

MINUTES – MORRO BAY RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING – May 15, 2014

VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING – 5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Sidaris called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Chair Sidaris, Vice-Chair Coxwell, Commissioner Romero, Commissioner Bates, Commissioner Croley, Commissioner Swain, Staff Wilcox and Staff English.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PRESENTATIONS

Staff Wilcox described the City's Adopt-A-Park program noting that most of our parks and a few open public areas have been adopted. Staff Wilcox recognized Karen Biaggini and her staff from the Embarcadero Inn for all their efforts at Mariner Park. Staff Wilcox further stated that any groups or individuals interested in participating in the Adopt-A-Park program can contact the Recreation and Parks office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Sidaris recommended that the public visit the Recreation and Parks webpage on the City's website for great information about our City parks and programs. Chair Sidaris announced the following events: Art in the Park on Memorial Day weekend, Bands on the Run on May 31st, Austin-Healey Car Show on May 31st, Music Festival on June 7th and a 4th of July fundraiser at Tognazzini's on June 8th.

Vice-Chair Coxwell gave additional details on the Bands on the Run event on May 31st. He announced that a half marathon has been added this year. Runners can register at Active.com.

Commissioner Swain announced that May is Bike Month.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Sidaris opened Public Comment.

Adrienne Harris of the Morro Bay National Estuary Program thanked Recreation and Parks staff for their support of the DogFest held at Del Mar Park on April 26, 2014. She also thanked all the Mutt Mitt volunteers and Damaris Hanson from the Public Services Department. She stated that information on the State of Bay can be found at www.mbnep.org

Chair Sidaris closed Public Comment.

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 16, 2014 MEETING AND THE FEBRUARY 4, 2014 SPECIAL MEETING
- A-2 CITIZEN'S REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE
- A-3 YOUTH AND SENIOR SERVICES SUMMARY FOR JANUARY THROUGH APRIL 2014

RECREATION CLASSES AND AFFILIATED CLUBS SUMMARY FOR JANUARY THROUGH APRIL 2014
YOUTH AND ADULT SPORTS SUMMARY JANUARY THROUGH APRIL 2014
FACILITIES AND PARKS USE SUMMARY FOR JANUARY THROUGH APRIL 2014

MOTION: Commissioner Croley moved that the Commission accept Consent Calendar Items A-1 through A-3 for file and pull A-4 for further review. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Romero and carried. (7-0)

A-4 RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT STATUS REPORT

Staff Wilcox summarized the Department Program/Project Status Report noting that the location of the Founders' Day event on July 17th has been changed to City Park. He further noted that this event is scheduled on the same evening as the next RPC meeting which will likely mean the meeting will be re-scheduled. Staff will notify the Commission of potential dates for the re-scheduled meeting. Staff Wilcox noted that staff is moving forward with adding Pickleball lines at the Monte Young tennis courts in the very near future and that other Pickleball courts are planned for Del mar and Coleman parks.

Bonnie Johnson of the Morro Bay Bike Group gave an update on the status of the BMX Bike Park. Plans for the park were taken to the Planning Department today with staff making some recommendations. The group hopes for an August or September build date. She announced that the group has had some success with fundraising.

MOTION: Commissioner Croley moved to accept Consent Calendar Item A-4 for file. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Romero and carried. (7-0)

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS

B-1 CO-SPONSORSHIP OF ALL OUT EVENTS' MORRO BAY TRIATHLON

Staff Wilcox presented to the RPC a request from All Out Events for co-sponsorship of the Morro Bay Triathlon scheduled for November 1, 2014. Staff Wilcox noted that the City has previously co-sponsored events which mutually benefit the parties involved and that sponsorships should create community relationships as well as support the City's mission to preserve and enhance the quality of life in Morro Bay. Staff Wilcox stated that the City currently has three basic criteria used as qualifiers for requesting co-sponsorships: the event is held off-season, the event is multi-day, and the event is held by a non-profit organization. If the event is one day, it must show a financial return to the City. Staff Wilcox noted that All Out Events' Morro Bay Triathlon does meet some, but not all of these requirements: the event is being held off-season, the event is multi-day, but All Out Events is not a non-profit organization.

Kristen Horowitz and Kaori Funahashi of All Out Events were present to provide information on their event and the support they are requesting. Ms. Horowitz stated that they have received \$5000 from TBID to help pay for the promotion of the event. Ms. Horowitz stated that they are requesting to have the fees waived for the filming permit needed to create a promotional video for the race; permit fees for the triathlon, as well as some City provided promotional signage. Ms. Horowitz stated that they expect 200-300 participants with expected revenues of \$35,000. Ms. Horowitz further stated that 12% of the net income will be donated to the non-profit group Life Water International.

Vice Chair Coxwell asked for clarification on what exactly the group is requesting from the City as part of the desired co-sponsorship. Ms. Horowitz stated that they are looking for the waiving of filming permit fees for the filming of a promotional video, the waiving of public area use permit fees for the event and for the City to hang promotional signage.

MOTION: Vice Chair Coxwell moved to support the City co-sponsoring the Morro Bay Triathlon and forwarding the item to City Council. Seconded by Commissioner Croley and carried. (7-0)

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

C-1 NONE

D. NEW BUSINESS

D-1 REVIEW OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE 2014/15 MASTER FEE SCHEDULE

Staff Wilcox presented the proposed amendments to the 2014/15 Master Fee Schedule. The amendments include the separation of event set-up and event breakdown fees; an increase to the Facility Attendant fee; the addition of pickleball court to the hourly and park use fees schedule; clarification of additional fees on the public area use permits page.

MOTION: Commissioner Romero moved to approve the amendments to the 2011/15 Master Fee Schedule as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Ochs and carried. (7-0)

D-2 DOGS IN CITY PARKS AND THEIR IMPACT ON CHILD PLAY AREAS

Staff Wilcox presented the staff report, including information on current City rules on allowed off-leash areas within the City. The Commissioners discussed this item and requested that staff develop a plan for proposed dog-free areas/zones and bring it back to the RPC for further discussion.

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Swain requested that staff look into offering open basketball for adults at Del Mar Gym.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Celeste English
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