

MINUTES – MORRO BAY RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING – January 16, 2014

VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING – 5:30 P.M.

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

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Chair Bates, Vice-Chair Sidaris, Commissioner Romero, Commissioner Coxwell, Commissioner Croley, Commissioner Swain, Staff Woods, Staff Sweeny, Staff Wilcox and Staff English.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Coxwell announced that the MB High School Music Boosters are hosting *Valentines' Delight* on Friday, February 14 at the Community Center. This desserts only event will give solo opportunities to band and choir members. Commissioner Coxwell also announced that the Music Boosters along with the MB Lions Club will be hosting *Tunes & Noodles* a spaghetti dinner fundraiser on Sunday, February 16th at the Vet's Hall. For more information on either event please call 225-6040

Commissioner Swain announced that the MB Fire Department will be hosting Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training. CERT is a 20-hour course that teaches individuals to be better prepared in the event of a major large-scale disaster. The dates of the five evening classes are February 11, 13, 18, 20 and 25 from 6:00 pm to 9:30 pm. For more information please call the MB Fire Department at 772-6242.

Staff Woods announced that the 25th Annual Dixon's Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Friday, March 14th at the Community Center. The Dixon's Spaghetti Dinner is a joint effort of the Morro Bay Community Foundation, the Morro Bay Recreation and Parks Department, the Morro Bay Recreation and Parks Commission and the Morro Bay Senior Citizen's Inc. All funds raised from this event will go to the Morro Bay Community Foundation's Youth Scholarship Fund. Youth from the Estero Bay area are able to use the scholarship fund to allow them to participate in after school programs and sports leagues.

Staff Woods announced that this year's Rock to Pier Run and Rock'n Around the Pier Half-Marathon will be held on July 12th. Early bird registration will open on May 1st.

Staff Woods also announced that the Morro Bay Community Foundation (MBCF) will be hosting *Love Letters* by A.R. Gurney at the Vets' Hall on Saturday, February 15th. Purchase tickets by calling 800-396-6910 or go to www.eventbrite.com and enter Love Letters Morro Bay. To learn more about the Foundation, like them on Facebook.

PRESENTATIONS

Staff Woods introduced members of the Morro Bay Garden Club and the Morro Bay Guerrilla Gardeners Club who together have adopted the Shasta Street Pocket Park (SP2) through the City's Adopt-A-Park Program. Chair Bates presented the two groups with Certificates of Appreciation. Each group leader gave a brief history of their group and details of what they do. Staff Woods noted that the volunteer service at SP2 is off the charts and an excellent example of how well the Adopt-A-Park Program works. He also stated that more groups will be coming to future meetings and that there are still a few more adoption opportunities.

Staff Woods announced that the Morro Bay Senior Citizens, Inc. (MBSCI) recently recognized two staff members, Heather Salyer-Frith (Recreation Supervisor) and Edward Gallardo (Teen Action Club Coordinator) for their attitude and enthusiasm when helping MBSCI at special events.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Bates opened Public Comment.

Kathryn Thomas introduced Jack Hodges, USAPA Ambassador for the sport of Pickleball. Mr. Hodges gave an overview of the growth of Pickleball on the Central Coast including what locations throughout the area are being used for Pickleball courts. Mr. Hodges noted that Paso Robles averages 100 players per week. Mr. Hodges also showed the equipment used to play emphasizing the portability and low cost of the equipment.

Chair Bates closed Public Comment.

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 NOVEMBER 21, 2013 MEETING

RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.

A-2 CITIZEN’S REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.

A-3 YOUTH AND SENIOR SERVICES SUMMARY FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2013
RECREATION CLASSES AND AFFILIATED CLUBS SUMMARY FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2013
YOUTH AND ADULT SPORTS SUMMARY NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2013
FACILITIES AND PARKS USE SUMMARY FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2013

RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.

MOTION: Vice Chair Sidaris moved that the Commission accept Consent Calendar Items A-1 through A-3 for file and pull A-4 for further review. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Coxwell and carried. (6-0)

A-4 RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT STATUS REPORT

Staff Woods summarized the Department Program/Project Status Report highlighting Administrative Policies/Programs, SLOCAPRA Commissioners Workshop, Morro Bay 50th Anniversary, Morro Bay Community Foundation “Love Letters” and Project Surf Camp. Staff Woods invited the RPC to contact staff if they are interested in additional information on any items listed in the report.

MOTION: Commissioner Swain moved to accept Consent Calendar Item A-4 for file. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Romero and carried. (6-0)

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS

B-1 REVIEW OF PROPOSED PUBLIC ART FOR MURAL ON ELECTRICAL BOXES LOCATED AT MAIN STREET AND QUINTANA BOULEVARD

Staff Woods reported that the City has received a request for the donation of a mural to be placed on two electrical boxes at the corner of Main and Quintana. Pursuant to the City's Public Art Policy, this request has been forwarded to the Public Works Advisory Board (December 2013) and now to the RPC with final approval to come from City Council. Staff Woods noted that the report includes the artist's history and samples of her work.

Commissioner Croley stated the artwork was beautiful.

Vice Chair Sidaris stated that he was contacted by some residents who felt a monarch butterfly would be a more appropriate than a hummingbird.

Commissioner Romero stated that he was in favor of a monarch butterfly instead of a hummingbird.

Commissioner Swain stated that he would like to see the art blend in more with more muted colors and include a monarch instead of a hummingbird.

MOTION: Vice Chair Sidaris moved to approve the mural at the specified location with the colors muted and a monarch butterfly instead of a hummingbird. Seconded by Commissioner Swain and carried. (6-0)

B-2 REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF THE WORK PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014/15

Staff Woods presented the draft copy of the Work Program for fiscal year 2014/15. Staff reviewed the Work Program section by section, with the intent to bring the updated document to the Special Meeting in February.

Administration: no edits from the Commission. Staff will edit #12 to be more than a liaison and include the management of the contract and services.

Commission: Commissioner Bates requested that item #4, the annual parks tour, be changed to just selected sites, such as one Embarcadero site, one City site and one large park site. Commissioner Bates recommended getting out of the tour vehicle for presentations by staff on park improvements. Vice Chair Sidaris recommended inviting other departments to the tour. Commissioner Croley recommended having the Adopt-A-Park groups at the parks that are visited.

Staff Woods noted that for the purposes of the Work Program document, staff just needs to know whether or not to include the parks tour. The details of the parks tour can be worked out when the date is selected at the Special Meeting in February.

Sports & Fitness: Staff Woods noted the addition of coed Junior High Tennis in the spring.

Youth Services: Commissioner Croley asked for details about the job training program. Staff Salyer-Frith discussed the Kids' Camp Counselor-In-Training Program (CIT) for 9th through 12th graders. She explained that the CITs are paid staff that gain on-the-job training on how to be an employee. She also noted that there are typically 10 CITs hired for the 9 week program.

Facilities: Commissioner Swain asked if the City's exterior lighting has been replaced with energy efficient lights. Staff Woods responded that all exterior lights are currently LEDs.

Parks: Commissioner Bates asked for clarification on the cost of the laminated signs, Staff Woods responded that the amount listed is for multiple signs. Commissioner Croley recommended including working with the Estero Bay Pool Foundation. Staff Woods noted it would be included in the next section, Capital Projects.

Capital Projects: Staff Woods noted the addition to this section of maintenance overlays at Lila Keiser, Del Mar and Bayshore as well as replacing picnic tables at Lila Keiser and Del Mar. Staff Woods also noted that staff plans to get more regimented in their approach to play structure replacement at Tidelands, City Park, Coleman and Cloisters by developing a schedule for replacement. Staff Woods stated that non-functioning turf areas at the Vets' Hall will be eliminated as part of the CLIP program. When that project is ready, it will be brought to RPC for review.

Commissioner Croley asked if the maintenance overlays include parking lots, with Staff Woods responding yes, as well as walkways.

Commissioner Swain asked about replacing the basketball court at Coleman with a beach volleyball court. Staff Woods responded that staff is leery of removing existing recreational opportunities and that area still needs to be master planned. Commissioner Coxwell stated that there are two sand volleyball courts at MBHS.

Commissioner Swain asked if the Department thought of doing an Easter egg hunt. Staff Woods replied that the department used to hold a hunt, but when 0% cost recovery programs were dropped the hunt was discontinued. The Eagles hosted for a couple of years but were unable to maintain an adequate volunteer base. Staff Woods noted that the combination of staff and volunteers is the best method for this type of programming with the holiday tree lighting event the only surviving program of this type.

Commissioner Bates asked that the work for receiving the fisherman's sculpture be included in the Work Program. Staff Woods stated that both the pedestrian ramp and the fisherman's sculpture can be added to the Work Program even though Council has put the master planning of the area on hold. The art will be delivered later this year and staff wants to be prepared to receive the sculpture.

Staff Woods stated that all notes will be compiled and the updated Work Program will be brought to the February special meeting. Commissioners can bring additional comments to staff.

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

C-1 NONE

D. NEW BUSINESS

D-1 DISCUSSION OF OFFERING PICKLEBALL AS A NEW RECREATIONAL PROGRAM

Staff Woods presented a report on offering Pickleball as a new recreational program noting that the sport's popularity has been growing in San Luis Obispo County. The report included a rule summary and detailed history of Pickleball. Staff has identified that Monte Young would be the least expensive location to adapt and that the Del Mar soft courts may not be ideal. Other existing locations that could be adapted include Coleman Park basketball court, Del Mar Park roller hockey rink and City Park shuffle board court. Staff further noted that non-City owned leased sites may also be considered, such as school gymnasiums or cafeterias. Staff and Commissioners discussed a variety of locations and estimated costs for starting the program including job boxes to store equipment. The discussion resulted in the Del Mar roller hockey rink being the favored spot. Staff Woods recommended potentially partnering with the Morro Bay Senior Citizens, Inc. since this program fits well with their program offerings.

Commissioner Romero stated that the Tennis Club is in favor of moving forward with Pickleball and they are willing to assist with nets and whatever else is needed to move forward. Staff Woods replied that the club and staff could develop an agreement that could include the club facilitating access to the equipment and providing clinics and possibly tournament play.

Commissioner Swain stated that he is in favor of providing the nets and striping of the courts, but not balls and paddles. He also stated the potential for large tournaments.

Staff Woods stated that providing the initial money for basic equipment, stored in job boxes or as an equipment bag rental, will allow the public to give the sport a try and result in people getting enthusiastic about the sport and willing to invest in their own equipment.

Vice Chair Sidaris stated his support for using the Del Mar roller hockey rink.

Chair Bates also stated his support of using the roller hockey rink, noting that the rink already lends itself to multi-sport use and the additional striping can be added.

Staff Woods recommended the Del Mar basketball court as an additional location to accommodate tournaments or other invitational play.

MOTION: Commissioner Swain moved to add 2 Pickleball courts at the Del Mar roller hockey rink, and include the striping, nets, job box, paddles and balls for the two courts. Seconded by Vice Chair Sidaris and carried. (6-0)

Staff Woods noted that Pickleball will be added to the Work Program and will be implemented as funds become available.

D-2 PROGRAM EVALUATIONS: KIDS' CLUB 2012/13, KIDS' CAMP 2013, TEEN ACTION CLUB 2012/13, TEEN ACTION CLUB SUMMER 2013, AND THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING

Staff Salyer-Frith gave a summary of program evaluations for Kids' Club 2012/13, Kids' Camp 2013, Teen Action Club 2012/13, Teen Action Club Summer 2013, and the Annual Holiday Tree Lighting. Staff Salyer-Frith included the indirect revenue of the value of volunteer hours in the program evaluation for the Annual

Holiday Tree Lighting. This volunteer value rate is based on the national group The Independent Sector Value Volunteers' California rate of \$24.75 per hour. Staff Salyer-Frith recognized Edward Gallardo and his leadership of the TAC.

Commissioners Croley and Swain expressed their appreciation for the Department's youth programming.

Chair Bates suggested using the TAC to stripe the Pickleball courts. Staff Woods stated it would be a possibility to use the TAC, and that staff would look into using the club.

MOTION: Commissioner Coxwell moved to accept the program evaluations for file.
Seconded by Commissioner Romero and carried. (6-0)

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Croley requested an update on the BMX Bike Park, including their fundraising efforts and design status.

Staff Woods stated that the BMX Bike Park update will be on the March 20th meeting agenda. Staff Woods also stated that at the last RPC meeting staff received a request to have the Heroes Honor Banner Program put on tonight's agenda. The MBSCI along with the MB Tourism Bureau are interested in pursuing that program.

The Commission discussed possible dates for the Special Meeting in February, and agreed on Tuesday, February 4, 2014 at 7 p.m. Staff will arrange a meeting location and the agenda will include Commission Elections, Work Program, Spaghetti Dinner and the SLOCAPRA workshop.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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