

**MINUTES
RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION
CITY OF MORRO BAY
APRIL 6, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m. by Chair Leabah Winter.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Pat Ayotte, Morro Bay – Opposed to Dog Park at Del Mar. Was not a good place three years ago and three members of the Council voted on it previously. Showed photos of northwest corner along creek during recent storms.

Scott Graves, Morro Bay – Asked if Harbor Walk project had been approved, suggested putting Dog Park there.

Jeannie McIntosh, Morro Bay – Biggest concern is traffic on the narrow street. Del Mar will no longer be a neighborhood park but a destination.

Betty Ayotte, Morro Bay – Article in Bay News was misleading. Area has not been a Dog Park for the past years, rather a small group with a permit.

Mike Anderson, Morro Bay – Lived across the creek for 25 years. Creek has flattened Chevron fence three times. A structure would get wiped out.

IN REGARD TO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Director Lueker believes the Harbor Walk project was conditionally approved by the Coastal Commission. It is scheduled to be on the City Council Agenda on April 10, 2006.

Commissioner Solu asked about the property at the south end of Tidelands.

Director Lueker the area has two benches and the size is prohibitive for a Dog Park.

Chair Winter inquired about the property at the north end of the Embarcadero past the Fisherman's Gear Storage.

Director Lueker replied that area would also require approval from the Coastal Commission.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MARCH 9, 2006 MEETING

Chair Winter noted the fourth sentence on page three should read: *'Staff replied that we have noticed that things are not being taken care of'*. It was moved and seconded to accept the Minutes of the February 9, 2006 meeting as corrected for file. M/S/C (House/Munoz).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Director Lueker introduced new Commissioner Christi Hale and welcomed her to the Commission. She also mentioned she had handed out a copy of the Staff Report about the Off Leash Dog Park that is on the City Council Agenda Monday night.

It was moved and seconded to address Item A-2 at this time. M/S/C (House/Munoz).

A. NEW BUSINESS

A-2 CONSIDERATION OF SENDING CITY COUNCIL A LETTER REGARDING THE COMMISSIONS' RECOMMENDATION ON AN OFF LEASH DOG PARK

Director Lueker asked if the Commission would be interested in forwarding a letter to the City Council regarding their recommendations on an Off Leash Dog Park.

Commissioner Solu reported she had made a trip to El Chorro and traveled back to Morro Bay at ten miles an hour slower than the speed limit. It took ten minutes and thirty seconds to reach Morro Bay Boulevard at the south end of the City and fifteen minutes and twenty-six seconds to reach Zanzibar Street at the north end of the City. She added that it is a beautiful regional park and does not believe Del Mar is an area for a Dog Park as it is made for children with a basketball court, roller hockey rink, playground and future tennis courts. She added at the current time the City is not fiscally prepared to take on this project.

Commissioner House said the Commission has discussed this item since 2002 and suggests the City Council read the Staff Reports and Minutes regarding the Commissions' recommendations. We don't have the monies for this project. He would like the Staff Reports and Minutes included with the letter to the City Council.

It was moved and seconded to write a letter to the City Council regarding the Dog Park and include the Staff Reports and Minutes from the Commission dating back to 2002. Commissioner Solu asked to include that Del Mar Park was not an option. M/S/C (House/Munoz). Commissioner Solu will write the letter.

A-1 RECOMMENDATION ON THE GREEN CITIES DECLARATION: URBAN ENVIRONMENTAL ACCORDS

Director Lueker stated the City Council moved to direct staff to present the information and staff report to all boards and commissions to choose three items to

focus upon and to submit recommendations to the City Council by the end of May.

Commissioner House asked how can we vote to approve this, spend money on these things we have no control over. Staff has already spent sixty hours on this at \$70 per hour. Personally he will not vote to send any of these suggestions to the City Council.

Commissioner Solu suggested the Commission table this discussion until a member of PWAB can be present at the meeting.

Commissioner Munoz like item 8 with regard to a possible bike path in conjunction with the Harbor Walk project.

Chair Winter stated we have been directed to forward three items to the City Council. She like items 16 and 19.

Commissioner Hale mentioned item 16.

Commissioner Solu also mentioned item 16 as well as item 20 with regard to the Dog Park.

Chair Winter also suggested item 14 which we are already doing.

It was moved and seconded to forward action items 8, 16 and 20 to the City Council with the condition they be met within the spirit of the accords and not to be met within the letter of the law and that they are goals we are trying to achieve. M/S/C (Winter/Munoz) The vote was 5-2 with Commissioners House and Solu voting no.

B. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

B-1 RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT STATUS REPORT

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

Skate Park – Beginning April 24, 2006 the Spring Hours will begin with the park being open Monday/ Wednesday/Friday from 3:00 p.m. to dusk and Saturday and Sunday from noon to 5:00 p.m.

Spring Break – During Spring Break both the Teen Center and Skate Park will be closed.

Cloisters Assessment District –The March and April printouts will be available at the May meeting.

Program Registration – Staff continues to input data from classes and facility rentals in order to ready the program for registration. Participants may create an account including their family and personal information in anticipation of the programming going live. Press releases have been distributed to local newspapers about the new registration program.

Morro Bay Community Foundation – A complete report of the Annual Spaghetti Dinner and 3rd Annual Art Show and Silent Auction will be available at the May meeting.

Special Event Policy – The Special Event Policy the Commission forwarded to the City Council is tentatively scheduled for the first meeting in May. It was moved and seconded to accept the Recreation and Parks Department Status Report for file. M/S/C (Munoz/Mahan).

C. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

C-1 CITIZENS' REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Director Lueker mentioned the reports from the March 1, 2006 and April 5, 2006 Citizen's Bike Committee meetings.

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

D. REPORTS

D-1 YOUTH SERVICES SUMMARY FOR FEBRUARY 2006

D-2 SPORTS AND FITNESS SUMMARY FOR FEBRUARY 2006

D-3 FACILITIES AND PARK USE SUMMARY FOR FEBRUARY 2006

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

D-4 SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

None

D-5 COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner House reported on the 20th Anniversary Party that was held at the Library last Saturday. There were great exhibits from the past twenty years.

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

DECLARATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner House mentioned the Morro Elementary property. Staff will bring this back to the May meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:19 p.m. M/S/C (Munoz/House).

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

**BARBARA WRIGHT
ADMINISTRATIVE TECHNICIAN**

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