

MINUTES – MORRO BAY RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING –MARCH 15, 2012
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: Commissioner Munoz, Commissioner Ayoob. Staff Woods noted that Brian Dorfman was present but was not able to be sworn in prior to the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice-Chair Croley announced the Tree Committee has started a Heritage Tree Program. Dixon's Annual Spaghetti Dinner to benefit the Morro Bay Community Foundation Youth Scholarship Fund will be held March 23rd. Cayucos Cellars is hosting 'Zinfest' tomorrow night to benefit the Morro Bay Community Pool Foundation.

Staff Woods reminded Commissioners about meeting attendance as stated in the Advisory Boards Handbook.

PRESENTATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Vice-Chair Croley made a Motion to address Item D-1 and D-2 at this time. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bates and carried. (4-0)

D. NEW BUSINESS

D-1 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR FOR 2012

Vice-Chair Croley opened nominations for Chair. Commissioner Romero nominated Karen Croley for Chair. Commissioner Sidaris seconded the nomination. As there were no further nominations the nominations were closed. Karen Croley was declared Chair by acclamation.

Chair Croley opened nominations for Vice-Chair. Commissioner Bates nominated Al Romero for Vice-Chair. Chair Croley seconded the nomination. Commissioner Romero nominated John Bates for Vice-Chair. Commissioner Sidaris seconded the nomination. Nominations were closed and Chair Croley called for a vote. John Bates was elected Vice-Chair by a 3-1 vote.

D-2 ELECTION OF SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE FOR 2012

Chair Croley opened nominations for Senior Representative. Commissioner Bates nominated Anita Ayoob for Senior Representative. Commissioner Sidaris seconded the nomination. As there were no further nominations the nominations were closed. Anita Ayoob was declared Senior Representative by acclamation.

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 JANUARY 19, 2012 MEETING

RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.

A-2 CITIZEN'S REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.

A-3 YOUTH SERVICES SUMMARY FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2012
SPORTS AND FITNESS SUMMARY FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2012
FACILITIES AND PARK USE FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2012

RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.

A-4 RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT STATUS REPORT

RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.

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

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS

B-1 REVIEW OF THE MORRO BAY NORTHERN WATERFRONT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN TO INCLUDE MORRO ROCK PARKING LOT

Staff Woods asked the Commission to review and discuss the proposed improvements to the Morro Rock parking lot and the inclusion to the Northern Waterfront Implementation Plan (Concept C) and provide a recommendation regarding the Morro Rock parking area for City Council review. The Northern Waterfront Implementation Plan was adopted by City Council in 2008 and depicts areas to be developed either as recreational or as boating facilities. The Plan did not include the Rock Parking Lot as that area had been identified as parking in the Waterfront Master Plan. The inclusion of the Morro Rock parking lot into the NWIP is suggested by City Council, along with the detailed plan provided by Bill and Toni Woody. If the NWIP is amended, Council will review the new proposed plan and direct staff accordingly. The Woody's proposed detail plan shows a new boardwalk with fencing, picnic and play

areas, asphalt road, volleyball courts, new planters with seats and other amenities. Improvements could range from a very passive approach to a more active approach as outlined in the Woody's plan.

Commissioner Bates commented the areas east of the roundabout are not accessible to vehicles and it looks like you lose about 25% of your parking.

Chair Croley opened Public Comment

George Leage, Morro Bay - Speaking personally not on behalf of the City Council. Remainder of the parking lot will still be accessible for parking. The decorative barriers are removable. The concrete area will take care of everyday parking and the barriers can be removed for overflow parking. We would have to work out when and how the barriers are removed. This is a concept and details will need to be worked out.

Commissioner Bates stated we definitely want to make it accessible to recreational vehicles. There will probably be more events held out there and barriers would have to be taken out for them. He feels there are some really good ideas on the east end and the boardwalk on the bluff. He just doesn't feel comfortable with this plan and the parking and mobility.

Chair Croley had concerns about the barbeque areas and wind protection.

Brian Dorfman, Morro Bay - It is important to have some greenbelt space. Back up the greenbelt from the ocean than have the concrete parking. Have seen it done in other communities and is very popular and positive. Need to determine how many cars and how much greenbelt space.

Commissioner Romero asked if it would be possible to have the Woody family attend the next meeting.

Commissioner Sidaris said where the volleyball courts are located is pretty much in the shadows most of the day.

Chair Croley expressed concerns with parking. Commissioner Sidaris added if we incorporate the Morro Rock Parking Lot plan into Concept C we will have workshops and have the public involved.

MOTION: Commissioner Sidaris moved the Commission adopt the Parking Lot Plan and incorporate it into Concept C. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Romero and carried. (4-0)

Commissioner Sidaris recommended we need a bit of greenbelt and not sure of the road working out with the roundabout. He would like to see the parking lot better graded and kept somewhat natural and the volleyball courts not in the shade. Commissioner Bates concurred as did Commissioner Romero and Chair Croley.

MOTION: Commissioner Bates moved the Commission recommend their approval of the Morro Rock development plan in its entirety with the exception of the volleyball courts and the proposed road and parking area configuration. Commissioner Sidaris amended the motion to include greenbelt space. Commissioner Bates accepted the amendment to the motion. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sidaris and carried. (4-0)

Chair Croley closed Public Comment.

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

C-1 REVIEW THE ANNUAL SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY ADMINISTRATORS OF PARKS AND RECREATION AGENCIES COMMISSIONER'S WORKSHOP

Staff said SLOCAPRA hosts an annual workshop for members of City Councils, Board of Directors, Board of Supervisors and Park and Recreation Commissioners. The workshops provides training for participants in areas of recreation and parks. The City of Morro Bay sponsors each participating Commissioner who participates in the workshop. This year's workshop was held February 25, 2012 at the National Geographic Center at Hearst Castle in San Simeon.

Commissioner Romero stated he attended the workshop and it was very worthwhile. The people were informative and made you feel very welcome. He liked the small group discussions and the motivational speaker brought a lot of interesting ideas to the table.

MOTION: Commissioner Sidaris moved the Commission accept Item C-1 for file. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bates and carried. (4-0)

D. NEW BUSINESS

D-3 REVIEW OF MUTT MITT PROGRAM

Staff Woods reported the Mutt Mitt program started over eleven years ago in 2000 with the City of Morro Bay partnering with the National Estuary Program. The first dispensers were installed by a local couple, volunteers Curt and Sandra Beebee. Funding through the years has been from NEP grants, Rotary Club, Power Plant, City of Morro Bay, State Parks and private individuals. The Mutt Mitt program currently has 19 dispensers throughout the City of Morro Bay. The Beebees were champions of the Mutt Mitt program for ten years but decided to relocate out of the area. Diane and Fred Moore along with other dedicated volunteers stepped up to service the dispensers as well as soliciting and collecting private donations. They have monitored the program noting how many bags have been used, volunteer hours, high and low usage months and put together a detailed report for you. There were a total of eight volunteers who put in 1,468 hours in a year. During the 6-month period from August 2, 2011 through February 2, 2012 a total of 102,450 bags were dispensed.

Chair Croley thanked Diane Moore for putting together the report. She asked how they were doing with volunteers. Staff Woods said he hadn't heard of them needing more but most programs can always use more. People can call the Recreation and Parks Department if they would like to help.

Commissioner Romero commented he has seen them being used at Tidelands but unfortunately not everyone uses them.

Commissioner Sidaris stated there is a law for not picking up after your animal. Staff Woods added there is a complete section on dogs and cats in the Municipal Code.

MOTION: Commissioner Bates moved the Commission accept Item D-3 for file. The motion was seconded by Croley and carried. (4-0)

D-4 RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT PROGRAM EVALUATIONS

Staff Woods reviewed the program evaluation for the 2011 Fall Adult Softball League. Total direct costs were \$11,013.00. Support costs totaled \$1500.00 and indirect costs were \$500.00 for a total of \$13,013.00. Revenues included registration fees and additional insurance paid by the teams. They totaled \$12,277.00. Net loss was \$736.00 for a cost recovery of 94%. This program is classified as Merit Service with a target revenue goal of 70-79%.

Commissioner Sidaris asked the fields were holding up. Staff replied the turf is holding up better than last year. The weeds and gophers are down.

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 asked to agendize the smoking ordinance. Staff Woods reported it is on a future City Council agenda and will probably be a Public Hearing Staff can bring back a review of the current status of the San Luis Obispo ordinance and how it is working as well as the County smoking ordinances.

F. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Chair Croley, second Commissioner Bates. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Wright
Administrative Technician