

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

REGULAR MEETING –OCTOBER 26, 2010  
VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING – 5:30 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Commissioner Croley called the meeting to order. It was noted that Chair Hale and Vice-Chair Munoz were not in attendance.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Sidaris moved Commissioner Croley chair the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ayoob and carried. (4-0)

**ROLL CALL:** PRESENT: Commissioner Sidaris, Commissioner Ayoob, Commissioner Bates, Commissioner Croley, Staff Woods. ABSENT: Commissioner Munoz (excused); Commissioner Hale (excused).

### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Ayoob wished everyone a Happy Halloween and encouraged parents to go out with their children and to bring a flashlight. She reminded everyone to vote on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and Daylight Savings Time ends on November 7<sup>th</sup>.

Staff Woods announced the Morro Bay Community Foundation is sponsoring 'Morro Bay Sings The Beatles' on November 6<sup>th</sup> at the Veteran's Building. Doors open at 5 p.m. and music starts at 7:00 p.m. There will be great food from The Galley. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$30 at the door. Proceeds go to the Morro Bay Community Foundation Scholarship Fund.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

None

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Neil Farrell, Morro Bay – President Morro Bay Public Art Foundation. The Foundation is proposing a public art project to transform the RTA bus stop at Harbor Street in Morro Bay City Park into a public work of art. He presented renderings to show how they propose to change it and added that all the benches will be refinished. RTA has tentatively pledged \$4,000 and the work will be done by local artists Kim Hixson, Anne Godsey and Jeff Odell.

Commissioner Croley asked how long it is expected to take. Mr. Farrell said they are not sure of the time frame but are hoping 1-2 weeks. He added they will offer the benches as memorial benches. He can be reached at the Bay News if anyone is interested in donating.

### **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 AUGUST 24, 2010 MEETING

**RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.**

A-2 CITIZEN'S REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

**RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.**

- A-3 YOUTH SERVICES SUMMARY FOR AUGUST 2010  
SPORTS AND FITNESS SUMMARY FOR AUGUST 2010  
FACILITIES AND PARK USE FOR JUNE, JULY, AUGUST 2010 (Not Available)

**RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.**

MOTION: Commissioner Bates moved the Commission approve Consent Calendar Items A-1, A-2, A-3 for file and pull A-4 to discuss the Civic Landscape Improvement Project and Lila Keiser Park. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sidaris and carried. (4-0)

**A-4 RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT STATUS REPORT**

**RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.**

Staff Woods reported on October 23, 2010 City Staff, Tree Committee and community volunteers planted approximately 40 trees around City Hall, Public Services, the Library and Morro Bay Community Center. The next phase will be to put in shrubbery and the third phase will be grasses and colored plants. We are in the process of repairing sprinklers and transitioning to drip systems.

Staff stated the funding to access \$70,000 of unallocated 2002 Per Capita Grant Funds for Lila Keiser Park is pending. The City has been trying to get a lease agreement from the power plant of 10 years or more to satisfy the State requirements. Since the power plant is being sold, the lease agreement does not look promising and funds run out in June 2011. Staff is currently looking at submitting a new grant application to replace playground structures and upgrade equipment. We are looking at different funding sources to recondition and refurbish the fields at Lila Keiser Park.

Commissioner Bates commented it is unfortunate the lease agreement can't be reached. Lila Keiser is a heavily used park. He asked in park-in-lieu monies could be used for the fields. Staff replied park-in-lieu monies can be used to enhance the parks. Staff added it is imperative we work on this park. It generates major revenue and has a positive impact on the community.

MOTION: Commissioner Bates moved the Commission approve Consent Calendar Item A-4 for file. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ayoob and carried. (4-0)

**B. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

**C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

C-1 REVIEW OF CITY COUNCIL’S DIRECTION ON THE STATUS OF THE JODY GIANNINI FAMILY DOG PARK

Staff Woods reviewed the Commissions’ recommendations to City Council following the Public Hearing at the September 28, 2010 Recreation and Parks Commission meeting. Council reviewed the Commissions’ recommendations on October 11, 2010 and heard public comment as well. Council directed staff to: (1) Improve site signage at the Park and parking lots to notify attendees of rules and location of the Dog Park; (2) Research the possibility of sound testing and associated costs; (3) Work with the Police Department to increase enforcement of City Ordinance and train maintenance staff to assist with administrative citations; (4) Request Morro Bay Pups to monitor the Dog Park during the busy times of the day; (5) Return to Council in six months with a review memorandum. Staff will be meeting with the Police Department for Administrative Citation Training to include the Maintenance Superintendent and two Maintenance Lead Workers. Additionally, the police Department will be increasing presence at the park. Planned signage improvements include map/information signs at each parking lot and larger permanent signs at the Dog Park.

Commissioner Sidaris stated staff is doing a great job and appreciates not having a park full of signs.

Commissioner Ayoob said the Police Chief had been at the park issuing citations this past week and she has noticed the people now have their dogs on a leash.

Commissioner Croley commented having maintenance workers able to hand out citations will make a great change.

MOTION: Commissioner Sidaris moved to accept the Review of City Council’s Direction on the Status of the Jody Giannini Family Dog Park for file. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ayoob and carried. (4-0)

**D. NEW BUSINESSs**

D-1 REVIEW OF CITY’S MAJOR VEGETATION GUIDELINES

This item was pulled from the Agenda.

D-2 REVIEW OF PUBLIC ART PROPOSAL FOR THE BUS SHELTER AT CITY PARK

Staff Woods recommended the Commission review the proposal from the Morro Bay Public Art Foundation to design and paint the Bus Shelter at City Park as Public Art and make recommendations to city Council. Pursuant to the current public art policy, all requests for public art donations start at the City Manager’s office. After review for completeness, the application is forwarded to appropriate advisory boards for consideration and recommendations. These recommendations are forwarded to City Council for final consideration. Staff added the art proposal is a restoration and the Regional Transit Authority is supporting the project.

Commissioner Ayoob said she likes the idea, it is very appropriate.

Commissioner Croley she would like to see a timeline or deadline to get the project done. Staff Woods suggested perhaps the project shouldn't start until resources (funds, supplies, labor) are available and then establish a time frame. Commissioner Croley said since it is a high traffic area there should be a manageable deadline.

MOTION: Commissioner Sidaris moved to recommend the Public Art Proposal for the Bus Shelter at City Park to the City Council. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ayoob and carried. (4-0)

#### D-3 REQUEST USE OF PARK FEE FUNDS FOR EFFICIENCY UPGRADES TO CITY PARK IRRIGATION SYSTEMS

Staff Woods recommended the use of Park Fee funds to purchase Cal Sense irrigation controller upgrades for six (6) City parks. The proposed upgrades would be installed at City Park, Monte young, Tidelands, Lila Keiser, Cloisters and Del Mar Park. The proposed upgrades would cost approximately \$35,000 and the calculated savings in water consumption would be about 30% of the average annual consumption or approximately \$42,000 annually. The City has been testing the proposed Cal Sense hardware and software upgrades at City Park since March 2010. The test has demonstrated positive results with optimal system reliability. This is a sound investment with a calculated return on investment of approximately 10 months.

MOTION: Commissioner Sidaris moved to recommend to City Council the use of Park Fee funds for Efficiency Upgrades to City Park Irrigation Systems. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ayoob and carried. (4-0)

#### D-4 RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT PROGRAM EVALUATIONS

Staff Woods presented the program evaluation for the Kids' Camp 2010. Total program costs were \$66,117 and tuition revenue totaled \$69,758 for a cost recovery of 105%. The cost allocation total was \$21,032.40 for a net cost recovery of 80%. This program is classified under the Merit Service category which has a target revenue goal of 70-79%.

The 2010 Octoberfest Softball Tournament had total programs costs of \$2,236.00. The support costs were \$135.00 and indirect costs were \$135.00 bringing total expenses to \$2,506.00. Revenues from registration fees and t-shirts were \$2,290.00. This program had a cost recovery of 91%. It is classified as Enterprise Program with a target revenue goal of 100%.

The 2010 Fall Adult Softball League had total direct costs of \$10,657.00, support costs of \$1,440.00 and indirect costs of \$480.00 for total expenses of \$12,577.00. Total revenues from registration and additional insurance premiums totaled \$12,363.00. This program had a cost recovery of 98%. This program is classified under the Merit Service category which has a target revenue goal of 70-79%.

MOTION: Commissioner Bates moved to accept the Recreation and Parks Department Program Evaluations for file. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sidaris and carried. (4-0)

**E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Commissioner Croley mentioned bike racks at the entrance to Morro Strand. Staff stated that is State Parks property but will look into it.

**F. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Wright  
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