

**MINUTES  
RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION  
CITY OF MORRO BAY  
MARCH 9, 2006**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chair Leabah Winter.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Commissioners House, Munoz, Mahan, Hensley, Chair Winter; Staff Lueker, Wright.

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Solu (excused), Commissioner Hale (excused).

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**IN REGARD TO PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 9, 2006 MEETING**

It was moved and seconded to accept the Minutes of the February 9, 2006 meeting for file. M/S/C (House/Hensley).

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Director Lueker announced the Morro Bay Community Foundation Chamber of Commerce Mixer on Thursday, March 16, 2006 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.; Dixon's Annual Spaghetti Dinner on Friday from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m. and the 3rd Annual Art Show and Silent Auction on Saturday from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. The proceeds from all these events will benefit the Morro Bay Community Foundation Scholarship Fund.

**A. NEW BUSINESS**

**A-1 REVIEW OF THE COUNTY WIDE COMMISSIONERS WORKSHOP**

Chair Winter reported there were about 40-50 people in attendance. There was a panel discussion on how to be an effective Commissioner and the interrelationship of different entities. The County Parks and Recreation element is going before the Joint County Planning Commission and Parks Commission on May 11<sup>th</sup>. It will then go back to staff and then to the County Board of Supervisors.

No action required.

## **A-2 RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION REPRESENTATION AT CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Director Lueker stated that several years ago the Commission discussed the importance of having a Commissioner available at City Council meetings when the agenda contained an item forwarded by the Commission. The Commissioner has the ability to speak during the public comment section regarding the item and is available to answer specific questions from the City Council regarding the item.

Commissioner Hensley felt it was a good idea.

Commissioner House stated everyone is free to go and felt there is more pressure with the public being there. Did not think having one person there would be helpful, cited the Dog Park for an example.

Director Lueker said other cities feel it is helpful to have Commissioners present, not just the public.

Chair Winter said they would discuss it at the meeting prior and if a Commissioner couldn't go then she would plan to attend as Chair.

Commissioner Mahan felt a Commissioner's presence would add more weight and additional information.

A motion was made that the Recreation and Parks Commission will try to have a Commissioner at City Council meetings when an item from the Commission is being presented. M/S/C (Winter/House)

## **A-3 RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURE AND REVENUE REPORT**

Director Lueker informed the Commission about the current status of the expenditures and revenues as of January 31, 2006 in the Recreation and Parks Department. The Department experienced severe budget reductions in the fiscal year 2005/2006 budget (\$320,000) including programs, services and staffing. Other challenges included the adjustment of cost recovery rates for programs and the increase in the revenue goals for the Youth Services, Recreational Sports and Facilities Divisions.

Commissioner Hensley suggested using volunteers at the Skate Park, perhaps opening two hours earlier on Saturday to provide more access.

Director Lueker said staff could look at the use of volunteers.

Commissioner House asked about the Tides and the effect of not publishing it.

Director Lueker stated we haven't seen much difference in the revenue generation but we will be bringing this item back. She added that without the Youth Services Winter and Spring Camps there has been some decline in revenue.

Chair Winter asked if the Department had been getting any feed back about not having Teen Dances or Kick Backs.

Staff replied we have gotten a lot of calls about these events.

Commissioner House asked about preventative maintenance.

Staff replied that we have noticed that things are not being taken care of.

Chair Winter asked Director Lueker if a portion of her salary would be addressed in the proposed budget.

Director Lueker said she is not sure when the expenditure budgets are due but a workshop hearing is scheduled in May.

It was moved and seconded to accept this report for file. M/S/C (House/Munoz).

## **B. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **B-1 RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT STATUS REPORT**

Director Lueker reviewed the Status Report and noted the following updates:

**Cloisters Assessment District** –The most current printout shows with 65% of the year gone our expenditures are at 43%.

**Tides on the Web – The completed Tides Web Guide in online and available for viewing at [.morro-bay.ca.us](http://morro-bay.ca.us)** on the City Department page. Staff is performing minor updates on the document on a monthly basis and major changes seasonally.

**Photovoltaic Project** – The outreach display for the Community Center lobby was installed yesterday. The City will now request the final payment of \$8,000 from the Air Pollution Control District and the project will be complete. The most recent printouts show significant savings.

**Youth Basketball Program** – The season is winding down with end of season tournaments occurring the first weekends in March. Program numbers were 250 last year and 198 this year. The participation is primarily down at the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade levels.

**Program Registration** – The Department has purchased a new registration system that will enable participants to register online for programs. The expected date for implementation is mid to late April. Tech support for our current registration program is being discontinued.

**Off Leash Dog Park** – The City Council unanimously designated the northwest corner of Del Mar Park for a Dog Park and directed staff to look into insurance methods and forming a non-profit group.

Staff reported the City Council also unanimously adopted the Teen Center Master

Plan and adopted a Resolution to the Boards and Commissions By-laws amending the attendance requirements.

It was moved and seconded to accept the Recreation and Parks Department Status Report for file. M/S/C (Munoz/Hensley).

**C. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

**C-1 CITIZENS' REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

Director Lueker mentioned the report from the February 1, 2006 Citizen's Bike Committee meeting and the 'Advocacy Update' stating the top ten reasons parks are important.

It was moved and seconded to accept these reports from file. M/S/C (House/Munoz).

**D. REPORTS**

**D-1 YOUTH SERVICES SUMMARY FOR JANUARY 2006**

**D-2 SPORTS AND FITNESS SUMMARY FOR JANUARY 2006**

**D-3 FACILITIES AND PARK USE SUMMARY FOR JANUARY 2006**

It was moved and seconded to accept the following reports for file: Youth Services for January 2006; Sports and Fitness Summary for January 2006; Facilities and Park Use for January 2006. M/S/C (House/Munoz).

**D-4 SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

None

**D-5 COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

None

**E. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

**DECLARATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Commissioner House requested a status report on the Morro Elementary property and whether the City of Morro Bay will have the right of first refusal.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m. M/S/C (House/Munoz).

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**

**BARBARA WRIGHT  
ADMINISTRATIVE TECHNICIAN**

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