

MINUTES – MORRO BAY RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING – February 4, 2014

VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING – 7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Vice-Chair Sidaris called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Vice-Chair Sidaris, Commissioner Romero, Commissioner Coxwell, Commissioner Swain, Commissioner Ochs, and Staff Woods. Chair Bates and Commissioner Croley were absent.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

Staff Woods welcomed the Commission's newest member, Aaron Ochs, who was recently appointed to the Commission by the City Council. Staff Woods also congratulated Commissioners Swain and Bates who were recently appointed to new terms on the Commission.

Commissioner Croley arrived.

Staff Woods announced two upcoming neighborhood meetings. The Cloisters/North Point Assessment Districts quarterly neighborhood meeting will be held on February 5th at 5 p.m. at the Community Center. The Radcliff residents will be holding a neighborhood meeting to discuss the bike park on February 6th at 5 p.m. at the Community Center.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice-Chair Sidaris opened Public Comment.

Marlene Barnett, a winter resident of Morro Bay, expressed her gratitude for the great drop-in programs offered by the Recreation & Parks Department

Vice-Chair Sidaris closed Public Comment.

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

A-1 NONE

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS

B-1 REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF THE WORK PROGRAM FOR FISCALYEAR 2014/15

Staff Woods presented the Work Program for Fiscal Year 2014/15. The RPC first reviewed the 2014/15 Work Program at their January meeting and the suggestions and edits have been included in the version being reviewed tonight. Staff is looking for any final edits and recommendations. Commissioner Croley requested the addition of the Estero Bay Community Pool Foundation (EBCPF). Staff Woods said staff could add #26 under the Administration Division stating that City staff would provide support to the EBCPF in their efforts to open a pool. As well as adding #12 under the Parks Division with similar wording to #10. The Commissioners discussed the elimination of sinks at public parks decided that only select sings should be removed, keeping access to water at parks heavily used by children and families.

MOTION: Commissioner Croley moved to accept the Work Program with the two edits (EBCPF and only selected sink elimination). Seconded by Commissioner Swain and carried. (6-0)

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

C-1 SLOCAPRA COMMISSIONERS WORKSHOP

Staff Woods reminded the RPC that Morro Bay will be hosting this year's SLOCAPRA Commissioners' Workshop on Saturday, March 22nd at the Morro Bay Museum of Natural History. The workshop includes a Continental breakfast, educational component, lunch and a field trip. He also noted that registration has been provided by the Department.

Commissioner Croley stated that she is unable to attend

Vice-Chair Sidaris stated that this is a great event and provides an opportunity to work cooperatively with other local agencies.

C-2 25TH ANNUAL DIXON'S SPAGHETTI DINNER

Staff Woods announced that the 25th Annual Dixon's Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Friday, March 14th, starting at 4:30 p.m. in the Community Center Auditorium. This is a fundraiser put on by the Morro Bay Community Foundation in cooperation with the Morro Bay Senior Citizens Incorporated, Morro Bay Recreation and Parks Commission and the Recreation and Parks Department. Monies raised at this event help fund youth scholarships given throughout the year to needy families of the Estero Bay. RPC volunteers are needed on Thursday, March 13th to help prep the noodles and during the event on Friday, March 14th. Commissioners can contact the Recreation and Parks office to notify staff of their availability.

D. NEW BUSINESS

D-1 PARKS TOUR 2014

Staff Woods recommended that the RPC confirm a date, time and route for their annual tour of City parks. The Commissioners discussed holding the parks tour on a Saturday morning. After some discussion it was determined to hold the annual parks tour on Saturday, June 14th, with the Commission meeting staff and the trolley at the Community Center at 9 a.m. The parks to be visited include Monte Young, Tideland, Bayshore, Del Mar, Cloisters and Lila Keiser. Staff Woods announced that he would be inviting Adopt-A-Park groups to meet with the RPC during the parks tour.

D-2 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR FOR 2014

Vice-Chair Sidaris opened the floor to nominations for the office of Chair.

Commissioner Coxwell nominated Drew Sidaris for Chair; Commissioner Swain seconded the nomination.

MOTION: Commissioner Romero moved to close nominations for Chair; seconded by Commissioner Coxwell. Vice-Chair Sidaris declared nominations for Chair closed.

Chair Sidaris opened the floor to nominations for the office of Vice-Chair.

Commissioner Romero nominated Tom Coxwell for Vice-Chair; Commissioner Croley seconded the nomination.

Chair Sidaris declared nominations for Vice-Chair closed.

D-3 ELECTION OF COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2014

Chair Sidaris opened the floor to nominations for the representative to the Morro Bay Senior Citizens, Inc. (MBSCI).

Commissioner Croley nominated Al Romero

MOTION: Chair Sidaris moved to close the nominations for representative to the MBSCI seconded by Commissioner Croley. Chair Sidaris declared nominations for representative to the MBSCI closed.

Chair Sidaris opened the floor to nominations for the representative to the Morro Bay Community Foundation (MBCF).

Staff Woods announced that the MBCF currently meets at 8:30 a.m. on the third Friday but are looking to change the meeting time to Wednesday at 5 p.m. There is a meeting scheduled for this Friday, February 7th at 8:30 a.m. in the Fire Department training room.

Commissioner Romero nominated Karen Croley.

Vice-Chair Coxwell nominated Bob Swain; Commissioner Ochs seconded the nomination.

Chair Sidaris nominated John Bates; Commissioner Romero seconded the nomination.

Chair Sidaris declared the nominations closed.

Vote: Bob Swain 4; John Bates 3; Karen Croley 0.

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Croley requested that the Estero Bay Community Pool Foundation be placed on the March agenda for an update on the school district's proposed location.

Commissioner Swain stated that he has been approached by residents concerned about dogs in children's play areas in our parks and the dog waste that is not picked up or even when picked up the residue left behind. Commissioner Swain wanted to know if there were areas in our parks where dogs were not allowed. Staff Woods responded that leashed dogs are allowed in all our parks with the exception of athletic playing fields. Commissioner Swain requested that the discussion of this item be placed on a future agenda.

Commissioner Romero noted that Council Member Nancy Johnson was in the audience and requested a Council update. Council Member Johnson announced that an interim City Manager, Ed Kreins, has been hired and that the Council will be interviewing law firms next week. She noted that the City will no longer have an attorney on staff, but will be contracting with a law firm for representation.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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