

**MINUTES  
RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION  
CITY OF MORRO BAY  
SEPTEMBER 4, 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 Hale, Vaughan, Mahan, Wenger, Chair Solu; Staff Woods.

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Munoz (excused); Commissioner Hensley (excused).

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Rick Gilligan, Morro Bay – Founding Director of Morro Bay Community Pool Foundation asked the Commission for their support to fulfill the goals of Vision 2020 and Destination 2000.

Karen Robert, Morro Bay – The Morro Bay Community Pool Foundation will hold their next meeting on September 10<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. at Morro Bay High School. Asked the Commission to take action to recognize the Morro Bay Community Pool Foundation, put on the City Council Agenda for their and let the County of San Luis Obispo and the School District know of their support.

Bonnie Blacklidge, Morro Bay – Show support of a partnership between the City and the Morro Bay Community Pool Foundation.

Eric Brownlee, Morro Bay – Thirty years experience in residential and commercial pool construction. Cannot express enough the overall value of a pool to the community.

**IN REGARD TO PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Norma Vaughan asked if any members of the MBCPF had been to the Arroyo Grande swimming pool. She added it was built for \$4 million and the MBCPF has asked for \$11 million.

MBCPF members said they had not been to the Arroyo Grande pool but had read about it in the newspaper.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 7, 2008 MEETING**

It was moved and seconded to accept the Minutes of the August 7, 2008 meeting for file. M/S/C (Hale/Wenger).

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Vaughan announced that with school back in session the Natural History Association offers field trips for school children to see the Monarch Butterflies in Pismo as well as tours of the Elfin Forest.

Chair Solu said the Morro Bay Community Foundation is holding their 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Rock 2 Rock Fun Run during the Harbor Festival. The run will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at Morro Rock. Pre-registration is \$15 for the run only or \$25 for the run and a t-shirt. Purchase of a t-shirt will give you free entry into the Harbor Festival.

### **A. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A-1 CONSIDERATION OF MORRO BAY COMMUNITY POOL FOUNDATION REQUEST FOR SUPPORT AND PARTNERSHIP**

Staff Woods gave a brief history of the Morro Bay High School Pool which closed in 1999 and was removed in 2001. Staff has always supported the idea of a community pool. The Commission needs to consider their support of a community pool and recognize the Morro Bay Community Pool Foundation. The Commission should also forward a recommendation to the City Council asking for their support.

Commissioner Mahan said she definitely supports the project and is in favor of showing support of the MBCPF and expressing that support to the City Council.

Commissioner Vaughan said there is definitely a need for a pool, there always has been. She added she is hesitant about an agreement with the School District.

Commissioner Hale gave her full support. She suggested agendaizing the MBCPF to provide regular updates to the City.

Commissioner Wenger commented that we are fortunate to have this group to take on this project and she supports them all the way.

Chair Solu agreed. She stated there used to be \$15,000 set aside for a feasibility study but the money was reabsorbed back into the General Fund.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mahan to draft a letter on behalf of the Commission to show full support for the Morro Bay Community Pool Foundation and forward the letter to the City Council. Additionally the letter may be forwarded to any public entity to show the Commission's support. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wenger. M/S/C (Mahan/Wenger).

A motion was made requesting Department Staff to write a letter showing their support of the Morro Bay Community Pool Foundation. M/S/C (Vaughan/Mahan)

Chair Solu requested staff to pursue a Memorandum of Understanding. Staff Woods stated a MOU needs to address exactly what you are after and it needs to go to the City Council. The Council gives their seal of approval. A MOU at this point is premature, need to follow protocol.

Commissioner Hale, Commissioner Mahan and Chair Solu will draft a letter of support for the MBCPF and bring it back to the Commission before sending it on to the City Council.

## **A-2 RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT PROGRAM EVALUATIONS**

Staff Woods presented the program evaluation for the 2008 Brian Waterbury Memorial Rock to Pier Run. There were 962 runners/walkers registered and 894 completed the event. Expenses totaled \$19,521.79 and Revenues were \$21,760.00 for a cost recovery of 111%. Online registration at [Active.com](http://Active.com) resulted in \$9,860.00. Recommendations for next year's event include continue using online registration as well as the timing company, recruit sponsors for cost and in-kind donations, set up water stations more efficiently, look at doing a celebration as 2009 will be the 40<sup>th</sup> year of the event.

Commissioner Hale asked if we knew what accounted for the increased number of runners.

Staff Woods replied advertising and listing the event on [Active.com](http://Active.com). Runners go to [Active.com](http://Active.com) to see what upcoming runs there are.

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

## **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. Morro Bay Community Pool Foundation updates will appear regularly in the Department Status Report. Staff has been working with Morro Bay Pups through the MOU. They have met and are completing the application for the permit. This will go to Planning and staff will develop an environmental review. It will then come back to the Recreation and Parks Commission.

Commissioner Wenger commented the railings on the ramp going into Del Mar Park at Ironwood have all been completed.

Commissioner Hale asked if there is a target date for the City website redesign.

Staff Woods replied he is not sure of the timeline but will bring back information in next month's Status Report.

Chair Solu asked if the person in charge of the landscaping of the roundabout has considered a rainscape garden.

Staff Woods said project development is under the Public Services Department but he will ask some questions and bring this back to the Commission.

It was moved and seconded to accept the Recreation and Parks Department Status Report for file. M/S/C (Mahan/Wenger).

## **C. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

### **C-1 CITIZENS' REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

Staff Woods commented on a citizen's Report about the lights at Tidelands Park. We had received a complaint and thought we had taken care of it. Discovered the timer was broken and we will be replacing it as well as doing some light repair at the South T-Pier, Anchor Park and Centennial.

## **D. REPORTS**

### **D-1 YOUTH SERVICES SUMMARY FOR JULY 2008**

### **D-2 SPORTS AND FITNESS SUMMARY FOR JULY 2008**

### **D-3 FACILITIES AND PARK USE SUMMARY FOR JULY 2008**

Commissioner Vaughan asked if the Friday morning drawing class was an Emeritus Class. Staff Woods replied it is an affiliated group through the Recreation and Parks Department. He added that Emeritus Classes are not included in the Participation Reports as registration is through Cuesta College.

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

### **D-4 SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

Commissioner Vaughan reported the Seniors are having a Rummage Sale September 27<sup>th</sup> at the Morro Bay community Center from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

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

### **D-5 COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

None

**DECLARATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Commissioner Mahan wants to have further discussion on the Activity Fair.

Chair Solu would like to have a presentation by the Integrated Waste Management Authority about recycling in our parks.

Commissioner Mahan also mentioned regulations about horses on the beaches.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m. M/S/C (Mahan/Hale).

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**

**BARBARA WRIGHT  
ADMINISTRATIVE TECHNICIAN**