

**MINUTES
RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION
CITY OF MORRO BAY
DECEMBER 7, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Leabah Winter.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob Dixon, Morro Bay - Read a letter regarding the Appreciation Event held at the Teen Center on September 17, 2006. Mentioned the Teen Center Helping Hands Account and if anyone is interested in making a donation contact Heather Salyer-Frith or Frankie VanHooser.

IN REGARD TO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Commissioner House urged the public to make donations to the Teen Center Account. He also mentioned that today is Pearl Harbor Day.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 5, 2006 MEETING

It was moved and seconded to accept the Minutes of the October 5, 2006 meeting for file. M/S/C (Hale/Munoz).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff Lueker stated that Propositions 1C and 84 that passed in November could provide up to \$900 million to local recreation programs. Staff will keep track of grant opportunities. She mentioned that Land and Water Conservation Funds (a Federal Grant Program) could be going away. She announced the Annual County Commissioners Workshop would be held February 24, 2007 at Hearst Castle.

A. NEW BUSINESS

A-1 REVIEW OF THE DRAFT RENTAL POLICY FOR THE TEEN CENTER

Staff recommends the Commission review, amend and recommend the attached Teen Center Rental Policy to the City Council. After much review, staff is

supporting limited rental ability to the public. Staff believes that opening up the rental of the Teen Center would be beneficial to the local community in providing another safe venue for teens, generate some income to the Department which may allow for added hours of general operation and possibly increase the attendance to the Teen Center by attracting some students to come back during normal operating hours after attending a private rental.

Staff Salyer-Frith reviewed the 'draft guidelines' and answered questions from the Commission. She said the rental guidelines also apply during regular hours and cover the basic needs.

The Commissioners expressed concern with a number of the guidelines. They felt the chaperones should be at least 21 years of age, perhaps have a sliding scale on the number in attendance and that revenues from the rentals go to the Teen Center Helping Hands Account rather than the General Fund.

Staff will bring back in January revised guidelines for rental of the Teen Center incorporating the concerns of the Commission.

No action required.

A-2 RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

Staff presented to the Commission the current status of the expenditures and revenues through October 31, 2006, 33% of the fiscal year passed. The revenues received are all within a range that does not create any concern at this time and in the top three Divisions they exceed expectations at this point in the year. Additionally, the revenues and expenses should generally be within 5-10% of each other, which is the case.

It was moved and seconded to accept Item A-2 Recreation and Parks Department revenue and Expenditure Report for file. M/S/C (House/Solu).

B. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

B-1 UPDATE ON THE DEL MAR PARK PLAYGROUND PROJECT

Staff recommended the Commission review the update regarding the Del Mar Park Playground Project and forward a recommendation for consideration at the December 11, 2006 City Council meeting regarding funding. Staff also recommends a Commissioner attend the City Council meeting to answer any questions concerning the Commission discussion's discussion.

Staff took the Commission's original recommendation to the City Council on October 23, 2006. The City Council discussed the project and asked staff to come back with information regarding the possibility of using the funding for repair of the parking lot. Based on that meeting, staff proposes to increase the allocation of Per Capita Funds from \$90,000 to \$110,000 that would include enough funding to provide

approximately 30 tons of asphalt, slurry coating and restriping of the parking lot in addition to the playground rehabilitation.

Commissioner Solu said the students at Del Mar School were thrilled to hear about the new playground. The entire school voted on the choices presented to them and chose 'Big Timber' and the 'Pegasus Climbing Tower'. She stated the playground takes precedence over the parking lot.

Commissioner Hensley concurred.

Commissioner House asked if the parking lot would require more repairs down the road if we do not repair it now.

Commissioner Solu inquired about it deteriorating during construction of the tennis courts, destroying it worse than it is now.

Staff Lueker replied it would be part of the bid package to leave the parking lot in similar condition at the end of the project.

It was moved and seconded to recommend to the City Council to go ahead with the renovation of the Del Mar Park Playground but not with the parking lot at this time, as it will have to be done after the tennis courts are constructed. M/S/C (House/Hensley).

Commissioner Solu will attend the City Council meeting on December 11, 2006.

B-2 RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT STATUS REPORT

Staff Lueker reviewed the Recreation and Parks Department Status Report.

Commissioner Solu commented there are currently 27 Youth Basketball teams and 14 coaches. If anyone is interested in coaching, contact Karen Sweeny at the Recreation and Parks Department.

Commissioner Mahan asked about the staffing needs and rate of pay.

Staff Lueker replied scorekeepers and officials are paid by the game and the Youth and Adult Sports Coordinators salaries range from \$12 - \$13 per hour.

Chair Winter inquired about expediting the Tennis Court project by pulling it off the Capital Projects list and bringing it back to the Recreation and Parks Department.

Staff Lueker replied staff is looking at that and will bring back the status to the Commission.

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 accept the Citizen's Reports and Correspondence for file. M/S/C (House/Munoz).

D. REPORTS**D-1 YOUTH SERVICES SUMMARY FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2006****D-2 SPORTS AND FITNESS SUMMARY FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2006****D-3 FACILITIES AND PARK USE SUMMARY FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2006**

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

D-4 SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Chair Winter reported the Seniors have three trips scheduled; January 3-4, 2007 to Chukchansi, April 2-5, 2007 to Reno and September 2007 to Alaska. The Senior Citizens have Christmas Cards for sale for \$.05 each at the Senior Center. Cuesta College will be offering five Emeritus classes through the Senior Center.

D-5 COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Vice-Chair House mentioned the Holiday Tree Lighting held on Sunday by the Friends of the Morro Bay Fire Fighters. He expressed hope that the City would provide help in the future.

Commissioner Solu announced the Morro Heights neighborhood would be lit by luminaries on December 16th and invited the public to come and walk through the neighborhood.

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

DECLARATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Vice-Chair House would like to see some information on the changing demographics of the City and the allocation of funding.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m. M/S/C (Munoz/House).

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

**BARBARA WRIGHT
ADMINISTRATIVE TECHNICIAN**

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