

MINUTES – MORRO BAY RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING –AUGUST 24, 2010

MORRO BAY COMMUNITY CENTER – 5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Hale called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Commissioner Munoz, Commissioner Croley, Commissioner Sidaris, Commissioner Bates, Chair Hale, Staff Woods. ABSENT: Commissioner Ayoob.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

PRESENTATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeanne McIntosh, Morro Bay – Live adjacent to the Dog Park at Del Mar. Quiet enjoyment of the property has changed in a negative way. Dogs are barking, fighting and people yelling. Dog owners who use the park spend 20-30 minutes. For neighbors the barking can be a steady stream of 20 minute visits. Dog Parks are a positive attribute. Want concerns to be heard as loud as the dogs are heard. I am here to ask for help, a solution. Help us solve this problem.

Mike Anderson, Morro Bay – Island Street resident. Barking is the only thing wrong at the park. It is extremely annoying at times. A few ideas – some sort of semi-annual review of how the park is operating; have one of the pups people on site as a docent; if no one there lock it up. Currently it is self policing, a free for all. Need serious signage on barking and how close the neighbors are, 200 feet. Two things I would like are for everyone to enjoy the dog park and also would like to have a quiet neighborhood back.

Chair Hale closed the hearing for Public Comment.

Staff Woods stated the public comments make a good point and the solutions within their comments are good and there are more solutions also. There is definitely room for better signage and I am in favor of more frequent reviews. We will get information from other neighbors and a more comprehensive review of what Morro Bay Pups is doing. Having a docent is important and believe they are making strides in that direction. We will also get feedback from Del Mar School and bring comprehensive information to the September meeting.

Commissioner Munoz asked if Morro Bay Pups would work directly with staff and then come to the Commission for us to make recommendations. Staff replied we have a MOU with Morro Bay Pups and we will review to see that it is being fulfilled. We may want to make changes or revisions. Formally, we could put something in the MOU regarding a docent. Chair Hale stated to agendaize for the next meeting. Staff asked is the Commission would like a Public Hearing or address under New Business. The Commission agreed it should be a Public Hearing.

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

A-1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JUNE 22, 2010 MEETING

RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.

A-2 CITIZEN'S REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.

A-3 YOUTH SERVICES SUMMARY FOR JUNE AND JULY 2010
SPORTS AND FITNESS SUMMARY FOR JUNE AND JULY 2010
FACILITIES AND PARK USE FOR JUNE AND JULY 2010 – ITEM WAS PULLED FROM THE AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.

A-4 RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT STATUS REPORT

RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.

MOTION: Commissioner Munoz moved the Commission approve Consent Calendar Items A-1, A-2, A-3 and A-4 for file. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Croley and carried. (5-0)

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

D. NEW BUSINESS

D-1 RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT PROGRAM EVALUATIONS

The 2010 Youth T-Ball/Coach Pitch program had thirty-three participants on five teams. The program was held from April to June 2010. Total direct costs were \$1590.67 and support costs were \$405.57. Expenses totaled \$1996.24 and revenues were \$1835.00. Cost recovery was 92%. This program is a Merit Services Level with a cost recovery target of 70-79% of program costs and support costs.

The 2010 Spring Adult Softball League was held from March through June. There were three nights of play with three divisions, a total of twenty-three teams. Total direct costs were \$10,805, support costs \$1380 and indirect costs \$460. Total expenses were \$12,645 and revenues totaled \$12,160. The cost recovery for this program was 96%. This program is classified Merit Service with a target revenue goal of 70-79%. When the indirect costs are removed, this program recovers 99% of its cost with a net loss of \$25.

MOTION: Commissioner Munoz moved to accept the Recreation and Parks Department Program Evaluations for file. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bates and carried. (5-0)

D-2 DISCUSSION REGARDING THE REQUEST FOR A FUTURE JOINT MEETING WITH THE HARBOR ADVISORY BOARD

Staff Woods stated this request was brought to him by Harbor Department staff. The two departments have projects, public parks, public buildings and right of way in common. The Coleman Embarcadero Improvement Project is one. The Commission agreed to meet with the Harbor Advisory Board in October or November and the Commission is flexible on the date of the meeting.

NO ACTION REQUIRED

D-3 REVIEW OF AQUATICS FEASIBILITY STUDY

Staff Woods presented the draft of the executive summary of the pool study. There will be a stakeholders meeting on October 7th at the County and asked the commission to discuss and provide suggestions. The study shows there is support for one pool and it should be a year-round pool. It also favors more of a recreational element than a workout or competition pool.

Commissioner Bates expressed if it is not a competition pool it could put us out of revenue from schools. He asked if there was a location in mind. He felt the location was almost as important as the Master Plan and maybe we should rethink Coleman Park, a good location for the kids and recreational swimming and perhaps a different location for competitive swimming. Multi-user resistance is always going to be a problem, accommodating everyone's needs is a challenge. Multiple sites may be a solution.

Commissioner Croley said we need a competitive element for athletics in the area. She asked if the school district was on board with the project. She also mentioned there is a lot of planning for extras. It would be more productive do it in phases. Need to have more realistic goals, streamline and concentrate on the pool itself.

Commissioner Sidaris said the completion of the pool has certain criteria; it looks more like a waterpark.

Chair Hale commented it is very expensive to bus the kids to other locations for practice. She wondered if there is a way to segment out a piece of City land. She said Sinsheimer in San Luis Obispo has recreational swimming, therapy, an area for toddlers that is gated off and they also have competitions for high schools and swim teams. They do a good job. She inquired about Phase 2 and if the location is going to be presented to the public.

Staff said the school district does not want unsupervised visitors coming onto campus as was done previously. He said that San Luis Coastal Unified School District has a set of guidelines and their policies on real property are stricter than ours. We need to start off with a Master Plan concept plan, but then break into pieces and phases. The exception would be if a large corporate sponsor came in. Regardless of the price, if this is something the community would use and sustain, then it is attainable. Staff agreed that multiple sites might be more feasible. He said that the location will be part of the discussion with the stakeholders. Staff said there will be a final, more concise report of the results but I wanted to get the information to you. It might have been a little premature but the Commission has provided me with questions to take to the stakeholders. Staff will continue streaming information to the Commission.

NO ACTION REQUIRED

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Review of the Dog Park will be on the September Agenda and future agendas will include the smoking ordinance and a report from the 4th of July Committee.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Commissioner Bates, second by Commissioner Sidaris. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Wright
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