

**MINUTES
RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION
CITY OF MORRO BAY
AUGUST 3, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chair Leabah Winter.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioners Munoz, Hensley, Hale, Solu, Chair Winter; Staff Woods, Wright.

ABSENT: Commissioner House (absent); Commissioner Mahan (excused).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nancy Johnson, Morro Bay – announced the Friends of the Library and Morro Bay Garden Club are presenting Dahlia Daze celebrating Morro Bay's City Flower. There will be lunch and conversation on the patio at the Morro Bay Library on Friday, August 18th from 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Betty Forsythe, Morro Bay – thanked the Morro Bay Recreation and Parks Department for all they do. Talked about the history of Morro Bay and the 1st Annual Jubilee held in 1946.

IN REGARD TO PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JUNE 8, 2006 MEETING

It was moved and seconded to accept the Minutes of the June 8, 2006 meeting for file. M/S/C (Munoz/Solu).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Solu announced the Recreation and Parks Department is looking for Soccer coaches. Anyone interested should contact Karen Sweeny.

A. NEW BUSINESS

A-1 PRESENTATION ON MORRO BAY TO CAYUCOS CONNECTOR PROJECT

Staff Woods introduced Jan DiLeo from San Luis Obispo County Parks.

Ms. DiLeo stated the Morro Bay to Cayucos connector is similar to the Bob Jones Path. She introduced Keith Miller of the Morro Group who did the engineering analysis and David Foote of Firma who did the constraints analysis. The project will be financed through grants. The group showed the proposed routes and obstacles that could be encountered with the various agencies involved. They asked the Commission for their notion of the project, whether they preferred an East or West route, their particular concerns and asked them to make a recommendation to the City Council on their consensus.

Commissioner Hale inquired about the anticipated time frame of the project and funding.

Mr. Foote said they hope to bring it before the County Planning Commission sometime next year. With regard to funding he hoped it would happen in this decade.

Commissioner Hensley asked if they had received any opposition to the project in previous meetings.

Mr. Foote said they had received some concerns from the people on Studio Drive in Cayucos as it is somewhat congested already. He added there have been no major concerns from the Morro Bay Community. The Cayucos Advisory Committee had some good discussion, however the Morro Bay Public Works Advisory Board did not have a lot of input.

Commissioner Hensley he would prefer the path to be along the beach side of Highway One.

Commissioner Munoz said he also preferred the coastal side and asked about crossing bridges and parking concerns.

Commissioner House arrived at 5:46 p.m.

Mr. Foote said the route will work without the Old Creek Bridge. He added that parking poses no problem in Morro Bay but things are a little tougher in Cayucos.

It was moved and seconded to designate the West side of Highway One as the Commission's choice for the route and to ensure environmental and archaeological areas are considered. M/S/C (Munoz/Hensley). Commissioner House abstained.

A-2 REVIEW OF THE ANNUAL PARKS TOUR

Staff Woods gave a verbal report of the Annual Parks Tour. He mentioned that the work on the paths at Del Mar Park had been completed, however there are no funds to make repairs in the parking lot. The City has taken over the Morro Cove area and is looking for an Adopt a Park group. Seventy-five feet of new fencing has been put in at Bayshore Bluffs at a cost of approximately \$5000. Monte Young Park has a new split rail fence however the park also has some drainage issues. At City Park three dead Monterey Pines have been replaced with Canary Island Pines. The Park signs are being repainted by Maintenance Worker II Bob Trout. He added that

the rotary mower needs to be replaced. Staff also reported on park statistics Commissioner House had asked about. In 2005-2006 there were 29 non-resident uses, 42 resident uses, 32 non-profit uses and 5 profit uses. He added that these numbers do not include drop-in use or City use.

It was moved and seconded to accept this report for file. M/S/C (Munoz/House).

B. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

B-1 RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT STATUS REPORT

Staff Woods reviewed the Status Report and mentioned the California Park and Recreation Society announcement that legislation for the State Park and Resources Bond had been amended.

Commissioner Munoz inquired about the time limits on the Del Mar Park Tennis Court grant.

Staff replied there were time constraints however he did not have that information.

Commissioner Hale asked if there was still a waiting list for Kids Club.

Staff replied we are still taking applications for the program.

It was moved and seconded to accept this report for file. M/S/C (Munoz/House).

C. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

C-1 CITIZENS' REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

None

D. REPORTS

D-1 YOUTH SERVICES SUMMARY FOR MAY AND JUNE 2006

D-2 SPORTS AND FITNESS SUMMARY FOR APRIL, MAY AND JUNE 2006

D-3 FACILITIES AND PARK USE SUMMARY FOR MAY AND JUNE 2006

It was moved and seconded to accept the following reports for file: Youth Services for May and June 2006; Sports and Fitness for April, May and June 2006; Facilities and Park Use for May and June 2006. M/S/C (House/Solu).

D-4 SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

None

D-5 COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner House reported he had attended the State Fish and Game Meeting in Sacramento. He encouraged the public to attend the August 15th meeting being held in Monterey, as they will be determining which maps they will be using to prohibit fishing. He particularly encouraged those businesses with both direct and indirect ties to the fishing industry.

Commissioner House also commented on locked restrooms during the 4th of July event in Morro Bay.

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

DECLARATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m. M/S/C (Munoz/House).

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

**BARBARA WRIGHT
ADMINISTRATIVE TECHNICIAN**