

MINUTES – MORRO BAY RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING –SEPTEMBER 20, 2012
VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING – 5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Croley called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Commissioner Sidaris, Commissioner Munoz, Commissioner Bates, Commissioner Romero, Chair Croley, Staff Woods, Staff Salyer-Frith. ABSENT: Commissioner Dorfman, Commissioner Ayooob.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Romero stated the Tennis Group had some cards printed up that provide information on tennis opportunities in the area. They have been posted at the Morro Bay community Center and areas that tourists frequent.

Chair Croley announced the Morro Bay Community Foundation will present the Third Annual Morro Bay Sings Paul Simon on Saturday, November 3rd at the Veteran's Memorial Building. The proceeds will benefit recreational scholarships for youth living in Morro Bay, Cayucos and Los Osos. Tickets are \$20 pre-sale and \$30 at the door. Visit Morro Bay sings on Facebook or contact Mitch Barnett for more information.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

Unless an item is pulled for separate action by the Commission, the following items are approved without discussion.

A-1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JULY 19, 2012 MEETING

RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.

A-2 CITIZEN'S REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.

A-3 YOUTH AND SENIOR SERVICES SUMMARY FOR JULY AND AUGUST 2012
RECREATION CLASSES AND AFFILIATED CLUBS SUMMARY FOR JULY AND AUGUST 2012
YOUTH AND ADULT SPORTS SUMMARY JULY AND AUGUST 2012
FACILITIES AND PARKS USE SUMMARY FOR JULY AND AUGUST 2012

RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.

MOTION: Commissioner Munoz moved the Commission approve Consent Calendar Item A-1, A-2, and A-3 for file. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sidaris and carried. (5-0)

Commissioner Dorfman arrived at 5:40 p.m.

A-4 RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT STATUS REPORT

RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.

Staff Woods updated the Commission on the following topics.

Department Staffing - Staff has completed the recruitment process to fill the vacancy of Maintenance Lead worker. The candidate is currently going through the hiring process.

Lila Keiser Park - Staff has been working with the City's Risk Management Division to replace the bleachers at Lila Keiser Park. Staff plans to replace the west Field sections upon available resources and has scheduled the East Field replacements in November when the fields are closed for seasonal renovation.

Civic Landscape Improvement Program - CLIP - The program continues with the final plantings at Public Services. Staff will then review and adjust the planting at Police, Fire and Harbor offices before moving on to the Veteran's Memorial Building.

Aquatics Center - Staff recently met with San Luis Coastal Unified School District as part of an annual review of our Joint Facility Use Agreement. Both parties confirmed their commitment to providing a pool in Morro Bay.

North Point Natural Area - Staff has been working on the repair of the North Point staircase to provide safe and enjoyable access to and from the beach.

Cloisters Assessment District - Council voted to not establish a new Advisory Board and to continue to have staff meet with residents in a neighborhood meeting format. Council directed staff to conduct these neighborhood meetings on a quarterly basis.

Northern Embarcadero Implementation Plan - Council accepted the Morro Rock parking lot into the currently approved Concept Plan for Coleman Park and Target Rock area and directed staff to continue working on the Master Plan utilizing Park in Lieu funds when available.

Morro Rock - The current trash receptacles are scheduled to be replaced with five Big Belly solar powered trash compactor and recycling units.

Morro Bay Junior Lifeguard Program - There were 85 boys and girls participating during the 2nd session.

Morro Rock Beach Camp - This summer saw three sessions of Morro Rock Beach Camps with 61 children participating.

Labor Day Classic Softball Tournament - There were 22 teams participating and a total of 44 games played. Of the 22 teams, 20 were from outside of SLO County.

Upcoming Lila Keiser Events - The weekend of September 22-23, Lila Keiser will host an ASA Senior Men's Tournament. Also on the schedule is a Triple Crown Youth Baseball Event the weekend of October 6-7. Triple Crown also held a tournament in July.

Rockies - The Morro Bay Teen Center and Skate Park - Rockies is open Monday through Friday from 3 - 7 p.m. and on Saturday from 1 - 7 p.m. The Teen Center is open to youth in grades 7th through 12th and the Skate Park is open to all ages.

City Website - A new option "Let Us Know" allows the public to follow the status of their requests.

Commissioner Romero commented on the solar powered trash compactors at Morro Rock. He asked what will happen to the recyclables. Staff Woods said they will be picked up by Morro bay Garbage, similar to what happens with the containers in front of your house.

MOTION: Commissioner Munoz moved the Commission approve Consent Calendar Item A-4 for file. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sidaris and carried. (6-0)

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

C-1 REVIEW OF MUTT MITT PROGRAM - 12 MONTHS

Staff Woods reported the Mutt Mitt program started over eleven years ago in 2000 with the City of Morro Bay partnering with the National Estuary Program. Funding through the years has been from NEP grants, Rotary Club, Power Plant, City of Morro Bay, California State Parks and many private individuals. Our current managing volunteer raised \$3,600 in private donations last year. The volunteer team consistently checks the dispensers and restocks with replacement bags as needed. The team has been extremely diligent in accounting for usage at each dispenser by recording dates and amount of bags restocked. There are a total of 20 Mutt Mitt dispensers in Morro Bay. During the inventory dates of September 2, 2011 through September 5, 2012 there were a total of 251,500 bags used. At 2,000 bags per box, 125.75 boxes were used. Total volunteer hours for 8 people was 1,039. Six people fill the dispensers and 2 people maintain them. Staff Wood provided a slide presentation showing the location of the 20 dispensers in Morro Bay.

Chair Croley extended a thank you to all the volunteers for their work. Staff Woods stated we will continue our efforts with the Mutt Mitt program.

MOTION: Commissioner Romero moved the Commission accept Item C-1 Review of Mutt Mitt Program for file. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sidaris and carried. (6-0)

D. NEW BUSINESS

D-1 T.A.C (TEEN ACTION CLUB) 2012/13

Staff Salyer-Frith reported during the 09/10 City budget Hearings, the Morro Bay Teen Center and associated programming was evaluated for potential elimination by the City Council. At a Budget workshop held on June 29, 2009 City Council accepted comment from the community regarding possible reductions to the budgets of all City Departments. At this meeting many teenagers spoke about how the Teen Center positively impacted their lives. After these testimonies, then Mayor Janice Peters asked for a unanimous vote to remove the Teen Center from the slate of items to be eliminated or reduced. Staff envisioned volunteerism as a way to maintain fiscal responsibility and therefore formed the Teen Action club (T.A.C.). The T.A.C. developed the following mission: "Give back to Morro Bay" because Morro Bay gives them a fun and safe place to go after school at no cost. (2) Develop community awareness and support through information, visibility and representation. (3) Raise funds to support special Teen Center events. The T.A.C. has provided many volunteer services and event assistance. In 2009/10 the volunteered 119.5 hours; 2010/11 volunteer hours were 335.5 and 2011/12 they totaled 472 hours. The T.A.C. is currently re-stripping public parking lots and completed their first project at Rockies. This project has the potential to reduce City expenditures for lots such as those found at City parks and buildings. The teenagers perform their volunteer responsibility at a high level and they have developed a sense of pride and appreciation for their community. They have a positive reputation with many organizations and groups within the City.

MOTION: Commissioner Sidaris moved the Commission accept Item D-1 T.A.C. (TEEN ACTION CLUB) 2012/13 for file. The motion carried. (6-0)

D-2 REVIEW PARK IMPROVEMENTS: ANCHOR AND CITY PARKS

Staff prepared an application in November 2010 to allocate funds for improvements to Lila Keiser Park. The application was not approved by the State based on the City's inability to satisfy the Land Tenure provision. Lila Keiser Park is on land donated by the Power Plant and in actuality the land is leased to the City in perpetuity, but the legal documents allow for Power Plant retention with certain conditions. These descriptions have not satisfied the State. Staff has been working with the Office of Grants and Local Services to commit the unallocated funds to a park improvement project in Morro Bay. Currently, funds total \$70,000 and availability has been extended by the State, with an expiration date of March 2013. Staff has created a project for the replacement of tables, benches and other site specific items at both Anchor and city Parks. Staff believes the replacement of failing park amenities at Anchor and City Parks could be completed within the funding time line and easily satisfy State funding requirements.

Staff presented an example of the Mariner Park sign which will be used to replace the current signs at Anchor and City Parks. Anchor will have concrete and oval concrete benches, a new drinking fountain, and a Big Belly solar powered trash compactor and recycling unit. The benches will be adapted for the bronze memorial plaques that are currently in the wood benches at the park. At City Park a new larger sign will replace the current one. Concrete benches and picnic tables will be added, a new drinking fountain, a Big Belly solar powered trash compactor and recycling unit, new basketball hoops and the court will be resurfaced and painted. A fitness circuit will also be added.

Commissioner Munoz stated if there is any additional funding, it would be nice to add more.

Commissioner Dorfman commented benches are part of communities. He mentioned the 'cleat' bench, it is a unique piece yet still functional. Benches to be added over the next five years should have more character. Staff Woods said there are two 'cleat' benches down by Docksides. The addition of a 'cleat' bench at Anchor would be in tune with that. He added staff will look at modifying the list and try to fit those in.

Staff asked for any ideas at City Park and mentioned the Art Cans have brought character to the town.

Commissioner Dorfman mentioned concrete benches as they can be enhanced in the future.

Commissioner Sidaris asked if the concrete benches came in colors. Staff replied they do. Commissioner Dorfman stated colors would give it some uniqueness. Commissioner Sidaris concurred. Commissioner Sidaris commented City Park needs benches with backs, along the Embarcadero, not so important.

Chair Croley noted city Park is used for Art in the Park and to use an artistic flavor and carry it through.

Staff Woods said he liked the idea that the Commission is excited about doing different things.

MOTION: Commissioner Sidaris moved to go forward with the improvements presented by staff to include using different colors at City Park and 'cleat' benches at Anchor Park. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Romero and carried.
(6-0)

D-3 PROGRAM EVALUATION - 2012 SPRING ADULT SOFTBALL

The 2012 Spring Adult Softball League was held from late March through early July. There were 4 nights of play with 5 divisions. There were a total of 27 teams. Total direct costs were \$12,512.33, support costs \$1,680.00 and indirect costs \$540.00 for total expenses of \$14,732.33. Total revenue was \$13,609.00. There was a net loss of \$1,123.33 and a cost recovery of 92%. This program is classified as Merit Service with a target revenue of 70-79%.

D-4 PROGRAM EVALUATION - 2012 YOUTH T-BALL/COACH PITCH

The 2012 Youth T-Ball/Coach Pitch program had 34 boys and girls participate. The program was held from April to June 2012. Total direct costs were \$2,164.00 and indirect costs were \$418.00 for total expenses of \$2,582.00. Total revenue was \$2,218. There was a net loss of \$364.00 and a cost recovery of 86%. This program is classified as Merit Service with a target revenue of 70-79%.

D-5 PROGRAM EVALUATION - 2012 BRIAN WATERBURY MEMORIAL ROCK TO PIER AND ROCK'N AROUND THE PIER HALF MARATHON

The 2012 Brian Waterbury Memorial Rock to Pier run was held on Saturday, July 7, 2012 marking the 43rd running of the event. There were 1220 runners/walkers registered with an age range of 7 to 80 years of age. 2012 marked the inaugural running of the Rock'n Around the Pier half Marathon. there were 200 runners registered with 190 people running the event. Participants age range was 14 to 65

years of age. Total expenses for this event were \$33,009.50 and revenues totaled \$40,491.00. There was a net profit of \$7,481.50 with a cost recovery of 136%.

D-6 PROGRAM EVALUATION - 2012 LABOR DAY CLASSIC

The 2012 Labor Day Classic Men's Softball tournament was held over Labor Day Weekend (September 1-3, 2012). There were 22 teams in attendance, 20 from out of the area. This tournament has unlimited home runs and over the weekend 402 home runs were hit. The Morro Bay Lion's Club operated the snack bar. Total direct costs were \$5,497.00, support costs \$495.00 and indirect costs were \$440.00 for total expenses of \$6,432.00. Total revenue was \$6,450. There was net revenue of \$18.00 and a cost recovery of 101%. This program is classified as an Enterprise Program with a target revenue of 100%.

Chair Croley asked about the reasoning behind the Cloisters loop for the Rock'n Around the Pier half Marathon rather than one on the sand. She said it interrupted the rhythm and mentioned an overlap or switchback on the sand. Staff Woods stated in order to get the 13.1 mile half marathon distance we had to loop somewhere and City property seemed best. He added we will look at possible alternatives to the loop next year.

Commissioner Dorfman commented it was a really successful event so it might be good to look at the options. Staff Woods said there were comments both pro and con. Acknowledged there are some issues and staff will take them into consideration.

MOTION: Commissioner Bates moved to accept the Recreation and Parks Department Program Evaluations (D-3, D-4, D-5, D-6) for file. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Romero and carried. 64-0)

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Croley would like a status on the repair of streets in Morro Bay.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Commissioner Romero, second Commissioner Bates. The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Wright
Administrative Technician