

**MINUTES
RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION
CITY OF MORRO BAY
SEPTEMBER 7, 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 Hale, Solu, Hensley, House, Mahan, Chair Winter; Staff Lueker, Wright.

ABSENT: Commissioner Munoz (absent).

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

IN REGARD TO PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 3, 2006 MEETING

It was moved and seconded to accept the Minutes of the August 3, 2006 meeting for file. M/S/C (House/Solu).

Commissioner Munoz arrived.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff Lueker announced an Open House Celebration at the Morro Bay Teen Center featuring the unveiling of a framed United States Constitution and a Reading Center Dedication. It will be held on Tuesday, September 19th from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. The public is invited.

A. NEW BUSINESS

A-1 NEW FUTURES COMMITTEE PRESENTATION

Nancy Castle stated the New Futures Committee was appointed by the City Council to investigate alternative uses for the power plant property. A community workshop will be held on Saturday, September 30, 2006 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and the public is encouraged to attend and provide opinions and views. More information is available by visiting the website at [.newfutures.morro-bay.com](http://newfutures.morro-bay.com).

Commissioner House asked if anyone was considering the Waterfront Master Plan.

Bill Newman of the New Futures Committee said they are aware of it and giving it full consideration.

A-2 RECOMMENDATION TO REPLACE PLAY STRUCTURE AT DEL MAR PARK

Staff Lueker asked the Commission approve and recommend to the City Council the use of up to \$90,000 of Proposition 40 Per Capita Funds to replace the large play structure at Del Mar Park. She said Del Mar Park was constructed in 1980 and at that time the wooden play structure was installed. In recent years significant repairs have been made to keep the structure in a safe working condition. Staff hoped to have another grant similar to the CIWMB grant, which was used to replace the playgrounds at Lila Keiser Park and Monte Young Park, but those types of grants do not look favorable at this time. Miracle Recreation performed a site visit and submitted the proposed layout of the area to include two walkways and the placement of two new play structures. Each structure has options in the form of play panels, three on each structure, and staff would like input on the panel selection for each structure. Following the Commission's input on the panels, staff will show the panel options to the children at Kids Club for a final recommendation, which will then be submitted to the City Council for approval.

Commissioner Mahan asked if Miracle had any structures that were less plastic and said she liked the playground at Tideland Park because children can play more creatively.

Staff replied that plastic lasts longer and children prefer the bright colors. She added we could look in to other vendors but would like to stay with those on the CMAS (California Multiple Awards Schedule) list because we are not required to go out to bid.

Commissioner Hale commented on acquiring equipment that had a high recyclable content. She also agreed with Commissioner Mahan about not having equipment that looks like what is already in our other parks, but add some different or unique items.

Staff replied they could come back with some alternative ideas.

Commissioner House asked if a delay in purchasing the equipment would cost more money.

Staff replied they did not foresee the cost going up.

Commissioner Solu commented we should look at durability and creativity. She suggested replacing the slides with something else. She also mentioned possibly replacing one of the current swings with a basket type swing for the younger children.

Commissioner Mahan agreed that we did not need all the slides that are shown on

the proposed structures, different elements are needed and mentioned a zip line.

Commissioner Hale asked if Miracle could come back with other options. Perhaps Choice A or B and let the kids choose.

Staff replied we would let Miracle know we want creativity. They know what we have. She asked if the Commission was comfortable to move ahead with approving the use of up to \$90,000 of Proposition 40 Funds to replace the playground equipment at Del Mar Park.

It was moved and seconded to approve up to \$90,000 of Proposition 40 Funds to upgrade the playground equipment at Del Mar Park. M/S/C (House/Solu).

B. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

B-1 CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON PARK RESERVATION POLICIES

Staff Lueker asked the Commission to review the information regarding park reservations and provide input so staff can return with a draft policy at a future meeting. She added that during the Parks Tour the Commission discussed designating the turf areas as reservable under the Public Area Use Permit process but the importance of the other amenities in the parks remaining open to the public.

Commissioner Solu asked if mapped areas were available to review.

Staff will bring back to the Commission in October a draft policy along with pictures and mapping of the proposed designated areas.

Commissioner House inquired if there was a fee schedule in place for these reservation policies.

Staff said the we will use the existing fee schedule.

B-1 RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT STATUS REPORT

Staff Lueker reviewed the Recreation and Parks Department Status Report. She mentioned that the final Cloisters expenditure print out was not available.

Commissioner House said he thought the Harbor Fund funded maintenance of the restrooms on the waterfront.

Staff replied the Harbor Fund funds a portion of the maintenance.

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

C. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

C-1 CITIZENS' REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

It was moved and seconded to the correspondence from the Morro Bay Citizens

Bike Committee for file. M/S/C (Munoz/House).

D. REPORTS

D-1 YOUTH SERVICES SUMMARY FOR JULY 2006

D-2 SPORTS AND FITNESS SUMMARY FOR JULY 2006

D-3 FACILITIES AND PARK USE SUMMARY FOR JULY 2006

Commissioner Winter asked if there was a reduction of children and said we should let the community know scholarships are available.

Staff replied there are less children in school. She added that there have been no comments on our fees and that the Foundation Scholarship amounts have been increased.

Commissioner Solu suggested asking the Principal at Del Mar if we could advertise our Department programs on the kiosk at Del Mar School. She added that we put that scholarships are available on the class flyers.

Staff will check with Del Mar School.

Commissioner House stated he attended the Economic Forecast Conference in San Luis Obispo and said the lack of middle-income jobs is forcing people to leave the area, Morro Bay is reported to have only 1.75 people per household. Commissioner House suggested the Teen Center plan a trip to take the kids Sportfishing.

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

D-4 SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Commissioner Winter reported Cuesta College is holding Emeritus Classes for those 50+ at the Community Center and there is no charge for the classes. Cuesta is also offering some Community Classes and there are charges for those classes. The Senior Citizens are collecting hearing aids that are in working order.

D-5 COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Hale reminded the community that September 16, 2006 is Beach Clean-up Day.

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

DECLARATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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None

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m. M/S/C (Munoz/House).

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

**BARBARA WRIGHT
ADMINISTRATIVE TECHNICIAN**

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