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PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, October 5, 2009

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 7:18 p.m.

Members: Dave Mercer, Katharine Minott, Michael Rosenberg, Francisco Serna and Barbie Gomez

Present: Dave Mercer, Katharine Minott, Barbie Gomez and Michael Rosenberg

Staff: Joe Schultz, Christine Bennett, Bob Olson, and Clark Beattie

II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS OR APPROVAL

The agenda was approved as presented (Mercer/ Rosenberg 4/0). Later it was modified by Commissioner Rosenberg, with a second by Commissioner Minott (4/0) to place B5 into the B2 position.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of August 17, 2009 were approved as presented (Rosenberg/Mercer 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 October 5, 2009

The Information and Reports were accepted and filed. (Mercer/ Rosenberg 4/0).

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Schultz stated that the CAO would like Advisory Bodies to review their meeting schedules (a copy of the Board Item was e-mailed to Commissioners) and this will be a topic of discussion at the November meeting.

VI. REGULAR AGENDA (DISCUSSION ITEMS)

A. ACTION ITEMS

1. Pinto Lake Disc Golf Course Back 9

Tom Schott provided Commissioners with a packet of information as well as a verbal update on the "Front 9" portion of the course and the improved environment at the park because of the increased use and physical presence of more park visitors. He has met with Supervisor Pirie and she supports the additional 9 holes he proposes to add. He has a tournament tentatively scheduled for the weekend before Thanksgiving and hopes to at least get a temporary course set up on the back 9 by then. Mr. Schott stated that he is very aware of the environmental aspects of the park, and wants to protect both plants and animal species that live there.

Director Schultz suggested that the Commission "endorse the concept" and then the Planning staff will need to evaluate environmental impacts, and determine if the course is possible at that location, especially in time for the tournament. Commissioner Rosenberg made a motion to endorse the concept of the back 9 disc golf course and Commissioner Mercer made the second (4/0). Commissioner Rosenberg made a motion to support the temporary course with no permanent features installed for the November tournament and Commissioner Gomez made the second (4/0).

Parks staff will provide an update of the outcome at the November Commission meeting.

B INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Floral Park Update by RDA

Melissa Allen of RDA provided an update on the project. She stated the plans are going before the Planning Commission for public hearing on October 28th. The current schedule estimates construction to begin in mid-2010 and it is expected to last approximately four months. The Commissioners had no concerns and supported the project moving forward.

2. Revenue Reports

Clark Beattie presented revenue information comparing the first quarter of last year with this year for recreation programming and the swim center (certain programs omitted). Commissioner Minott inquired as to the "partnership" between SHARP and the Cultural Council for the Poet Laureate and Clark stated that it sounds like a perfect match because they both are working to expose children to poetry.

3. Felt Street Park Update

Bob Olson stated that they will be submitted the plans for the third time to Planning on November 9th (approximately). The plan should go before the Planning Commission at the first of the year and hopefully bids and construction will begin in spring of 2010.

4. Cabrillo to Nisene Marks County Trail Link

Director Schultz stated that the community group "Nisene to the Sea" has raised approximately \$6,000 to hire an engineer for surveying the trail easement. This item will be placed on a future agenda when more information or progress develops.

5. Anna Jean Cummings Park Synthetic Turf Fields Update

Director Schultz stated that the plan is to install synthetic turf on the two upper soccer fields at Anna Jean Cummings Park, saving approximately 5 million gallons of water each year, as well as 2080 hours of staff time. Parks staff has been working with RDA and bids for the project we received and opened last week. State Grant Coordinator for Proposition 50 suggested that because this park is on the same aquifer as the Polo Grounds, and Polo has better turf quality, that the location for the synthetic turf be moved to AJC. The County is still working with the Soquel Creek Water District about the well, easement for sewer lines, etc., and the neighbors of Polo Grounds are happy that they will have sewer services as a part of the details.

Bob Olson stated that 12 bid packets were received and four companies were selected for interviews which will be held on October 16th. The companies are: Verde, SSA, RHHA, and Beales (they may be unable to attend interview). Hopefully a contract will be negotiated by mid-November and a consultant will then be on board to handle public meetings/concerns.

Commissioner Minott inquired as to the status of the slide replacement project at Anna Jean Cummings Park and Bob stated that the second pre-con was done on September 29th. The manufacturing of the slide is done, and it has shipped, with delivery anticipated early next week. The project should be done in a month or so, depending on the weather.

VII. AGENDA/MEETING FOR: Parks Commission, November 9, 2009 at 7:15 p.m. at the Board Chambers, 5th floor, 701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060 (Government Center).

A. ACTION ITEMS

1. Consider Commission Meeting Schedule

B. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Pinto Lake Disc Golf Course Back 9
2. Anna Jean Cummings Park Synthetic Turf Fields Update
3. Budget Update

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m. (Rosenberg/Mercer 4/0)