

MINUTES – MORRO BAY RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING –NOVEMBER 17, 2011
VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING – 5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Vice-Chair Croley called the meeting to order.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Munoz arrived.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Croley announced the Tall Ship 'Lady Washington' was in the Harbor. She also commented the Merchant's Street Faire will be held the Sunday after Thanksgiving and the Lighted Boat Parade will be on December 3rd.

Staff Woods announced the Holiday Tree Lighting will be held on Saturday, December 3rd at 4:30 p.m. at City Park. Additionally, on Friday, December 2nd there will be luminaries along Morro Bay Boulevard.

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.

Commissioner Bates asked to have Item A-4 Recreation and Parks Department Status Report pulled.

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

A-1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 15, 2011 MEETING

RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.

A-2 CITIZEN'S REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.

- A-3 YOUTH SERVICES SUMMARY FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2011
SPORTS AND FITNESS SUMMARY FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2011
FACILITIES AND PARK USE FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2011

RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.

- A-4 RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT STATUS REPORT

RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.

Staff Woods reported Proposition 40 Funds for the Lila Keiser Field renovations are still on our wish list. We are trying to fulfill the land tenure agreement which hopefully will occur at the December 13, 2011 City Council meeting.

The Del Mar Park Tennis Court project should have bids in within the next 3 to 4 weeks and then we can proceed with the project.

The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant is working on exterior lighting at buildings, parking lots, stairways and park walkways.

Adopt-a-Park has two new groups to help with the parks. Eco Rotary of Morro Bay has adopted Bayshore Bluffs and the Morro Cove Homeowners Association will be caring for the Morro Cove area. Additionally, there will be a tree planting in conjunction with Arbor Day on December 4th. Staff is continuing to work on the parkways at Cloisters.

Kids' Camp will be offered during Spring Break in April 2012 and the Teen Advisory Committee continues to support the community. They will be present at the Merchant's Street Faire and helping with the Senior Citizen's General Meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Sidaris moved the Commission approve Consent Calendar Item A-4 for file. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Munoz and carried. (5-0)

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- B-1 REVIEW OF PUBLIC ART PROPOSAL FOR THE BUS SHELTER AT CITY PARK

Staff Woods recommended the Commission review the current proposal from the Morro Bay Public Art Foundation to design and paint the bus shelter at City Park. Staff is looking for a recommendation to forward to City Council. The group brought you a different proposal last year which you recommended to City Council and they approved. The group has encountered some difficulties in funding and is presenting a second proposal this evening.

Chair Hale arrived.

Neil Farrell, President Morro Bay Public Art Foundation – The funding for our original underwater theme fell short so board members were asked to rethink the project. We had meetings with the City and RTA and looked at the site. We will be consolidating signs, keep the outside the same color and clean it up.

The design is out of the box but believe it would be a great concept. We have almost enough money to get well into the project.

Nancy Barta, Secretary Morro Bay Public Art Foundation – We did surveys at two Art in the Park events and researched designs for bus stops and came up with the living room design. We can add more amenities as funding comes in.

Commissioner Bates said he likes the idea of being able to add to it, however, he has concerns that some type of nature element should be incorporated. Mr. Farrell stated there is a lot of wall space and artists could paint original works of art that would bring us back to the location, perhaps a painted window with a view of the Rock.

Commissioner Romero inquired if the project would require a permitting process. Mr. Farrell we are basically putting paint on the walls and redo the ceiling and floor as well as adding other little touches.

Commissioner Munoz would like to see the outdoors brought in, maybe a window showing a seascape, something nautical.

Chair Hale suggested an aquarium might be incorporated.

Staff Woods commented on the concrete site furniture. He stated the project has to be sure it is in line with regulatory agencies.

MOTION: Commissioner Munoz moved the Commission approve the Morro Bay Public Art Foundation proposal for the City Park bus shelter and have staff forward the recommendation to City Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sidaris and carried. (6-0)

B-2 DISCUSSION OF IMPROVEMENTS FOR PEDESTRIAN ACCESS FROM MORRO ROCK PARKING AREA TO THE BEACH

Staff Woods stated this item was discussed at City Council and the City Council unanimously agreed to send this item to the City's advisory boards for review and recommendations. Development of the beach access ramp from the Rock parking lot to the beach will need to meet the Federal Access Board requirements for beach access. Improvements in the approved Waterfront Master Plan include a stair access from the parking lot to the beach level; however, in order to comply with ADA, a ramp would need to be constructed along with the stairway to accommodate all potential users. Construction of only a ramp would meet ADA guidelines and staff feels it would accommodate potential users. Staff recommends the Commission review this item and make recommendations and potential funding sources and forward to City Council for their final approval.

Chair Hale asked if there was a need for both stairs and a ramp and asked if the estimated cost of \$83,200 includes only a ramp or a ramp and a staircase. She felt a nautical theme would be appropriate but keep it clean looking. She also mentioned the possibility of stained concrete. Staff replied a ramp would meet both state and federal guidelines and the cost includes only the ramp.

Commissioner Sidaris commented it would be nice to have benches at the top of the ramp. It is hard to get to the beach and the ramp would be a great improvement.

Commissioner Croley likes the idea of the ramp and benches but indicated maybe some tables could be added also.

Commissioner Romero asked if it would be possible to see how the ramp would be configured. Staff said we are looking at some sort of formal entrance and then there has to be a certain percentage of slope and cross slope to meet ADA requirements. It has to be of a certain length because of the slope that must be maintained. Staff said possible funding could come from State Parks, Land and Water Conservation Fund, Recreational Trails Program and possibly Park-in-Lieu and Council discretionary funds.

Commissioner Munoz asked if the monument at Target Rock should be taken into consideration and felt the design should incorporate that.

Commissioner Bates felt any benches should be located primarily near the top of the ramp. He said making it disappear into the landscape would be best, not bring a lot of attention to it.

MOTION: Commissioner Munoz moved the Commission recommend to staff to forward to City Council to proceed with the pedestrian access from the Morro Rock parking area to the beach as a ramp with no staircase and to have at least two benches and tie in with the Target Rock access. He also recommended staff proceed to submit for grants for additional funding for the project. Chair Hale amended the motion to include the design take into consideration the visual environmental impact with color and view corridor. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sidaris and carried. (6-0)

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

D. NEW BUSINESS

D-1 RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT PROGRAM EVALUATIONS

Staff Woods reviewed the program evaluation for the 2011 Kids' Camp Program. Total program costs were \$51,513.00 with registration revenues of \$47,540.00 for a cost recovery of 92%. Support costs totaled \$13,145.00 so the total program and support costs equaled \$64,658.00. The cost recovery including supports costs was 73%. This program is classified under the Merit Service category, which has a target revenue goal of 70-79% cost recovery of program and support costs.

The 2011 Girls Softball Program had total expenses of \$18,753.00 including support costs. Revenues totaled \$16,260.00 for a net loss of \$2,493.00. This program is a Merit Service Program and set to recover 70-79% of its costs. This program recovered 87% of its cost including the light surcharge.

MOTION: Commissioner Munoz moved to accept the Recreation and Parks Department Program Evaluations for file. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sidaris and carried. (6-0)

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Croley would like to discuss the possibility of having tables along with benches at the Rock.

Chair Hale mentioned the Coleman Park Master Plan status.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Commissioner Romero, second Commissioner Croley. The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Wright
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