

ARTS COMMISSION Regular Meeting  
(virtual)

November 15, 2021, 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

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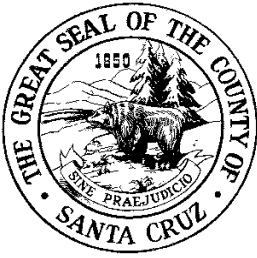
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**(AGENDA to follow)**



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## ARTS COMMISSION – AGENDA

Monday, Nov. 15, 2021

Microsoft Teams meeting platform 4:30 PM

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**I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**

**II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS OR APPROVAL**

**III. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approve minutes from July 12, 2021 ..... Page 3
- b. Consider Reports:
  - 1. Aquatics Section Report ..... Pages 4
  - 2. Maintenance Section Report ..... Pages 5-6
  - 3. Planning Section Report ..... Pages 7-8
  - 4. Recreation Section Report ..... Pages 9-10
  - 5. Reservations Section Report ..... Pages 11-12
  - 5. Volunteer Section Report ..... 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. STAFF REPORT**

**VII. REGULAR AGENDA**

**A. Information/Discussion Items**

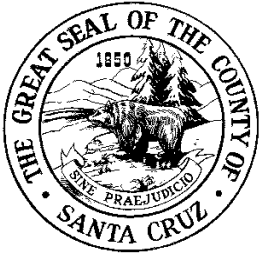
- 1. 2021 Commission Attendance

**B. Action Items**

- 1. Artist of the Year 2022
- 2. Consider Public Art Plan 2022 ..... Page 15

**VIII. AGENDA /MEETING FOR: TBD - 4:30 p.m.**

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**



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### ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES - DRAFT

July 12, 2021, 4:30 p.m. - Microsoft Teams meeting platform

- I. Called to order at 4:33 p.m. Present: Kilian, L Phillips, Gardner, J Phillips, Stabile, Miyakusu, Oslapas, DeWorken Late: Niven Resigned: Willis  
Staff: Rebecca Hurley, Kathy DeWild
  
- II. Approved Agenda  
Motion/Second: Stabile/Miyakusu  
AYES: 8  
NOES: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0  
ABSENT: 1
  
- III. Approved Consent Agenda  
Motion/Second: Stabile/L. Phillips  
AYES: 8  
NOES: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0  
ABSENT: 1
  
- IV. Next meeting date: September 20, 2021, 4:30 p.m., Microsoft Teams platform
  
- V. Approved motion to adjourn at 5:51 p.m.  
Motion/Second: DeWorken/Niven  
AYES: 9  
NOES: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0  
ABSENT: 0



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Date: September 29, 2021  
To: Parks and Recreation Commission  
From: Max Friedmann, Aquatics Supervisor  
Subject: Aquatics Section Report

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### Swim Center Daily Programing in Fall

- **Lap Swim:** Simpkins Family Swim Center offers lap swim lanes 7 days a week all hours of operation.
- **Warm Water Pool:** The Swim Center has expanded warm water pool availability this fall with most hours of operation allowing for warm water pool use.
- **Water Aerobics:** Water aerobics classes are offered Monday through Friday at 12pm and Saturdays at 9am.
- **Adult Fitness:** Adult fitness workouts are offered every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 6am and Tuesday and Thursday at 12pm.
- **Dominican PEP Program:** The Swim Center host Dominican Hospital's PEP program water exercise and therapy classes every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday the warm water pool.
- **Swim Teams:** The Swim Center hosts three local swim teams in through 50m pool Monday through Friday afternoons.
- **Shoreline Middle School PE Classes:** For the month of October Shoreline Middle school will hold their daily PE classes at the Swim Center.



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Date: September 29, 2021  
To: Parks and Recreation Commission  
From: Rebecca Hurley, Parks Superintendent  
Subject: Maintenance Section Report

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### **South County**

- Large Eucalyptus stump was removed from The Farm Park along Soquel Ave
- County Lot along Rio del Mar Esplanade was cleaned of demolition debris from the former Seabreeze Tavern, and public access was restored to the parcel
- Improvements to Polo Grounds Dog Park: new wood chip was spread, fabric shade structure was cleaned, and Adirondack chair style seating was put out
- Continued gopher control on sports fields – Polo Grounds and Pinto Lake
- Two Large trees that fell at Aptos Village Park were cut up and removed
- A large water leak servicing the Seacliff Village Park restroom was located and repaired

### **Mid County / Swim Center**

- Staff replaced a bridge on the play structure, at Jose Avenue Park
- Invasive ivy was cleared off of oak trees at Jose Ave Park
- The door to the Brommer Park restroom was repaired
- Staff rebuilt the chlorine injectors and replaced lights in the 50m pool at Simpkins Swim Center
- The 6" – 3-way valve was rebuilt on the Recreation pool filtration system at Simpkins Swim Center
- Due to a CO2 shortage, staff is bringing in portable CO2 tanks that are filled remotely to keep the pool open

### **North County**

- A new horse corral was installed at Quail Hollow Ranch
- Azolla fern abatement was completed at the Quail Hollow Ranch Pond
- At Highlands Park, staff completed major tree work, turf & infield work on the fields, created a fire break around the Senior Center, and worked on trail maintenance on the Nature Trail.
- Irrigation repairs were done at Felton Covered Bridge
- A large irrigation project was completed at Ben Lomond Park
- Staff applied top dressing to the athletic fields and cleared brush at Anna Jean Cummings Park
- Irrigation repairs and tree work was done at Chanticleer Park

- Plumbing and facility repairs were completed to the restrooms at the Hook, Pleasure Point, and Moran Lake County Parks
- Continued parking lot and landscape maintenance at Emeline and 701 Ocean Street campuses



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Date: September 29, 2021  
To: Parks and Recreation Commission  
From: Will Fourt and Michael Hettenhausen, Park Planners  
Subject: Planning Section Status Report

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**Chanticleer Park:** Staff submitted supplemental information needed for the application for Prop 68 Statewide Park Program grant application for Chanticleer Park Expansion and development of Phase 2 at the park. The development permit amendment for time extension to the existing development permit was approved by County Planning.

### **Hidden Beach**

The playground replacement project groundbreaking occurred September 15<sup>th</sup>; since then, the contractors have removed the former playground equipment, moved the playground sand to Anna Jean Cummings County Park for reuse, and installed base rock. The anticipated completion date for the installation of the new playground equipment and rubberized surface is mid-November. Also, the Parks Department and consultant is obtaining required information from the County's Sanitation District and the Soquel Creek Water District to submit a permit application to County Planning for the new restroom.

### **Moran Lake**

Staff and consultants held two community meetings at the park on August 19 and 22 to get preliminary input for the Restoration and Public Access Plan. Consultants are preparing a lagoon monitoring plan and have installed a gage at the culvert at East Cliff Dr. Staff has applied for partnership grant funding to complete an updated monarch habitat site assessment and management recommendations for the site from US Fish and Wildlife Service through the Coastal Program, and UFWA has stated they intend to award a \$20,000 grant.

### **Greyhound Rock**

Staff continues to work with staff from the state Coastal Conservancy and state Department of Fish and Wildlife on a grant application for planning and development of minimalist overnight accommodations and indoor programming facilities at the park.

### **Live Oak Library Annex**

Staff is participating on the Technical Advisory Group with County Department of Public Works and Library staff as well as an architectural firm to produce interior and exterior design plans for the Live Oak Library Annex, proposed for construction along the north wall of the Simpkins Family Swim Center. The County's Planning Commission recently approved the development permit and CEQA Notice of Exemption for the library annex.

### **Anna Jean Cummings Mitigation Plantings**

Staff has set up a contract for local seed collection and plant propagation in anticipation of planting in fall 2022.

### **Farm Future Phase 2**

Staff and consultants are preparing a Master Plan Amendment Application (MPAA) to include a

bike pump/jump track as an additional alternative feature and revise the development permit expiration date. The MPAA will be submitted to the County Planning for review and consideration. On July 13, the Parks Department director and Planning staff hosted the Statewide Park Program grant administrator at the park. Also, staff has addressed questions from the grant application's incomplete letter and resubmitted the required information. Grant awards are anticipated late September/early October.

#### **Park Dedication In-Lieu Fees and Park Impact Fees Update**

Proposed ordinance amendments and fee schedule updates have been approved by the California Coastal Commission and take effect October 1, 2021.

#### **North Coast Multi-Agency Coordinating Committee**

The state Coastal Conservancy awarded a planning grant to the County for the development of a North Coast Facilities and Management Plan, which would consolidate all the various federal, state, and local government agencies' planning and capital improvement plan documents into one comprehensive document. State Parks has also contributed funding for the project. The state contributions will fund the hiring of a consultant to review existing documents, facilitate stakeholder meetings, and produce a regional planning document. Staff is currently drafting the Board resolution to accept the funds.

#### **North Coast Rail Trail**

Parks staff is working in partnership with the Regional Transportation Commission on the feasibility of submitting Prop 68 grant applications for partial funding of construction of the North Coast Rail Trail segment from Yellowbank to Davenport, to be completed by RTC.

#### **Simpkins Family Swim Center Indoor Youth Activity Center and Outdoor Learning Center**

Staff is preparing a Prop 68 Regional Park Program grant application to design and construct an indoor Youth Activity Center and an outdoor Learning Center. The indoor Youth Activity Center would be located in the south plaza area and offer free play as well as programmed activities for youth while their parents/guardians use the aquatic center. The outdoor Learning Center would be located adjacent to the indoor Youth Activity Center and offer a dedicated space for outdoor trainings for Junior Guards and others.





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Date: September 29, 2021  
To: Parks and Recreation Commission  
From: Jaime Jimenez, Recreation Supervisor  
Subject: Recreation Section Report

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### Recreation

- We ended a fantastic Summer Day Camp program this 2021 and now switched gears to our After School Care Enrichment (ACE) Programs at Mar Vista Elementary school and at La Selva Beach Clubhouse.
- At these sites, Recreation team provide positive recreational experiences with various activity games, arts and crafts, outdoor nature, and science enrichment happenings for children Transitional Kinder (TK) through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade.
- The sites have weekly themes such as: Walking on Sunshine Week; Aquatics Week; and most recently Fantastic Fall Week. Activities range from tie-dye art, sun wars game, team relays, scavenger hunts, aluminum sculptures, lifeguard games, and much more!
- Highlights for ACE program include a field trip to Manresa Beach, the Simpkins Swim Center and a Fall Celebrations included a dance competition and a talent show.
- We continued our popular youth volunteer program after the summer. We have several youth volunteers ranging between ages 13-17 from local junior high and high schools volunteering their time to help create positive recreational opportunities at our after-school enrichment programs.

### Partnerships with Local Recreation Departments

- For the month of September, we partnered with the City of Watsonville, County Parks Friends and Salud Para La Gente to offer a movie night under the Santa Cruz County Skies at Callaghan Park in Watsonville. Disney's Raya – The Last Dragon was enjoyed by the community in the South County.
- We are collaborating with the La Selva Beach Library branch where participants get to use up to 17 laptops to play Mine Craft every Thursday.
- We will be partnering up with the Santa Cruz County – Animal Shelter for another community movie night event on 10/23 where we will enjoy a "HOWLoween" movie - Hocus Pocus at Brommer Park.
- We are in communication with the City of Watsonville – Public Works Department exploring a possible Agents of Discovery site at their Nature Center. Progress was placed on hold while renovations are taking place at their site.
- After several meeting for the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Trunk-o-Treat collaboration with the Sherriff's Department ceased after the event was cancelled due to the recent COVID-19 spike. We look forward to adding this fantastic event to our offerings in 2022.
- We look forward to the months to come as we seek out additional potential partners to offer high quality programs to the community.

## **Recreation Programs & Contractual Agreements**

- We are currently working with a couple of promising contracted instructors for Winter/Spring offerings.
  - National Academy of Athletics –Youth Volleyball, Youth Basketball & Jr. Academy All Sorts of Sports for youth ages 3-12.
  - Watsonville Yoga – South County Pinto Lake
- The recreation team continues seeking out potential contractual agreements with groups and individuals in the community to offer positive recreational programs in our county for the winter and spring.

## **Marketing Efforts**

- The Department launched the updated website and continues to conduct social media postings to inform the community of upcoming recreational opportunities and to help navigate their interest in our reservations and registrations system and opportunities on the Web.



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Date: September 29, 2021  
To: Parks and Recreation Commission  
From: Sarah Shea, Recreation Supervisor  
Subject: Reservations Section Report

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### **Summary for Reservations and Facilities:**

The reservation department is coming off a busy summer with the reopening of facility reservations. August and September have seen a great turn out by the public in picnic reservations and overall park usage. Request for outdoor events, especially small picnics and gatherings for the fall and moving into winter months has been steady, with a sense of a return to what was once normal.

Early September, Sarah Shea joined the department as the Recreation Supervisor and is looking forward to adding additional organization, ease of use within the reservation system, and continued growth in the use of our public spaces.

**Picnic Reservations** saw over 115 groups reserve and use the county parks these two months.

**Athletic Field Usage** - Field usage is heavy with daily league use at Highlands, Pinto, Michael Grey, Polo, Anna Jean Cummings. Soccer leagues have returned and outdoor play for youth and adults is alive and welcome.

**Meeting Room Rentals** are slowing returning with 15 reservations including County Clerk Voting, Language Classes, and County Department Meetings.

### **Venue Rentals Overview:**

- 5 Private Events were held in August
- 9 Private Events were held in September
- Many weddings that were to be held in 2020 were rescheduled and held in September. The department is preparing for a busy month in October with 2-4 events held every weekend.
- Outdoor and Beach Ceremony Events saw an increase over the summer and into fall, as a safe and beautiful option for couple to hold their ceremonies.

### **Special Events** supported:

- Christian Music Festival
- Walk to End Alzheimer's
- Santa Cruz County Parks Friends – Outside the Frame Auction
- Save our Shores held over a dozen cleanups within the county in the last two months.
- County Parks Special Events: Parks and Rex took over the Simpkins Pool in August with a great turn out.

- Plans for next month include hiring additional Park Service Officers and one Recreation Program Specialist.



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To: Parks and Recreation Commission  
From: Margaret Ingraham, Volunteer Program Coordinator  
Subject: Volunteer Program Report

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### **Anna Jean Cummings Park**

North and South County Maintenance staff are supervising projects for students enrolled in a Workability Program through Cabrillo. The group of up to 5 students meet at AJC and **Willowbrook Park** on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 – 12 and maintenance staff directs them on projects. This program will continue through May, maintenance staff is appreciative of the help and the students are learning new skills and gaining work experience.

### **Felton Discovery Park**

August and September volunteer days attracted 15 volunteers to work on projects around the park, mostly weeding and pruning. The next scheduled volunteer days are October 2 and November 6<sup>th</sup> 10 am – 12pm.

Starting in October a group of high school students as part of the Santa Cruz Museum of Natural History's Earth Stewards program will start volunteering at the park. They will be supervised by Education Coordinator, Chris Soriano and 2 of our lead volunteers from the Friends of Felton Library group will also be present to assist. The projects they will be working on have been approved by Parks staff. The group will be volunteering at the park 4 hours a month, through May.

### **Quail Hollow Ranch**

We have 2 new docents being trained to answer questions for the public, hike the trails, and open the Visitor Center once we are ready to open it to the public again. In the meantime our docents for the park sign up for shifts to sit at the park by the front door or to hike the trails.

Volunteers helped maintenance staff in their efforts to reduce the Azola fern growing on the pond. Maintenance staff was very grateful for the help.

The **Santa Cruz Astronomy Club** had good turnouts for their August and September free star gazing outings at Quail. In August they had 20 and in September 25 community members join them.

### **Brommer Park**

Pickle Ball volunteers got approval from maintenance staff to repair some cracks in the courts and spent two afternoons making the repairs.

## **Interns**

Summer Intern hours totaled over 560 hours:

140 hours in June

291 hours in July

136 hours in August

## **Other Volunteer/Intern News**

The Parks Department hired the Accounting Intern into part-time position!

David Kwan, the Parks Department office volunteer is back with us after a leave. He is volunteering Thursday mornings and hopes to add Tuesday mornings soon. David is very helpful with office tasks such as copying, scanning, data entry, answering the phone and a variety of other tasks. We are happy to have David back and grateful for his help.

**DRAFT**

## Santa Cruz County Arts Commission Public Art Plan 2022

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Project	Original Budget	Estimated \$ Available for Public Art	Original Source of Funding	Public Art Process Start Date	Construction Start Date	Public Art Completion Date	Selection Process
% Aptos Public Library Renovation	\$10,000,000	\$120,000	Measure S-Santa Cruz Libraries Facilities Financing Authority	TBD	TBD	TBD	Open Competition
% The Farm Park	\$6,000,000 (1)	\$120,000	RDA	Started	Summer 2014	Winter 2020/21	Open Competition
% Heart of Soquel Ph. 2 & 3	\$1,487,000	\$30,000	CA River Parkways Grant, Soquel Park Dedication Funds, Measure G	Started	Spring 2020	Summer/Fall 2022	Open Competition
% Live Oak Library Annex	\$4,600,000	\$92,000	Measure S-Santa Cruz Libraries Facilities Financing Authority	Winter/Spring 2021	Fall 2021	TBD	Open Competition
Outside the Box	--	\$10,000	DPW-trans	Started	ongoing	ongoing	Open Competition
% Animal Shelter Remodel	\$880,000	\$17,000	County Plant Acquisition funds and Donations	Started	Fall 2021	Summer/Fall 2022	Open Competition
County Permanent Art Collection	--	--	Parks Budget and Donations	Started	Installation is ongoing	ongoing	Purchase and Donations

Note: %=Percent for Arts projects; the dollar figures included for the adopted and proposed budgets include design fees and the 2% applies only to applicable construction costs.

(1) There is no longer any RDA funding for the construction of these parks; the figure shown in “Original Budget” for these projects is only provided as a reference to show how the amount available for Percent for Arts was determined.