

MINUTES – MORRO BAY RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING – August 19, 2015

VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING – 6 P.M.

PRESENT: Chair Drew Sidaris, Commissioner Kevin Carroll, Commissioner Jeffrey Cox, Commissioner Al Romero, Commissioner Robert Swain, Recreation Supervisor Karen Sweeny and Recreation Supervisor Heather Salyer-Frith. **Absent:** Commissioners Coxwell and Croley.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Sidaris called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PRESENTATION

<https://youtu.be/f0mLgXMTyQ8?t=1m7s>

Ron Reisner of the Morro Bay Community Foundation Board of Directors presented a check to the City of Morro Bay for \$36,353. The money was raised by the Foundation between July 1, 2014, and June 30, 2015, to pay a portion of the fees for children from lower-income families to participate in City of Morro Bay youth sports and enrichment programs.

PUBLIC COMMENT

<https://youtu.be/f0mLgXMTyQ8?t=5m59s>

Ron Reisner, as a member of the Morro Bay Community Foundation Board of Directors, asked that the Commission consider the effect an increase in fees would have on children from lower-income families who participate in City sports and enrichment programs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

<https://youtu.be/f0mLgXMTyQ8?t=9m20s>

Commissioner Cox said a special program called Pickleball in the Park took place today at Del Mar Park. More than 100 participants from throughout California and beyond demonstrated the growing popularity of the game.

PUBLIC COMMENT

<https://youtu.be/f0mLgXMTyQ8?t=10m41s>

Marti Hovdal of Morro Bay said disc golf is an up-and-coming sport and she would like to see a 9-hole course installed at Del Mar Park. She said she would like to give a more detailed presentation at the next meeting.

BUSINESS

1. CONSIDERATION OF RECREATION SERVICES DIVISION PROGRAM FEES & COST RECOVERY

<https://youtu.be/f0mLgXMTyQ8?t=12m21s>

Recreation Supervisor Salyer-Frith presented a Staff Report on the Recreation Services Division's current program cost recovery model. Cost recovery is the percentage of funds that come back to the city from a specific activity to cover the costs of that activity. She said the City's consultant, Management Partners Inc., has suggested that the City work toward ensuring appropriate cost recovery. Recreation Services has implemented a cost recovery model that establishes targets for recovery levels based on program type. She asked the Commission to review the information provided in the report and make a recommendation to the City Council concerning the Recreation Services Division's program cost recovery model.

Commissioners discussed the levels of cost recovery for various Recreation Division programs and asked questions of Staff concerning costs and funding for various programs.

MOTION: Commissioner Swain moved to recommend to City Council that the Teen Center be moved down one level on the Cost Recovery Pyramid to the Mostly Community Benefit (Basic Service) category. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cox and carried unanimously, 5-0.

MOTION: Commissioner Cox moved to have Teen Center participants make an annual presentation to the Commission so Commissioners could get direct feedback from the teens about Teen Center activities. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Carroll and passed unanimously, 5-0.

MOTION: Commissioner Swain moved to recommend to City Council that the Junior Lifeguard Program be moved down one level to the Individual/Community Benefit (Merit Service) level. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Romero and passed unanimously, 5-0.

MOTION: Commissioner Cox moved to recommend to City Council that adult sports programs be moved up one Level from Merit Service to Private Service to compensate for possible loss of income that could result from moving the Teen Center and the Junior Lifeguard Program to lower cost-recovery levels. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Romero and passed unanimously, 5-0.

Chair Sidaris asked Staff for more information on two events currently classified as Basic Service (0 – 10% cost recovery). Recreation Supervisor Salyer-Frith explained that the Spaghetti Dinner is a fundraiser, with all proceeds going to youth scholarships for sports activities, and that the Tree Lighting has been discontinued.

Chair Sidaris asked Staff to come back at a future date with a more detailed budget, which would allow Commissioners to make better, more informed decisions. Salyer-Frith said that was a current Staff goal.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m. to the next regular Recreation and Parks Commission meeting on **Thursday, September 17, 2015**, at 5:30 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Building, 209 Surf Street, Morro Bay, California.

Recorded by:

Tiffany Porter
Administrative Assistant