

**MINUTES
RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION
CITY OF MORRO BAY
FEBRUARY 1, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Stan House at 5:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioners Munoz, Solu, Hensley, Mahan, Vice-Chair House; Staff Lueker, Salyer-Frith.

ABSENT: Commissioner Winter (excused), Commissioner Hale (excused).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nancy Castle, Morro Bay – Invited the public to attend the quarterly meeting of the Historical Society to be held on Sunday evening, February 11th at 5:00 p.m. at the Episcopal Church. Two generations of the Andersons, Bud, Roger and Jeff will be present.

IN REGARD TO PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 4, 2007 MEETING

It was moved and seconded to accept the Minutes of the January 4, 2007 meeting as amended for file. The start time of the meeting was amended to read 5:05 p.m. and the Motion for Item A-1 was amended to read (2) look at putting any extra or additional monies toward preventative maintenance. M/S/C (Munoz/Mahan).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

A. NEW BUSINESS

A-1 REVIEW OF SKATE PARK PARTICIPATION AND FEES

Staff Lueker gave a brief history of the Morro Bay Skate Park. In an effort to promote the Skate Park and enhance participation staff is proposing to conduct a pilot program this summer introducing a skate pass. Staff proposes a Summer Skate Pass for unlimited skating during the 10-week summer session for \$25. Staff has also been in contact with the Chamber of Commerce and will be working with them to provide information at the Visitors Center concerning the operating hours of

the Skate Park. She also mentioned perhaps working with Janeen Burlingame, the Management Analyst, to consider a reduced price fee on Dial-a-Ride transportation for those who have purchased a skate pass.

Commissioner Munoz asked the dates of the 10-week summer session.

Staff Salyer-Frith stated it would run from June 14th through August 27th.

Commissioner Mahan inquired how staff determined the \$25 fee.

Staff Salyer-Frith felt some money coming in was better than no money. She also felt \$25 would be a reasonable fee.

Commissioner Hensley asked if the passes could be picked up at the Skate Park and how would the Department promote them.

Staff Salyer-Frith said the passes would be available at the Department and she would distribute flyers about them to the schools.

Commissioner Solu asked if there was a plan to increase the current fee of \$2.00 for this summer and questioned the fee of \$25 for the summer.

Staff Salyer-Frith stated if a child used the skate park three times a week for the ten weeks the cost for the summer would be \$120.

Commissioner Solu said at \$25 a child would get their moneys worth in 12 visits. She said she likes the idea of a pass but not sure the fee structure is right.

Staff Salyer-Frith said looking at participation, during the summer there are a lot of visitors. Visitors will remain \$2.00. She added she was not set on \$25.

Staff Lueker stated that the Department wants to keep things simple and get people excited about the Morro Bay Skate Park. Obtaining the pass will require the parent to come to the Department.

The Commissioners discussed charging \$25 - \$30 per month, \$25 for 5 weeks, and \$50 for the entire summer.

Staff Salyer-Frith stated she just wanted to try it for the 10 weeks school is not in session and wants one pass for the entire summer.

A motion was made and seconded to charge \$40 for a 10-week skate pass and to ask the City Council to consider a half-price fee on Dial-a-Ride transportation for those having a skate pass. M/S/C (House/Munoz).

A-2 REPORT ON CITY OF MORRO BAY DEMOGRAPHICS

Vice-Chair House reviewed the San Luis Obispo County Economic Outlook for 2007. He said the growth rate is the lowest in 25 years. The younger population is moving out and the older population is moving in. More schools will close, neighborhoods will decline, crime will increase and there will be a change in socio economic services. He said this all needs to be taken into consideration. The City of Morro Bay is in deficit spending again. We shouldn't forget the youth but we also need to focus on the senior citizens and the older population in the community.

Staff Lueker stated Morro Bay population declined from January 2005 to January 2006. The median age is 47.18 years, the third oldest in San Luis Obispo County, and the median family income is \$50,000. She added that we need to have an increased awareness of what we are doing within Recreation and Parks. The Senior Citizens MOU includes offering senior activities and we need to look at new programs with regard to whom they target so we provide a diverse program.

Commissioner Solu commented that when looking at parks we should consider free standing exercise equipment for adults. Diversification is the way to go but we should also keep an eye on the changing demographics.

A motion was made and seconded to accept this report for file. M/S/C (Munoz/Mahan).

B. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

B-1 RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT STATUS REPORT

Staff Lueker reviewed the Recreation and Parks Department Status Report.

She announced Dixon's Annual Spaghetti Dinner would be held on Friday, March 23rd. An update will be brought to the March Commission meeting.

She reminded the Commissioners of the County Wide Commissioners Workshop to be held February 24th at Hearst Castle.

Staff is awaiting approval from the State for the use of funds for the Del Mar Playground. Upon approval the equipment will be ordered.

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

C. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

C-1 CITIZENS' REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

None

D. REPORTS

D-1 YOUTH SERVICES SUMMARY FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2006

D-2 SPORTS AND FITNESS SUMMARY FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2006

D-3 FACILITIES AND PARK USE SUMMARY FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2006

It was moved and seconded to accept the following reports for file: Youth Services for November and December 2006; Sports and Fitness for November and December 2006; Facilities and Park Use for November and December 2006. M/S/C (Munoz/Mahan).

D-4 SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

No Report

D-5 COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Solu announced the Del Mar School Talent Show will be held next Thursday at 6:00 p.m. at the school. She added the Del Mar PTA will be holding a Fundraising Auction on April 1st. It will include a Reverse Drawing, Cow Plop and Barbeque. The PTA is looking for donations from the local community and businesses. Contact Commissioner Solu for more information.

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

DECLARATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Vice-Chair House would like to have a representative from the Senior Citizens come to a meeting and tell about programs offered through the Senior Center.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. M/S/C (Solu/Munoz).

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

**BARBARA WRIGHT
ADMINISTRATIVE TECHNICIAN**