

## **MINUTES – MORRO BAY RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION**

REGULAR MEETING – **January 19, 2017**

VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING – 6 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Chair Drew Sidaris, Vice Chair Robert Swain, Commissioner Kevin Carroll, Commissioner Jeffrey Cox, Commissioner Skip Sorich, Deputy City Manager Ikani Taumoepeau, Recreation Services Division Coordinator Kirk Carmichael and Sports Supervisor Karen Sweeny.

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Al Romero, Commissioner Timothy Ross.

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

### **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

### **PLEDGE OF ALLIGIANCE**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

<https://youtu.be/l4oborAC0rw?t=1m53s>

Chair Sidaris noted that last weekend's Winter Bird Festival was a big success.

Commissioner Sorich reported that last weekend's pickleball tournament had 48 entrants, including people from other cities and states.

Kirk Carmichael introduced himself as the new Recreation Services Division Coordinator. He also introduced Ikani Taumoepeau, the new Deputy City Manager. Carmichael also acknowledged the many years of service of Commissioner Romero, whose term on the Recreation & Parks Commission ends January 31, 2017. Carmichael announced that Commissioner Romero will be replaced by Michelle Morosin, whose term begins February 1, 2017. Also, City Council Member Robert "Red" Davis is the Recreation & Parks Commission's new representative on the City Council. RPC Chair and Vice Chair will be chosen at the Commission's March 16 meeting. Also, the 28<sup>th</sup> annual Dixon's Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser is set for March 17.

**A. CONSENT CALENDAR**

<https://youtu.be/l4oborAC0rw?t=6m30s>

**A-1 Approval of minutes for Recreation & Parks Commission meeting, April 21, 2016**

RECOMMENDATION: Approve minutes.

**A-2 Recreation Services Division Status Report**

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file.

**A-3 Recreation Services Division Participation Reports**

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file.

**A-4 Recreation Services Division Organization Chart**

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file.

**A-5 Recreation & Parks Commission 2017 Meeting Dates**

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, 5-0.

**B. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

**C. BUSINESS**

**C-1 Morro Bay Citizens Bike Committee Bicycle/Pedestrian Needs**

<https://youtu.be/l4oborAC0rw?t=6m57s>

Carmichael presented a report from the Bike Committee regarding unmet bicycle and pedestrian needs for the Commission's review and comments. Commissioners said they would like to see the suggested improvements reviewed by Public Works for cost estimates and practicality, and they would like to see top priority given to improvements affecting children going to and from school and those in high-traffic areas. Carmichael said he would forward these thoughts to the City Council for inclusion in the annual goals and objectives process.

**C-2 Recreation and Parks Commission 2016-2015 Work Plan**

<https://youtu.be/l4oborAC0rw?t=9m44s>

Carmichael asked the Commission to accept the City's 2016-17 Goals and Objectives and the Recreation & Parks Commission Work Plan for 2016-17 as background material for later discussion and action as it applies to developing a Work Plan for 2017-18. Chair Sidaris suggested having a workshop to facilitate this process. The suggestion was met with positive response from Commission members and staff.

**C-3 Presentation of Embarcadero and Centennial Parkway Proposal**

<https://youtu.be/l4oborAC0rw?t=12m30s>

Deputy City Manager Taumoepeau gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Final Draft Design Plan for Centennial Parkway and the Embarcadero and asked for the Commission's input. He emphasized the goals of creating a better connection between the Embarcadero and downtown and creating a versatile space for large outdoor events.

Commissioners were supportive of the plan but expressed some concerns about parking, traffic circulation and access for emergency vehicles. Chair Sidaris said he'd like to see better landscaping along Morro Bay Boulevard, which would help lead visitors down to the Embarcadero. Commissioner Swain recommended widening the bike lane so it could double as emergency vehicle access.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Swain made a motion to support the Final Draft Design Plan as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sorich and passed unanimously, 5-0.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Cox made a motion to look seriously at making traffic one way on the Embarcadero between Harbor and Marina streets. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Carroll and passed unanimously, 5-0.

<https://youtu.be/l4oborAC0rw?t=47m34s>

Chairman Sidaris asked for an update from staff on current Recreation Division activity. Sports Supervisor Sweeny reported that Youth Basketball is underway, with 280 boys and girls playing on 39 teams. She noted that Girls Softball assessments are next week and that the City will not be offering T-ball this year, as it will be offered by Coast Little League. Carmichael noted that the first edition of the new Morro Bay Activity Guide was mailed out this week.

**D. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

<https://youtu.be/l4oborAC0rw?t=49m59s>

Commissioner Swain asked that the commission look into naming a local park after Franklin Riley, known as the founder of Morro Bay. Chair Sidaris recommended the area above Tideland Park for a small monument recognizing the founder of the City.

Commissioner Sorich asked that the commission possibly recommend getting bocce ball courts in Morro Bay. He said there is a local bocce ball club, but they have no place to play.

Commissioner Sorich also noted the huge growth of pickleball, locally and nationwide, and asked that the commission consider expanding local pickleball facilities. He said more courts would be needed if the City wanted to host sanctioned tournaments.

Chair Sidaris directed staff to find out when the next SLO-CAPRA Commissioners Workshop is planned so that Morro Bay Recreation & Parks commissioners could attend.

Chair Sidaris also asked staff to report back on any critical park maintenance issues that the commission needs to be aware of.

**E. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m. to the next regular Recreation and Parks Commission meeting at 6 p.m. on **Thursday, March 16, 2017**, at the Veterans Memorial Building, 209 Surf Street, Morro Bay, California.

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