

MINUTES – MORRO BAY RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING – **April 21, 2016**

VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING – 6 p.m.

PRESENT: Chair Drew Sidaris, Vice Chair Robert Swain, Commissioner Kevin Carroll, Commissioner Jeffrey Cox, Commissioner Al Romero, Commissioner Timothy Ross, Commissioner Skip Sorich and Deputy City Manager Sam Taylor.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Sidaris called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLIGIANCE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

<https://youtu.be/pER868dJGH0?t=1m53s>

Deputy City Manager Taylor thanked commissioners for accommodating a schedule change that moved the starting time of this meeting from 5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. He announced that the time change would continue, most likely through June, to allow for scheduling of General Plan Advisory Committee meetings.

Commissioners noted several upcoming recreational events in the community, including Bands on the Run, May 28; the Morro Bay Kite Festival, April 23-24; the SLO half marathon; Monster Skate; and the Cruisin' Morro Bay Car Show.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

<https://youtu.be/pER868dJGH0?t=5m39s>

Unless an item is pulled for separate action by the Commission, the following items are approved without discussion.

A-1 Approval of minutes for Recreation & Parks Commission meeting, July 16, 2015

RECOMMENDATION: Approve minutes.

A-2 Approval of minutes for Recreation & Parks Commission meeting, August 19, 2015
RECOMMENDATION: Approve minutes.

A-3 Approval of minutes for Recreation & Parks Commission meeting, Nov. 19, 2015
RECOMMENDATION: Approve minutes.

A-4 Approval of minutes for Recreation & Parks Commission meeting, Jan. 21, 2016
RECOMMENDATION: Approve minutes.

A-5 Recreation Division Status Report
RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file.

MOTION: Commissioner Swain moved to receive and file items A-1 through A-5. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cox and passed unanimously, 7-0.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

C. BUSINESS

C-1 Consideration and recommendation to City Council regarding approval of a new Partnership Policy
<https://youtu.be/pER868dJGH0?t=6m9s>

Deputy City Manager Taylor emphasized the need to have written agreements with organizations that receive either discounts or free use of City facilities in exchange for work they do that benefits the City.

He said the existing Partnership Policy needed to be clearer about what constitutes a partnership and who it is appropriate for the City to partner with, as well as succinctly outlining the best way to set up such a partnership.

Therefore, in the proposed new policy, a lot of excess language has been removed. It clearly states why the City partners: A partner benefits the community by providing a service the City might provide on its own but does not, most often because it lacks the necessary monetary or staffing resources. As an example, he used the Eco Rotary Club of Morro Bay, which participates in the Adopt-A-Park program and, in exchange, uses space in the Community Center

for its meetings free of charge. Taylor said the City aims to partner with groups that help maintain and beautify the city, provide senior services, assist low-income youth, assist people with disabilities, or in some other way improve the quality of life in Morro Bay.

Commissioners asked for clarification about existing “handshake” partnerships that are not currently spelled out in writing. Taylor said that they would be evaluated individually but that most of the organizations will fit the requirements of the Partnership Policy. It’s just a matter of getting these partnerships formalized and in writing. There was also discussion about how a partnership’s value to the city will be measured. Taylor said there were several ways to do this. For example, there are established hourly dollar values that can be applied to volunteer work.

Taylor pointed out that the Partnership Policy is designed to be a citywide policy, not just a Recreation Division policy, so the goal is to ensure that the policy works for everyone.

MOTION: Commissioner Swain made a motion to accept the Partnership Policy as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cox and passed unanimously, 7-0.

D. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

E. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m. to the next regular Recreation and Parks Commission meeting at 6 p.m. on **Thursday, May 19, 2016**, at the Veterans Memorial Building, 209 Surf Street, Morro Bay, California.

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