

MINUTES – MORRO BAY RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING –NOVEMBER 23, 2010
VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING – 5:30 P.M.

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

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

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Ayoob wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and announced there will be a free Thanksgiving dinner at the Morro Bay Community Center on Thanksgiving Day from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Staff Woods added the dinner is put on by the Morro Bay Police Officers Association and the Rotary Club of Morro Bay.

Chair Hale said the Morro Bay Community Foundation held a very successful fundraising event that provides scholarships for children to participate in youth sports, Kids' Club and other recreation activities. Morro Bay Sings the Beatles had a terrific turnout. She urged everyone to keep an eye out for next year's event in November.

Staff Woods announced the Annual Holiday Tree Lighting will be held this Sunday, December 5th, at City Park. The event will begin at 4:30 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

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 OCTOBER 2010

SPORTS AND FITNESS SUMMARY FOR OCTOBER 2010

FACILITIES AND PARK USE FOR OCTOBER 2010

RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.

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

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

C-1 REVIEW OF TEEN CENTER MASTER PLAN PROJECT

Staff Woods reported that in January 2010, the Morro Bay City Council approved Resolution 01-10 authorizing the application for Proposition 84, Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program of 2008 and Nature Education Facilities Grant Program funds. Staff has contracted with Rincon Consultants to complete the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements and DiLeo & Moran consultants to prepare the Proposition 84 grant application. The projects Mitigated Negative Declaration draft is complete and is ready to start the public review process. Two major components of this grant are public input and serving underserved populations. To obtain the maximum number of points under the grant application, five project-related community meetings should be held prior to submitting a grant application. In order to comply with the grant's requirements a total of five public meetings will be held, likely in January and February. Once the meetings are held, the Teen Center Master Plan would be consistent with the community meeting component of the grant application. We already meet the second criteria in terms of income levels in the project area. Per the State Parks Fact Finder, income in the project's proximity is \$33,822.

Jan DiLeo of DiLeo & Moran and Staff Woods will be meeting with the Planning Division to review the process for the project's Mitigated Negative Declaration and to determine what discretionary permits will be required.

Input from the community meetings will be used to complete an updated Master Plan preliminary design. The Mitigated Negative Declaration will be completed based on the updated design. Then the Mitigated Negative Declaration and the proposed Teen Center design will be brought to the Recreation and Parks Commission for input and a recommendation at a noticed public hearing. The Commission's recommendation would then be taken to the City Council at a noticed public hearing for a final decision.

The project will range from \$1.5 to \$2 million. The deadline for submittal has not been determined by the State.

If the City is awarded a Proposition 84 Grant, then the Department would file for the necessary discretionary permits.

Commissioner Munoz encourages staff to start the meetings in January and conclude them by March.

Chair hale inquired about the turnaround time for the State to make a decision on the project. Staff Woods stated he thought it would be two to three months.

Commissioner Ayoob asked the amount of the Proposition 84 Grant. Staff Woods replied it would cover the cost of construction, plans and other costs associated with the project. It will probably not exceed \$2 million.

Commissioner Bates asked if staff had looked ahead of the maintenance and staffing impact. Staff said we hadn't looked into it completely. Currently program staff does some light janitorial and our Maintenance staff is on site twice a week. The full impact has not been realized.

MOTION: Commissioner Sidaris moved to accept the Review of the Teen Center Master Plan Project for file. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bates and carried. (5-0)

D. NEW BUSINESSs

D-1 RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT PROGRAM EVALUATIONS

Staff Woods presented the program evaluation for the 2010 Junior Lifeguard Program. Total program costs were \$35,755.00 and the total support costs were \$2,322.00. Total expenses for the program were \$38,077.00. Revenues included \$25,272.00 for registration and sweatshirts; \$700.00 for Jesse King and Surfrider Scholarships and \$335.00 from the Junior Guard BBQ for a total of \$26,307.00. This resulted in a net loss of \$11,770.00. The program is classified as Private Service and the target revenue goal is 80 – 100%. We did not meet our goal as the cost recovery was 69%.

Commissioner Munoz asked why the staff costs were so high. Staff Woods replied we need to have the most adequate staff for the number of participants. We are conscious of how much staff we have but we have to maintain a ration for safety of the participants and quality of the program.

Commissioner Ayoob inquired of the age groups for both participants and staff. Staff said Pool Program participants range from 9 – 10 years of age and added that participants must pass a swimming test for the Beach Program or complete the Pool Program prior to the Beach Program. Staff members are high school and college age. The Program Coordinator is a retired State Parks Ranger.

Commissioner Bates commented it is a great program.

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

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Hale asked about the Master Plan for Coleman Park area. Staff said he had received an inquiry from RRM also but doesn't feel we can take on more at this time. Unless we receive direction from Council it will probably be another 9 – 12 months.

Commissioner Ayoob asked about the Tennis Courts. Staff replied we are currently tasked with daily operations. We will continue to pool our resources as best we can.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Commissioner Sidaris, second Commissioner Ayoob. The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Wright
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