection of our earth's resources.

QUAIL HOLLOW RANCH INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS

Recent Interpretive Programs and Activities:

- Santa Cruz Astronomy Club - A Stellar Experience Stargazing was offered Fridays, December 2 and January 20.
- Small Worlds program with Christian Schwarz was offered Saturday, December 3.
- In Search of Herps with Jeremy Lin was offered Sundays, December 4 and January 8.
- Quail Hollow Ranch House Tour with Richard James was offered Saturday, January 28.
- Birding Through The Habitats with Alex Rinkert was offered Sunday, January 29.

Broom Bash (environmental restoration) effort took place on January 7.

Ace Trail Crew is currently working on restoration projects along the Discovery Loop Trail and potentially other locations within Quail Hollow Ranch.

Quail Hollow Ranch Docents Richard James and Kathy James are keeping the visitor center opened on Saturdays in January and February.

Upcoming Interpretive Programs and Activities:

- Santa Cruz Astronomy Club - A Stellar Experience Stargazing will be offered Friday, February 3.
- In Search of Herps with Jeremy Lin will be offered Sunday, February 5.
- Interpreter Jeremy Lin will be leading Big Basin Redwoods State Park Docents on a hike February 5.
- Quail Hollow Ranch Volunteers will be working on various QHR Restoration Projects on February 11 and 18.
- Quail Hollow Ranch House Tour with Richard James will be offered Saturday, February 19.



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Director

DATE: February 1, 2017
TO: Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM: Margaret Ingraham, Aquatics Supervisor
RE: Aquatics Division Status Report

AQUATIC PROGRAMS

WINTER

November 28, 2016 – FEBRUARY 26, 2017

Lap Pool hours:

Mondays through Friday from 6:00 am to 7:30 pm

Saturday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Sunday from 9:00 am – 12:30 pm

Warm-water Pool:

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

Monday/Wednesday/Friday	6:00 – 10:30 am 3:00 – 7:30 pm
Tuesday/Thursday	6:00 am – 7:30 pm
Saturday	9:00 am - 10:30 am (adults only) 10:30 am – 12:30 pm (adults & kids 6 years and younger) 12:30 – 4:00 pm (Open Swim ~ all ages)
Sunday	9:00 am – 12:30 pm (all ages)

Winter Sale

Our Winter Sale pass sale started on December 1st. The sale is to buy a 50 swim pass for ½ off for \$135.00 (That's only \$2.70 per swim). This pass is valid only through February 2017. To date we have sold 139 passes.

Swim Lessons:

Spring lesson registration is OPEN and spring lessons begin February 27th!

Summer program registration will start March 27th at 9:00 AM.

Winter Swim lessons – Are held Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10:30am – 12:30pm and Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday evening from 4:00 – 7:00 pm.

Private lessons are also available with either our lifeguard/instructors or one of our 4 of private contractors.

Junior Lifeguards - Junior Lifeguard Spring Camp will be held April 3 – 7th and registration for this spring camp is open.

Introduction to Lap Swimming Class – This is a drop in class offered on Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9:00 – 10:30 am in the shallow lanes of the lap pool. It is conducted by one of our veteran coaches and provides rookie swimmers with information on lap swim etiquette, pool protocol, drills, stroke technique and much more.

Adult Fitness Swimming – Adult Fitness Swimming is very popular at the Simpkins Family Swim Center. The best-attended workouts are Tuesday and Saturday mornings; up to 45 swimmers fill the 50-meter pool at these times. Fitness swimmers may choose from several different workout times: Mondays at 6:00 am; Tuesday & Friday workouts are at 6:00 am and 12:00 pm; Wednesdays at 6:00 am and 6:00 pm; Fridays at 6 am and 12 pm; Saturday & Sunday workouts are offered at 9:00 am.

Beginning Adult Fitness Swim Class – This new drop in class is being offered by one of our regular Adult Fitness Coaches and provides an opportunity for novice participants to have a beginning class styled and structured the same as our Adult Fitness coached workouts. Beginning Adult Fitness Classes are offered on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10:30 am – 12:00 pm.

Water Aerobics & Exercise – The water exercise classes this year continue to reach their highest capacity to date. 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, 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 for participation in any of the water exercise classes.

Child Care – We have continued to provide child care at the swim center throughout the fall and winter and parents have been very excited to have the service available to them. We modified the hours for the winter months and are currently offering child care on:

Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM

*NEW SATURDAY HOURS 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Cost per child: \$5 per hour ~ or multiple entry passes are available

Ages: 6 months and up

Lifeguard Training Courses – We have issued our schedule of American Red Cross Lifeguard Training Courses and courses are filling up fast. Each course offered runs for ~ 36 hours and provides participants with certification in Lifeguarding, CPR/AED and First Aid for Public Safety Personnel (Title 22). Class schedules are available on our website.

Water Polo – Sundays from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm. Participants must be a member of USAWPA to participate in the program.

Lifeguard Training Exercises – In the winter months we conduct one-on-one skills checks for all Aquatic staff. Skills checks include CPR, AED and Respiratory Arrest scenarios as well as some “what would you do if...” topics. Our February in-service training was on February 5th and topics covered included: CPR First Aid skills, and NEW American Red Cross Lifeguard rescue skills.

Swim Teams - The Aptos Cabrillo Swim Club and CRUZ swim teams continue to rent lanes in the 50-meter pool. The swim teams offer school-age competitive swimming programs Monday through Friday from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Live Oak Community Rooms - The Live Oak Community Rooms at the swim center are rented out regularly throughout the year for meetings, small events and classes.



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DATE: FEBRUARY 1, 2017

TO: PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

FROM: SHERYL BAILEY & WILL FOURT, PLANNING SECTION

SUBJECT: PARKS PROJECT PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS ON CURRENT PROJECTS

COUNTY-WIDE PROJECTS

County Parks Strategic Plan: Staff has continued progress on the development of a Strategic Plan for the County Parks Department. Staff has completed three large group meetings with Department staff to get input on the process, and has compiled a draft summary on the existing conditions and Department needs. Staff is currently starting to organize the public meetings and public outreach portion of the strategic planning process.

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

Quail Hollow/Pace Property Trail Planning: County Real Property staff is working with the property owner on the potential for a trail easement allowing a proposed new trail from Quail Hollow Ranch to the Pace Property. County Parks staff has a contract with a biologist and a site visit scheduled to get the biologist started on preparing a biotic assessment to be used for the project.

Felton Library: Parks staff continues to work with other County staff to develop the scope of work for the first phases of site planning, development permit applications and environmental review for a new outdoor classroom and restoration of native riparian vegetation along Bull Creek.

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, Heart of Soquel Plaza, The Farm, Mid-County beach access areas)

Brommer Park: The County has a contract set up to resurface the courts at Brommer Park and to install four permanent pickleball courts. The County will issue the Notice to Proceed to the contractor in the spring as the project requires warmer and drier weather.

Chanticleer Avenue Park: The Parks Department has re-submitted the development permit application to County Planning for the Phase 1 improvements at the park for the third time, and is working with County Planning and Drainage staff to address issues related to the application. The Santa Cruz Playground Project has continued their fundraising efforts.

Staff is preparing a grant application to the Housing-Related Parks program for funds for Phase 1 development at Chanticleer. The Land Water Conservation Fund grant application from 2016 has been granted clearance through the federal level of environmental review, and the project is now eligible for the next federal grant cycle, which may be in February 2017.

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, Seacliff Village Park, Freedom Government Annex)

Polo Grounds Restroom: The contractor responsible for site preparation and hardscaping has two remaining items to be completed before final inspection and closing of the final construction contract.

Pinto Lake: Staff is working with the Resource Conservation District (RCD) to identify and plan mitigation sites related to the sediment catchment basin constructed in CCC creek this fall. Staff is also coordinating with the City of Watsonville, who is leading an effort to lower toxicity levels in the lake through the treatment of lake water with aluminum sulfate.

Seascape Park: The new playground was installed and opened at Seascape Park.



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AGENDA: February 6, 2017

February 3, 2017

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
979 17th Avenue
Santa Cruz, CA 95062

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBER 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 (FSCCoP) is a non-profit organization which helps to further park and recreation services by linking community donors and County Parks. For example, throughout 2015-16 FSCCoP provided scholarships to local area youth for swimming lessons, summer camps, renaissance camp, and pool junior guards.

FSCCoP 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. Commissioner Minott has submitted the attached nomination recommending appointment of Margit Aramburu to the FSCCoP board of directors. It is recommended that Commissioners approve the appointment of Margit Aramburu to the FSCCoP board of directors.

Sincerely,

Jeff Gaffney
Parks Director



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FEBRUARY 2, 2017

SUBJECT: NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENT OF MARGIT ARAMBURU TO THE
"FRIENDS OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY PARKS" BOARD OF DIRECTORS

AGENDA: FEBRUARY 6, 2017

Dear Santa Cruz County Parks and Recreation Commissioners:

As you may recall, "Friends of Santa Cruz County Parks" (FSCCoP) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that helps to provide support and assistance to Santa Cruz County park, art and recreation programs and services.

FSCCoP By-laws state the FSCCoP 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 Santa Cruz County Parks and Recreation Commission.

Margit Aramburu brings her professional experience as the former Director of the Natural Resources Institute [NRI] at UOP to the FSCCoP Board of Directors. Margit retired from the NRI in 2011, capping an extensive career in environmental policy and planning. Margit was the first director of the Delta Protection Commission, where she worked for 12 years. Prior to these prestigious positions, Margit spent 15-years as a Design Analyst in permitting and planning positions at San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission [BCDC]. More recently, as a member of the College Terrace Residents Association in Palo Alto, Margit has fought a tireless battle to remedy traffic and employee street parking problems in the neighborhood.

A California native, Margit was raised on the San Francisco Peninsula. Margit earned her B.A. in Geography from Humboldt State and an MLA in environmental planning from UC Berkeley. Margit and her husband, Al live near Seascap County Park in Rio del Mar.

I am extremely pleased to recommend Margit Aramburu be appointed to the "Friends of Santa Cruz County Parks" Board of Directors.

Best wishes,

Katherine P. Minetti