



**CITY OF MORRO BAY
RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION
A G E N D A**

*The City of Morro Bay is dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of the quality of life.
The City shall be committed to this purpose and will provide a level of municipal service and safety
consistent with and responsive to the needs of the public.*

**Regular Meeting - Thursday, September 17, 2015
Veteran's Memorial Building - 5:30 P.M.
209 Surf Street, Morro Bay, CA**

Chairperson Drew Sidaris

Vice-Chairperson Tom Coxwell
Jeffrey Cox
Al Romero

Kevin Carroll
Bob Swain

ESTABLISH QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

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- When recognized by the Chair, please come forward to the podium and state your name and address for the record. Commission meetings are audio and video recorded and this information is voluntary and desired for the preparation of minutes.
- Comments are to be limited to three minutes.
- All remarks shall be addressed to the Commission, as a whole, and not to any individual member thereof.
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- Please refrain from public displays or outbursts such as unsolicited applause, comments or cheering.
- Any disruptive activities that substantially interfere with the ability of the Commission to carry out its meeting will not be permitted and offenders will be requested to leave the meeting.
- Your participation in Commission meetings is welcome and your courtesy will be appreciated.

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A. CONSENT CALENDAR

A-1 Correspondence/Citizen's Reports

Staff Recommendation: Receive and file.

- A-2 Department Program/Project Status Report
Staff Recommendation: Receive and file.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

D. NEW BUSINESS

- D-1 Consideration of Request by the Morro Bay Historical Society for Renaming of Morro Bay Park

Staff Recommendation: Discuss and make recommendations.

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

F. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn to a regular meeting scheduled at the Veteran's Memorial Building, 209 Surf Street, on November 19, 2015 at 5:30 P.M.

This agenda is subject to amendment up to 72 hours prior to the date and time set for the meeting. Please refer to the agenda posted at the Morro Bay Community Center, 1001 Kennedy Way, for any revisions or call the department at 772-6280 for further information.

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Morro Bay Citizens Bike Committee

Recreation and Parks Department
595 Harbor Street, Morro Bay CA 93442

Dedicated to the advocacy and creation of an efficient interconnected network of safe, scenic bikeways and community paths in the Morro Bay area.

“You can’t ride your bike and not smile.”

April 14, 2015

To: Recreation and Parks Commission
Recreation and Parks Department
Public Works Advisory Board

Citizens Bike Committee met April 8, 2015.

Committee welcomed Mr Rick Sauerwein, Capital Projects and Bike Manager for the City of Morro Bay.

Ms Christine Johnson briefed on the July 4th ribbon cutting ceremony at the new Morro Creek Bridge. Mr Dave Buckingham will emcee and introduce Council and staff and then introduce four speakers – Senator Bill Monning, Assemblyman Katcho Achadjian, Supervisor Bruce Gibson and Mayor Jamie Irons. Special acknowledgement will be given to Representative Lois Capps, Ron De Carli of SLOCOG, Dan Rivoire of Bike Coalition, Geiska Velasquez, Citizens Bike Committee, staff and contractors. An air horn will be blown and children on bicycles will rush through the ribbon, thereby rendering it sundered.

Ms Johnson also briefed on plans for the Bike Parade to immediately follow the ribbon cutting. Bicyclists will ride the new Harborwalk section to Embarcadero Road and thence to Tidelands Park. Bike Valet will park bikes. The City is hosting a family celebration from 12-5 with bands, booths, games and a return engagement of former President Thomas Jefferson. At 2:00 the colors will be presented, Senator Monning will lead the Pledge of Allegiance and Schuyler Evans will sing the National Anthem.

Mr Sauerwein reported that the City has applied for an Active Transportation Program grant to fund a Morro Creek to MBHS Gap Closure project. This will be a continuation of the Harborwalk along Atascadero Road from the new Morro Creek Bridge to Morro Bay High School. The road pavement is wide enough to stripe Class II bike lanes. A pedestrian boardwalk will be constructed parallel to Atascadero Road. Cost estimate is \$600,000. SLOCOG staff supports the project as its No. 2 priority among Class II bicycle projects.

City Manager Dave Buckingham has asked the Committee to “provide a ‘package’ to dramatically improve bike parking in MB. Package should include:

- o rack type
- o locations
- o where specifically at those locations (parking space corral or on the sidewalk)
- o appropriate density of bike spaces per block.

- o funky racks are great, personalized are a bonus (ie, "Morro Bay" racks)

Mr Davis and Mr David Abrecht have volunteered to work on this project. Mr Sauerwien will provide photos of locations. City has already installed racks at Sandprints (2-bike); Bike Shop (4); Police Dept (2); Chamber of Commerce (2); Parklet (4); Giovanni's (2); Centennial Stairway (2); City Hall (4).

Mr Sauerwein will check the status of Bicycle Friendly Community signs. One has been placed on the Class I path near Lila Keiser Park. The Committee recommend in February that additional signs be placed in the following locations:

1. Hwy 41 facing WB traffic, City limits approaching Main St
2. Hwy 1 facing SB at Yerba Buena
3. MB Blvd facing NB from Hwy 1 approaching roundabout
4. South Bay facing NB approaching Twin Bridges
5. State Park Road facing SB south of South Bay
6. Quintana Road facing WB west of South Bay
7. On the Harborwalk near the rest room east of the Rock
8. At entrance to Class I from PG&E driveway west of Lemo's
9. Sequoia facing EB approaching Del Mar School
10. Atascadero Road facing WB between Hwy 1 and MBHS
11. Visitor Center

Mr Davis and Mr Abrecht set up a table at the Emergency Vehicle Show April 18 to promote Bicycle Safety. They gave 80 water bottles to children and adults who signed safety pledges and also gave away maps, ride schedules, DMV bike safety guidelines, bike safety coloring books and Jelly Bellies. Mr Davis plans to set up a similar table at HarborFest October 3 from 12-5 and asked for volunteers to assist.

Mr Davis plans to conduct a Morro Bay Historical Bike Tour in September, jointly sponsored by SLO Bike Club and the Citizens Bike Committee.

Ms Bonnie Johnson reported that City Council approved the Morro Bay Bike Park and she is in the process of submitting revised plans to Planning staff and rewriting insurance documents as recommended by City Attorney. She is planning a fundraising event in August and expects construction to take place in September. The project will be reviewed after six months of operation to see if changes need to be made, such as an additional crosswalk on Main Street north of Radcliffe.

Mr Bob Keller promoted the placement of a crosswalk on Main Street at the intersection of the southbound on ramp to Hwy 1 to facilitate bicyclists crossing from Main Street to the Class I path next to the PG&E property. Mr Sauerwein noted that Caltrans is the lead agency in this area and they need to give permission.

Mr Jeff Brubaker reported that he is changing area of responsibility to cover South County and that Mr John DiNunzio will replace him as SLOCOG's North Coast representative.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:51 pm. Next Committee meeting will be November 4, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Fuller Davis
Chair





AGENDA NO: A-2

MEETING DATE: 9/17/2015

STAFF REPORT

TO: Recreation and Parks Commission
FROM: Recreation Services Division Staff
SUBJECT: Recreation Department Status Report

DATE: 9/17/2015

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends Commission review the current Status Report and accept for file.

SUMMARY:

The following is a brief review of the status of current projects/programs.

City Website/Recreation and Parks Pages/Facebook

Staff continues to add content and update the webpages as needed including calendar items such as program sign-up dates. The department is using the City's Facebook page to announce program registration, upcoming events, and other important as well as interesting information as it arises.

Estero Bay Community Radio – The Rock 97.3

Department staff can now be heard on The Rock 97.3 every Monday morning at 8:10 a.m. Staff is using this time to promote our programs, activities, facility rentals and special events. Staff has invited various community groups that support recreational elements to join them on occasion.

Recreational Classes

The Department offers recreational classes that focus on various physical fitness and enrichment opportunities to enhance the quality life of each participant. The Department is proud to be offering three new classes to the community. A new children's music class is set to begin in late September.

Morro Bay Senior Citizens, Inc. (MBSCI)

The Morro Bay Senior Citizens, Inc. is in the process of long-term financial planning, as well as, marketing their 501(c3) Non-Profit organization. The MBSCI continues to offer BINGO on the 1st Friday of each month, along with their exercise and enrichment programs.

Adult Softball Spring League

Summer Fall Adult Softball Leagues are nearing the end of the season tournaments. We currently have 10 Coed teams, 6 Master's teams and 5 Men's teams. The Summer/Fall league play 12 games with an end of the season tournament.

Morro Bay Junior Lifeguards

This summer we have a total of 160 boys and girls participating in the 2 sessions of Junior Lifeguards. We also had 14 volunteers and 11 paid staff. A Go Pro video was shot during both sessions and can be viewed by visiting the sports website www.leaguelineup.com/mbsports and clicking on the video links on the home page.

Morro Rock Beach Camp

This summer 60 boys and girls participated in this program in three sessions.

Estero Bay Youth Soccer

Open day for the 2015 Estero Bay Youth Soccer League was held on September 12, 2015. This year we have 200 boys and girls ages 4 to 14 participating.

Brian Waterbury Memorial Rock to Pier Run and Rock'n Around the Pier Half Marathon

The Brian Waterbury Memorial Rock to Pier Run and Rock'n Around the Pier Half Marathon was held on July 18, 2015. We had 972 participants in the Rock to Pier Run and 216 participants in the Half Marathon. A new course record was set in the Men's Rock to Pier Run—Cameron Miller 29:47 and the Women's Half Marathon—Lan Clayton 1:31:47. Cameron holds the records for both the Rock to Pier Run and the Half Marathon.

Labor Day Classic

The 2015 Labor Day Classic Men's Softball Tournament was held on September 5-6, 2015. This year we had 17 teams. The winning team was Hinson's Tires from Morro Bay. Home Run total still being calculated.

Estero Bay Youth Flag Football

New to the Morro Bay Recreation lineup is Estero Bay Youth Flag Football. We are participating in the NFL Flag program and participants will be wearing NFL reversible jerseys. Plan to start the league on September 21.

Estero Bay Youth Basketball

Registration for the 2015 Estero Bay Youth Basketball League will begin on September 21. Assessments are slated to be held on November 21 at Morro Bay High School Old Gym. New this year is team sponsors to assist with the cost of the jerseys. For \$90 a team you will get your business name on the jersey and a name/logo on the banner to be hung in the gyms. For more information on sponsorship, please contact Karen at ksweeny@morro-bay.ca.us. Sponsorship forms can be found on the sports website www.leaguelineup.com/mbsports on the handouts page. Volunteer coaches are being sought. Be a hero in a child's life and volunteer to coach today.

Kids' Club Children's Center

Kids' Club currently has a full enrollment for the 2015/16 school year. Kids' Club is a before and after school program for Del Mar Elementary students in Transitional Kindergarten through 5th Grades. Kids' Club is located on the Del Mar Elementary School campus and is open every day school is in session for before and after school enrichment.

Rockies – The Morro Bay Teen Center and Skate Park

Rockies is a safe and healthy alternative for local youth. The Teen Center is currently open to all youth in 7th through 12th grades. The Skate Park is open to all ages and helmets are required. Rockies is open M-F/3-7 p.m. & Sat. /1-7 p.m.

Morro Bay Teen Action Club (TAC)

The TAC continues to participate in the Adopt-A-Park program at Lila Keiser Park. TAC continues to actively seek community service opportunities within the city because it is part of their mission to "give back to the city" for providing teenagers a place to go after school. The TAC recently assisted

with the Rock to Pier Run at the finish line, provided a kiddie-carnival during the Merchant's Summer Street Faire, and distributed posters/flyers for the Avocado and Margarita Festival.

Playground Audits

Staff is working with the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority (CJPIA) to conduct independent Certified Playground Safety Inspector audits of all of our playground facilities. Staff expects that the outcome of these audits will provide a baseline for budgeting playground repairs and/or playground replacement. Additionally, Staff expects to gain insight into performing well documented self audits of City playgrounds going forward. The audits are currently scheduled for 7/16/15-7/17/15.



AGENDA NO: B-1

Meeting Date: September 17, 2015

PUBLIC HEARINGS

NONE



AGENDA NO: C-1

Meeting Date: September 17, 2015

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NONE

Franklin Riley

Franklin Riley founded the town of Morro Bay. After acquiring a homestead grant in 1864, he built the first house in Morro Bay in the block bounded by Morro Bay Blvd, Main Street, Harbor and Morro Streets.

He laid out a townsite in 1872 and built a pier, an *embarcadero*, on the edge of the bay between Morro Bay Blvd and Harbor Street, about where the Centennial Parkway lies now. He built a warehouse above the wharf that served as a shipping point for local farmers who produced grain, wool and cheese as well as lumber.

As a measure to tame the wind that blew sand throughout the town and "filled the houses and was blown into the water wells," he planted cypress and eucalyptus trees along the streets. He built a nursery and sold seedlings to anyone who wished to plant them.

Three of our parks are currently named after individuals who performed valuable services for the City – Monte Young, who donated \$25,000 to help maintain the back bay through dredging operations; Lila Keiser, a former Council member who secured a lease of 10 acres of parkland from PG&E; and Arthur Coleman, who successfully brokered efforts to dredge the harbor, connect a road from Morro Rock to the Embarcadero and build a waterfront park.

We have nothing in Morro Bay at this time that memorializes our founding citizen, Franklin Riley. The Historical Society of Morro Bay supports a proposal to name a City park in honor of Franklin Riley.

Members of the Society support a variety of options in this regard, please see below.

I propose City Park as a memorial to Franklin Riley. City Park lies at the northern entrance to our city and is the first public space that visitors see as they enter town. It lies in the heart of Morro Bay – surrounded by the Police Station, Fire Station, Transit Center, Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center, City Hall, the Library, Post Office and the Community Center.

City Park is a vibrant and vital center of civic activity – The Holiday Tree Lighting, Art in the Park, the Police Department's Annual Night Out, K-9 Walk-a-Thon. It is where our City time capsule is buried, where we honor our veterans with a memorial and where we fly banners to announce important community events.

I believe that City Park is the most fitting memorial to the man who founded Morro Bay.

Red Davis

Also, have you considered Bay Shores park, North side of The View, before you enter the golf course. It is already set up with a picnic area and bathrooms

Cathy Ryan

One of the players (HSMB or the City) will have to fund a marker or new sign for whatever we chose to do. From my recent experience a bronze plaque with

Franklin's picture and some text will be in the \$700 to \$1000 range. A sign could be about the same. The bluff above Tideland or some similar location lends itself to a Hidden History kind of panel and could become part of that project.

Roger Castle

First of all I want to say that I am not against this idea. I do however want to ask if consideration has been given to any other location. The reason I as is because if "Morro Bay Park" is re named there will no longer be a park in Morro Bay that honors the City in general. This could create some level of resistance (or not). It seems logical to select that park however we may want to look at all available locations prior to selecting a park. Since he planted the eucalyptus all over town has consideration been given to the bluff above Tideland Park that overlooks the bay? It is a natural area with viewing benches. What is the selection criteria?

Just thoughts that came top of mind as I was considering all aspects of a name change and not just the honor that Mr. Riley deserves. I just don't want us to create an unwarranted firestorm out of good intentions.

Again, I am not against the idea. I am just putting some thinking points forward. Thanks for listening.

Joan Solu

Red sent us an email this morning about this.

I support re-naming City Park to Franklin Riley Park.

And, whatever backing Red needs, I'm fully behind the HSMB providing that backing.

Victoria Berry

I agree with Joan's assessment of the Riley Park. Naming the space on the bluff at the south end of Morro St. is a good idea because it is a passive park which gives people to rest and enjoy the area in peace under the trees he imported, etc. We can put a panel there with the history of our founder.

Franklin Riley came to town because he was looking for a place to start a town and he chose this place because it was not a part of the rancho lands. It bordered two of the large ranchos but had not been homesteaded. It was ideal to develop. He is the one who brought the seeds of the early trees as wind breaks and planned the town.

Ezra Stocking arrived in 1870, bought land from Riley and built the first store at Main and MB Blvd on the south western corner facing Main St.. The U.S. Post Office was in his store 1870. He wrote letters to his brother J.C. Stocking and persuaded him to move to the new town. He and his family arrived in 1872 and he purchased property 44 acres south of South St.. Morro and Main St were on the map from original map from 1872. The stories of the two brothers are in *Morro Bay's Yesterdays*. Their stories are interesting and they have many family members here today.

This idea should not be rushed through the city. The idea to name a park for Franklin Riley is good but after the parklet people need to discuss it.

Linda Estes

RESOLUTION NO. 78□80 adopted by Council September 22, 1980
RESOLUTION ADOPTING A PARK NAMING POLICY

1. Parks will be named by their location in the city; either by proximity to a geological feature, location in a subdivision tract, or fronting on a street, such as Morro Rock Park – such as Del Mar Park – such as Hemlock Park.

These places can be named after persons when:

- 1) The person has been primarily instrumental in obtaining donation of funds or land for the facility.
- 2) The person donates the land (or funds to purchase the land) and desires to have the facility named in his/her honor.
- 3) A person has been deceased for more than two years and the City Council believes the person's contribution to the aspect of the City which the facility represents were of such a value to the City that the person's memory should be honored by the naming of the facility.

NOTES:

In 1964, a few months before the Morro Bay became incorporated, the City was collecting donations to help dredge areas within the bay. It was at that time a blank check (not to exceed \$25,000) from Mr. Monte Young was given to the City to help maintain the back bay. As a show of appreciation the City named this small park after a man who made a large donation to his community.

In the early 70's former Morro Bay City Council Woman, Mrs. Lila H. Keiser (1900-1988) helped secured a land-lease deal with Pacific Gas and Electric for 10 acres of property located near Morro Bay High School. This property was developed into public park land, which included the only baseball/softball field within the City.

In the early 1950's (before Morro Bay became an Incorporated City), Mr. Arthur E. Coleman began the efforts to get the Morro Bay Harbor dredged, connect a road from Morro Rock to the waterfront area (now named the Embarcadero) and to build a waterfront park for children and visiting families. Mr. Coleman was successful in his efforts and thus Coleman Park was born.