

MINUTES – MORRO BAY RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING – September 18, 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, Commissioner Bates, Commissioner Romero, Commissioner Croley, Commissioner Ochs, Commissioner Swain, and Staff Woods. ABSENT: Vice Chair Coxwell.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Croley announced that Measure D on the ballot in November includes a pool as part of the redesign and update of Morro Bay High School.

Commissioner Ochs announced that there will be a tour of the high school on Saturday, September 20th at 10 a.m. and on Saturday, October 4th at 10 a.m. The purpose of the tours is to show the public all the proposed infrastructure improvements at the high school that would be made possible by Measure D.

Commissioner Romero announced that he attended the Morro Bay Senior Citizens Incorporated board meeting and that the group is in need of volunteers. Commissioner Romero welcomed anyone 55 or over to join the group and noted that there are no age restrictions on volunteering at the Senior Center.

Commissioner Swain announced that Morro Bay now has outdoor Pickleball courts at Del Mar Park. Courts will be open starting in October and available Monday through Friday during daylight hours; you must have your own equipment. Pickleball Play Days will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. with nets, balls and paddles provided. For more information contact the Recreation & Parks Department at 772-6278 or the Senior Center at 772-4421.

Chair Sidaris announced that there is a beach cleanup this Saturday, the Harbor Festival on October 4 & 5, Savor the Central Coast event, Vintage trailers at Morro Strand on October 16 -18, Morro Bay Triathlon on November 2, tall ships December 3-8, Lighted Boat Parade and Holiday Tree Lighting on December 6. For more information on these and other upcoming events visit www.morrobay.org

PRESENTATIONS

Chair Sidaris presented members of the Morro Bay Yacht Club and members of Morro Bay in Bloom with Certificates of Appreciation for their volunteer efforts through the City's Adopt-A-Park Program. Kent Butler gave an overview of the Yacht Club and their volunteer work at Tideland Park. Walter Heath gave an overview of Morro Bay in Bloom and their volunteer work at Centennial Parkway and throughout the City.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Sidaris opened Public Comment.

Betty Winholtz commented on the cypress trees at the golf course, she is concerned about the selected location for the trees. She is concerned the view will become obstructed and will result in the trees eventually being cut down. She is also disappointed that all the trees are going to the golf course instead of filling empty city tree wells. Ms. Winholtz also expressed her concern about the condition of the parking lot

at Del Mar, requesting that the Commission look into it. She also mentioned Measure D and the proposed improvements at the high school. She requested that the Commission find out if a pool is definitely included as one of the improvements that would be made with Measure D funds.

Chair Sidaris closed Public Comment.

Commissioner Croley stated that the Estero Bay Community Pool Foundation has endorsed Measure D because it includes a pool as part of the redesign at the high school.

Staff Woods stated that the parking lot at Del Mar Park is part of the City's Pavement Management Plan and will be included in the bid being put out by Public Services in the next few weeks.

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 FROM THE MAY 15, 2014 MEETING

RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.

A-2 CITIZEN'S REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.

A-3 YOUTH AND SENIOR SERVICES SUMMARY FOR JULY AND AUGUST 2014
RECREATION CLASSES AND AFFILIATED CLUBS SUMMARY FOR JULY AND AUGUST 2014
YOUTH AND ADULT SPORTS SUMMARY JULY AND AUGUST 2014
FACILITIES AND PARKS USE SUMMARY FOR JULY AND AUGUST 2014

RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.

MOTION: Commissioner Bates 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. (6-0)

A-4 RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT STATUS REPORT

Staff Woods summarized the Department Program/Project Status Report highlighting the Save the Date for the "Meet and Greet" for the new City Manager David Buckingham on Tuesday, September 30th at the Vets Hall, 4-6 p.m.; Los Osos Middle School sports which includes boys and girls volleyball, tennis, cross country and track and field. Staff Woods invited the RPC and the public to contact staff if they are interested in additional information on any items listed in the report.

Commissioner Bates requested information on the status of street sweeping. Staff Woods responded that there have been changes to regulations from the Regional Water Quality Control Board which will result in less frequent street sweeping. Some streets will be moving from a twice a month schedule to a twice a year schedule, and all city parking lots have been added to the schedule. The street sweeping schedule is available on the city's website: www.morro-bay.ca.us

MOTION: Commissioner Bates moved to accept Consent Calendar Item A-4 for file. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ochs and carried. (6-0)

A-5 SOLAR ENERGY REPORT

RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.

Staff Woods introduced the new report to the Commission. The report details how much energy the solar panels are generating at the Teen Center along with the carbon off-set. The solar generation at the Teen Center is working as anticipated.

A-6 ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS – ANNUAL STATISTICS SUMMER 2013 – MORRO BAY SOFTBALL TOURNAMENTS

RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.

Vice-Chair Coxwell arrived at the meeting.

Staff Woods presented the report on softball tournaments in Morro Bay. The report contains data collected from the tournament participants through a questionnaire. The report shows a definite indirect economic impact to the City produced by the various tournaments held throughout the year.

MOTION: Commissioner Swain moved to accept Consent Calendar Items A-5 and A-6 for file. The motions was seconded by Commissioner Romero and carried. (7-0)

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS

NONE

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

C-1 REVIEW OF THE M.O.U. REGARDING THE BIKE PARK CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION

Chair Sidaris opened Public Comment.

Bonnie Johnson, Morro Bay resident and Morro Bay Bike Park Committee President spoke on this item. Ms. Johnson provided a status update on the Bike Park. They are still working on getting plans approved and raising funds.

Chair Sidaris closed Public Comment.

Staff Woods presented the staff report on the draft M.O.U. for the construction, maintenance and operation of the Bike Park. Staff Woods noted that the City Attorney is also reviewing the draft M.O.U. and will have edits and comments to incorporate into the draft going before City Council in October. Staff Woods requested the Commission to provide their edits and comments.

Commissioners Croley and Bates commented favorably on the draft M.O.U.

Commissioner Swain asked if there would be first aid personnel on hand when the park is open.

Staff Woods stated that the City had a small BMX bike track in the past and it was a bike at your own risk facility. Staff Woods stated that the new Bike Park would function essentially the same way. The Bike Park will be fenced with clear boundaries. The Bike Park Committee is working through the issues of grading and drainage. It will be much like the skate park, with helmets and pads required. Rules and usage signs will be posted at the site. There will not be first aid on site, because it will be bike at your own risk.

Staff Woods noted that part of the M.O.U. states staff can close the Bike Park for maintenance but does not give clear direction on when and for how long this type of closure would take place. Staff will be working on including more details in the M.O.U on any potential maintenance or safety issue closures.

Staff Woods stated that if the City Attorney's office makes major changes to the M.O.U., staff will be bringing it back to the Commission for additional review. Staff Woods welcomed a Commissioner to accompany the M.O.U. forward to Council; Commissioner Croley agreed to move forward with the M.O.U. to Council.

MOTION: Commissioner Swain moved to forward the M.O.U., along with any revisions from the City Attorney, to City Council for their review and approval. Motion carried (7-0).

D. NEW BUSINESS

D-1 PROGRAM EVALUATIONS: 2014 BRIAN WATERBURY MEMORIAL ROCK TO PIER RUN & ROCK'N AROUND THE PIER HALF MARATHON

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file.

Staff Woods presented the program evaluation for the 2014 Brian Waterbury Memorial Rock to Pier Run and Rock'n Around the Pier Half Marathon. This year was the 43rd annual Rock to Pier Run and 3rd annual half marathon. The races started much earlier this year due to the tides and participation was effected. Our entry fees are kept low because we are able to run the races without closing down any roads.

Our cost recovery for this program is targeted at 100%. This event realized a cost recovery of 103% with a profit of approximately \$1000. Next year the event will be held on July 18th with a 7:30 a.m. start time. There were many sponsors of this event, but a notable sponsor is Kitzman Culligan Water. They have provided water for this run over the years and we want to say thank you.

Commissioner Croley asked if staff had received any feedback from the half marathon participants on the portion of the course that takes them off the beach along the path through the Cloisters.

Staff Woods stated that the few comments received this year were favorable. The first year of the race there were perhaps a half dozen complaints, but now in the third year the runners are prepared for the course.

MOTION: Commissioner Bates moved to receive item D-1 for file. Seconded by Commissioner Croley and carried. (7-0)

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Croley left the meeting.

Commissioner Bates stated that he attended the Avocado Margarita Festival for the first time last weekend and requested an update on this activity and for staff to be proactive if the group asks for a different location.

Staff Woods requested some clarity on what the future agenda item would be. Staff Woods explained the process of a Public Area Use Permit, how the permit is reviewed and how conditions for the permit are developed. Commissioner Bates clarified that his desire is for staff to be proactive in helping this group find a location to accommodate their growing event.

Commissioner Swain asked about signage for not allowing dogs in the play area at Del Mar Park. Staff Woods stated that there is no place in the City where a dog is allowed off-leash except at the Dog Park. There are not signs at each play area, but there are signs at each park regarding dogs needing to be on leashes and owners to pick up after their dogs.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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