

**MINUTES
RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION
CITY OF MORRO BAY
JUNE 7, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioners Hensley, House, Hale, Solu, Chair Winter; Staff Lueker, Woods.

ABSENT: Commissioner Munoz (excused); Commissioner Mahan (absent).

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

IN REGARD TO PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MAY 3, 2007 MEETING

It was moved and seconded to accept the Minutes of the May 3, 2007 meeting for file. M/S/C (House/Hale).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner House announced on Wednesday, June 13, 2007 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Library the Discussion Group will address Senior issues. Mayor Janice Peters will be there to answer questions Seniors may have.

Commissioner Solu said the Bellydance Troupe will be holding their annual show at the Community Center on Saturday, June 9th at 7 p.m. The cost of admission is \$5 - \$7 and a portion of the proceeds benefit the Morro Bay Community Foundation Scholarship Fund.

Staff Lueker stated that the Department discontinued their Volunteer Appreciation Dinner a few years ago in light of the City's budget constraints. She said the Department could not offer the programs it does without the many volunteers who donate their time. In lieu of the dinner Staff is honoring a volunteer each month at a City Council meeting. The first volunteer honored by the Department was Mike Tabares.

A. NEW BUSINESS**A-1 RECOMMENDATION ON AMENDING THE FACILITY USE RULES FOR VETERAN'S MEMORIAL BUILDING RENTALS**

Staff Woods recommended changing the hours of availability for rentals at the Veteran's Memorial Building. Newly proposed hours would be between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. with an optional hour clean up period. No event shall be allowed beyond the 11:00 p.m. deadline. Currently the hours of use are from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. daily. In the past two years the Police Department has received nine telephone calls on events occurring at the Veteran's Building that were a disturbance to the neighborhood. Fiscal impact would be approximately \$60 per event and so far in 2007 there have been three requests for use after 11:00 p.m. He added the Community Center hours of use would remain from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. daily.

Commissioner Solu asked if the 10:00 p.m. deadline would affect all use. She said City meetings have traditionally gone past that time.

Staff Woods said the change in hours would pertain to outside rentals, not public meetings.

Commissioner House inquired if any groups are required to have a police officer in attendance.

Staff Woods stated a uniformed Security Guard is required when there is a live band. Also if there is alcohol and more than 200 people in attendance.

Commissioners agreed that the amended facility use rules for the Veteran's Memorial Building were a good idea but added that the Community Center remain available until 1:00 a.m.

It was moved and seconded to accept Staff's recommendation to change the hours of availability for rentals at the Veteran's Memorial Building to between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. with an optional hour clean up period. M/S/C (Hale/House).

A-2 VERBAL REPORT ON THE ANNUAL COMMISSIONERS WORKSHOP

Staff Lueker reported on the Commissioners Workshop in the absence of Commissioner Mahan. The workshop was held May 5th at Hearst Castle with about 30 commissioners in attendance. One of the presentations was on childhood obesity and Morro Bay received a pat on the back for not having soda machines in City parks and buildings. She said we would bring this item back to the Commission so Commissioner Mahan can express her views.

No action required.

A-3 SCHEDULING OF THE ANNUAL PARKS TOUR

Staff asked the Commission to select a date and time for the annual tour of City parks. Traditionally the tour is held during the months of July or August and is held in lieu of the regular meeting. With the regular meeting scheduled for July 5, 2007 it might be better to schedule it for another date in July. She also suggested the Commission make a motion to cancel the July 5, 2007 meeting.

Chair Winter said we could schedule the tour for Thursday, July 12, 2007 at 5:00 p.m.

Commissioner Solu thought the Commission should have an alternate plan of July 19, 2007 if that would work better for Commissioners Munoz and Mahan.

It was moved and seconded to cancel the July 5, 2007 Recreation and Parks Commission meeting and to tentatively schedule the Parks Tour for July 12, 2007 with a backup date of July 19, 2007. M/S/C (Solu/House)

B. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**B-1 RECOMMENDATION FOR AMENDMENT TO THE DEL MAR PLAY STRUCTURE PROJECT**

Staff Lueker reported that staff had met with Miracle Recreation representatives to finalize plans for the Del Mar Playground. They brought back some new ideas for the Mega Tower, however they were more expensive. Due to a nationally televised program that featured the installation of Miracle Playground equipment the City will receive the sale price originally quoted. She added that the archaeological work has been done and the Department is shooting for completion of the project by early September when school resumes so the Del Mar students can be involved in the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Commissioner Hale asked about the playground being closed.

Staff said the playground will probably be closed about a week and a half during the removal of the old playground and installation of the new one. The park will remain open.

B-2 RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT STATUS REPORT

Staff Lueker reviewed the Recreation and Parks Department Status Report.

She announced the Teen Center would be holding their Welcome Party on June 16, 2007. This party welcomes those students who have just completed 6th Grade and are now eligible to visit the Teen Center.

The Del Mar Park Tennis Court project will probably be ready to go out to bid in about four to five months.

Staff sees no areas of concern with the current printouts for Cloisters and North Point.

All Kids Club programs are full at the current time and there is a waiting list.

The two All Star Girls Softball Teams both took first place at the recent tournament held in Lemoore. On June 23rd and 24th there will be a 24-team Girls Softball Tournament in Morro Bay. Games will be played at Lila Keiser Park and Morro Bay High School.

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

C. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

C-1 CITIZENS' REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Staff presented the Citizens Bike Committee Report from May 24, 2007 and two Citizens Reports with regard to off-leash dogs at Del Mar Park.

Commissioner Hale asked if the Commission could receive an update on the Morro Bay to Cayucos Bike Route.

Commissioner House asked if the Police Department cites people for having their dogs off leash.

Staff Lueker replied that most times the owner and the dog are gone when the police arrive.

Commissioner Hensley said he was at Del Mar Park with his son when a couple cars pulled up and the people got out and let their dogs off their leashes.

Staff stated there is currently no permit for an off leash dog group at Del Mar Park.

Chair Winter asked if Police could be asked to do some additional patrolling at Del Mar.

Commissioners House and Solu agreed.

A motion was made to request the Police Department increase patrol activity at Del Mar Park for off leash dogs, particularly the next couple of weeks during the afternoon and early evening hours. It was also moved to accept the Citizens' Reports and Correspondence for file. M/S/C (Hale/Solu).

D. REPORTS

D-1 YOUTH SERVICES SUMMARY FOR APRIL 2007

D-2 SPORTS AND FITNESS SUMMARY FOR APRIL 2007

D-3 FACILITIES AND PARK USE SUMMARY FOR APRIL 2007

It was moved and seconded to accept the following reports for file: Youth Services for April 2007; Sports and Fitness for April 2007; Facilities and Park Use for April 2007. M/S/C (Hensley/House).

D-4 SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Chair Winter reported the Seniors are working on their new M.O.U. with the City. The 55 Alive Senior Driving course will be held on June 18th and 21st from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. Contact Roger Awbrey at 995-0944. There will be free Emeritus Drawing and Yoga classes offered during the summer. Contact the Senior Center at 772-4421. The Seniors have a trip to the Chumash Casino on July 12th and the cost is \$20. Contact the Senior Center for more information.

D-5 COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner House reported on the Fireman's Muster held June 1-3, 2007 in Morro Bay. He said Morro Bay fielded some great teams.

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

DECLARATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner House moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:59 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

**BARBARA WRIGHT
ADMINISTRATIVE TECHNICIAN**