

**MINUTES
RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION
CITY OF MORRO BAY
AUGUST 7, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Mahan (excused); Commissioner Wenger (excused).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nancy Castle spoke about Chess Live. They are currently holding practice for Living Chess that will be happening at Harbor Festival the first weekend in October. You can contact them at [@live.com](#) or [.chesslivemorrobay.com](#).

IN REGARD TO PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JUNE 5, 2008 MEETING

It was moved and seconded to accept the Minutes of the June 5, 2008 meeting for file. M/S/C (Hale/Munoz).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Solu announced Del Mar School will be starting August 26th. If your child is not registered, please do so.

Chair Solu moved Item A-2 to the top of the Agenda

A. NEW BUSINESS

A-2 PRESENTATION BY THE MORRO BAY COMMUNITY POOL FOUNDATION

Terry Benko, President of the Foundation introduced members of the Board. They included Jim Waska, Liz Moore, Karen Robert, Rick Gilligan, Terri Sidener and Emily Robinson. The purpose of the Foundation is to facilitate the building and maintenance of a community aquatics center in Morro Bay.

The Foundation is an organization of individuals, in partnership with participating agencies that are committed to raising funds to build and sustain a community aquatics center. In partnership with the San Luis Coastal Unified School District, San Luis Obispo County, the city of Morro Bay and other public and private entities, the goals of the Foundation are to provide a state-of-the-art aquatics facility that meets or exceeds the health, fitness, competitive, safety, educational and recreational needs of the communities we serve; raise capital funds for the construction of a Community Pool at the Morro Bay High School which includes a competition sized pool; a therapy/activity pool and a building that includes locker room/shower facility with office area for coaches, lifeguards and pool staff; create an endowment fund to contribute to sustaining the aquatic center; provide a quality year-round recreational swimming facility, subject to rules and regulations to be adopted by the Foundation and improve the quality of life for all ages, community health, youth development, athletics, and the economic vitality of the communities we serve.

Commissioner Hale asked how the pool compared with the Cuesta Pool and fundraising plans.

Ms. Benko replied the pool will be about 10 meters smaller than the large pool at Cuesta. She added they are looking at government grants, private grants, private donations, looking at all areas.

Commissioner Hensley inquired about the maintenance entity.

Ms. Benko said the Foundation will create an endowment fund large enough to go toward maintaining the pool. She asked the Commission to recognize the Morro Bay Community Pool Foundation as a partner in fulfilling the city's mission of building a pool; support having the Morro Bay Community Pool Foundation put on the City Council agenda for their support and allow monies set aside for a pool feasibility study to be used to pay for a study by a company approved by both the City and the Foundation. The study can be customized to answer the questions the City might have. The next Foundation meeting will be September 10th at 6:00 p.m. at Morro Bay High School. The feasibility study, joint powers agreement and fundraising will be discussed.

No action required.

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS – TO START NO LATER THAT 5:30 P.M.

E-1 REVIEW OF SMOKING REGULATIONS WITHIN CITY PARKS

Staff Woods reviewed options presented at the previous meeting with regard to restrictions on smoking in City of Morro Bay owned parks. The included extending the existing twenty-five feet to fifty feet of any play area; prohibition of smoking in parks which include a sports field or sports element or the prohibition of smoking at all City of Morro Bay owned parks. The regulations on smoking have been and will continue to be passively enforced. Staff is looking for a recommendation from the Commission to forward to the City Council.

Chair Solu opened the meeting to Public Comment.

Christina LeFevre – San Luis Obispo County Tobacco Control Program – Thanked the Recreation and Parks Commission for consideration of smoke free parks by recommending a full ban.

Vedria Millage, SLO County Drug and Alcohol Services – Morro Bay has been a leader in San Luis Obispo county and she urged support in recommending a full ban.

K.C. Chaffee, Student Mentor with Friday Night Live – She reiterated that the youth she works with are all in support of bans on smoking.

Chair Solu closed the meeting to Public Comment.

Commissioner Munoz expressed concern with the parks used for sports and rented out. It could discourage people from renting our facilities. He supports extending the ban on smoking from the existing twenty-five feet to one hundred feet of any play area.

Commissioner Hensley commented it is a very emotionally charged issue. Doesn't think we should ban smoking entirely. Believes there should be a smoking section in the parks.

Commissioner Hale supports a full ban, it sends the right message.

Commissioner Vaughan said it's good to have smoking bans in parks where there are children but can't see non-smoking at Lila Keiser.

Chair Solu stated she had mixed feeling on smoking and suggested having no smoking in the parks but permitting smoking in the parking lots.

Munoz said most of our parks are small and noted the expense of changing the signs and the time it takes to change an ordinance and the Municipal Code.

Solu mentioned some parks have no parking lots and added that the County Tobacco control Program has agreed to help with signage.

Hale said allowing smoking in the parking lots does not sound unfavorable to her and suggested taking a look at the parks.

Staff Woods stated having restricted areas and various rules at different parks will be confusing to visitors. Restrictions could be a nightmare. He added we have been talking about participants and need to consider law enforcement and have a consistent policy and inform the public. We need something simple that staff and police can enforce and users will understand.

Commissioner Munoz made a motion to forward to City Council to amend the City Ordinance to change the distance of the smoking ban from the existing twenty-five feet to one hundred feet of any play area. Commissioner Hensley seconded the motion. The vote was two in favor; three against. (Yes: Munoz, Hensley; No: Hale, Vaughan, Solu). Motion failed.

Commissioner Hale made a motion for completely ban smoking in all the parks. Chair Solu seconded the motion. The vote was two in favor; three against. (Yes: Hale, Solu; No: Vaughan, Hensley, Munoz). Motion failed.

Commissioner Vaughan made a motion to recommend to the City Council to ban smoking in all parks in Morro Bay and only permit smoking in the parking lots of those parks that have parking lots. Smoking would be completely banned in parks that do not have a parking lot. The motion was seconded by Chair Solu. The vote was three in favor; two against. (Yes: Vaughan, Hale, Solu; No: Munoz, Hensley). Motion passed.

Staff Woods recommended a Commissioner attend the City Council meeting to answer any questions they may have. Staff will notify the Commission when the item is on the Agenda. Commissioner Hale will attend or an alternate if she is unable.

A-1 REVIEW OF THE ANNUAL PARKS TOUR

Staff Woods reviewed the Annual Parks Tour which is open to Commissioners, City Council as well as other Advisory Boards. This year there were three Commissioners, two City Council members and one member of PWAB along with Staff Woods and Parks Superintendent Lou Zatt. We looked at the site of the future site of the Dog Park and Tennis Courts at Del Mar and discussed trees and service levels at the various parks. He recommended the tour rearrange the route a little differently in the future.

Munoz commented he has gone on the tour almost every year and enjoys it. He added the Parks superintendent was a wealth of knowledge.

Solu agreed. She would like to have the Parks Tour in June before school gets out and people are on vacation.

A motion was made to accept the Review of the Annual Parks Tour for file. M/S/C (Munoz/Solu).

Staff Woods informed the Commission that we will be initiating a Facilities Tour in January.

A-2 RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT PROGRAM EVALUATIONS

Staff Woods presented program evaluation reports and cost recoveries for Futsal (85% cost recovery), Coast Summer Slam Tournament (124% cost recovery), Girls Softball Program (85% cost recovery), Girls Softball All Stars (100% cost recovery) and Youth T-Ball and Coach Pitch (117% cost recovery).

Staff Woods replied staff agrees and will closely watch the fees and participation.

Commissioner Munoz moved to accept the Recreation and Parks Department Program Evaluations for file. Motion passed.

B. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**B-1 RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT STATUS REPORT**

Staff Woods reviewed the Recreation and Parks Department Status Report. He added the Morro Bay Community Foundation is sponsoring a Rock 2 Rock Run during the Harbor Festival. He also mentioned 'late start Mondays' at Del Mar School and staff has been meeting with the school district regarding child care that is needed during that time.

C. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**C-1 CITIZENS' REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

None

D. REPORTS**D-1 YOUTH SERVICES SUMMARY FOR MAY AND JUNE 2008****D-2 SPORTS AND FITNESS SUMMARY FOR MAY AND JUNE 2008****D-3 FACILITIES AND PARK USE SUMMARY FOR MAY AND JUNE 2008**

It was moved and seconded to accept the following reports for file: Youth Services for May and June 2008; Sports and Fitness for May and June 2008; Facilities and Park Use for May and June 2008. M/S/C (Munoz/Hale).

D-4 SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Commissioner Vaughan reported the Seniors participated at the Street Faire on August 3rd and made \$310. They will be having a Rummage Sale on September 27th. The Senior Center now provides food distribution for low income families six days a week.

It was moved and seconded to accept the Senior Representative Report for file. M/S/C (Munoz/Hensley).

D-5 COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Hale reported the California Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights document is almost done, just need to validate some phone numbers. Staff will then decide on how to distribute. She added she still needs to work on the award.

Staff Woods complimented Commissioner Hale on her work and will be bringing it forward at the next SLOCAPRA meeting he attends.

Chair Solu said the Morro Bay Community Foundation is moving in a new direction. They are moving away from the Art Auction, but will continue with Dixon's Spaghetti Dinner and are adding a 'Rock 2 Rock' run in conjunction with the harbor Festival. It

will be held on Saturday, October 4th at 8:30 a.m. They are looking for sponsors for the t-shirts and volunteers to help the day of the event.

DECLARATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Solu would like to agendize the Morro Bay Community Pool Foundation's request to partner with the Commission and the City Council. She would also like to see if there are still funds available for the feasibility study.

Commissioner Hale suggested the Foundation attend Commission meetings on a quarterly basis and give an update.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m. M/S/C (Munoz/Vaughan).

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

**BARBARA WRIGHT
ADMINISTRATIVE TECHNICIAN**