

**MINUTES
RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION
CITY OF MORRO BAY
JANUARY 3, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Joan Solu at 6:00 p.m.

In the absence of Chair Winter and Vice-Chair House, Commissioner Solu entertained a motion to select a Chair to preside over the meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Hale and seconded by Commissioner Munoz to have Commissioner Solu preside over the meeting. M/S/C (Hale/Munoz).

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioners Mahan, Hale, Solu, Munoz; Staff Woods, Lueker.

ABSENT: Commissioner Winter (excused), Commissioner House (excused);
Commissioner Hensley (absent).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Michelle Leary, Morro Bay – on behalf of the Central Coast Women For Fisheries she asked the Commission to approve the concept of a memorial near the harbor entrance so the group may begin fundraising.

IN REGARD TO PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 6, 2007 MEETING

It was moved and seconded to accept the Minutes of the December 6, 2007 meeting for file. M/S/C (Munoz/Hale).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Acting Director Woods announced the entries for the Dixon Hafley Spaghetti Dinner Poster Contest are on display and asked the Commissioners to take time at the conclusion of the meeting to select a winner in each grade category as well as an overall winner.

Interim City Manager Lueker reported there are two vacancies on the Recreation and Parks Commission. She believed applications are due January 18, 2008 and interviews will be held on January 24th or 25th. She suggested the Commission move Item B-1 to the top of the Agenda.

Commissioner Solu entertained a motion to move Item B-2 Continued Presentation/Workshop on Coleman/Embarcadero Area Capital Improvement Study to the top of the Agenda. Commissioner Hale seconded the motion. MS/C (Solu/Hale).

B-2 CONTINUED PRESENTATION/WORKSHOP ON COLEMAN/EMBARCADERO AREA CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT STUDY

Ms. Lueker stated Mike Sherrod and Eileen Nyguard from RRM Design are here to have a round table discussion with the Commission to look at various concepts from the Coleman Park area. She asked the Commission to come to the table for discussion and then return to the stage and set a date for a field trip to the area sometime before the February meeting.

Ms. Nyguard ask the Commission to look at the opportunities available and what areas are there to work with. She mentioned the dune area is a habitat restoration area.

Commissioner Solu felt that the Harbor Department's needs are important also. She added that this project is a 'hard sell' for her because of the view corridor of the Rock. She said most boat yards are not in the view corridor but sees the need for a working boat yard. She also addressed having the Coast Guard facility separate from the Harbor Department for security purposes.

Commissioner Hale thought it would be nice to have a model of the area or some sort of mechanism to show the impact on the area.

Ms. Lueker said the purpose of this discussion is to look at the plans to get a better picture of the area, and then take a field trip to the area.

The Commission returned to the stage and Commissioner Solu suggested Saturday, January 26th as a date for the field trip to begin at 10:00 a.m.

Ms. Lueker stated we will advertise this as a regular meeting and she will check with the Harbor Director as to his availability to attend.

Commissioner Hensley arrived at 6:00 p.m.

A. NEW BUSINESS

A-1 2008 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSIONER'S WORKSHOP

Ms. Lueker reminded the Commissioner of the Annual SLOCAPRA Workshop to be held on Saturday, February 23rd at Hearst Castle. She asked the Commissioners to let her know if they will be attending at their earliest convenience.

A-2 CALIFORNIA CHILDREN'S OUTDOOR BILL OF RIGHTS

Mr. Woods asked the Commission to review and discuss the possibility of adopting a Resolution incorporating the California Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights.

Ms. Lueker said the Resolution would then go before the City Council for adoption. The Department would advertise the California Children's Outdoor bill of Rights through Press Releases and probably do something in conjunction with the local schools.

A Motion was made to direct staff to draft a Resolution and bring back to the Commission for adoption. M/S/C (Munoz/Mahan).

A-3 RECOMMENDATION FOR USE OF PARK IN LIEU FUNDS

Ms. Lueker asked the Commission to approve and recommend to the City Council the use of up to \$25,000 of Park in Lieu funds to repair/replace woodchips and playground surfacing at Monte Young, Keiser and City Park and up to \$6,000 for dead tree removal, stump grinding and tree replacement at various parks.

Commissioner Mahan asked about using a rubberized replacement at Keiser Park instead of chips.

Ms. Lueker replied the rubberized surface is extremely expensive and is also a harder fall surface.

Commissioner Solu asked about the tree removal. She wanted to know how many, where they are located, what kind will replace them, what size and if nesting birds will be considered.

Ms. Lueker said most of the trees to be removed are Monterey Pines located at City Park and Del Mar. Replacements will consist of New Zealand Christmas Trees and Canary Island Pines, probably fifteen to twenty-five gallon sizes. She said the City has requirement not to trim trees after February unless the pose a safety issue.

It was moved and seconded to allocate up to \$31,000 of Park in Lieu Funds for the repairs and replacements identified by staff. M/S/C (Munoz/Mahan).

B. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

B-1 RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT STATUS REPORT

No Report

C. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

C-1 CITIZENS' REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

None

D. REPORTS

D-1 YOUTH SERVICES SUMMARY FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2007

D-2 SPORTS AND FITNESS SUMMARY FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2007

D-3 FACILITIES AND PARK USE SUMMARY FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2007

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

D-4 SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

No Report

D-5 COMMISSIONER REPORTS

No Reports

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

DECLARATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

It was moved and seconded to bring back the proposal from the Central Coast Women For Fisheries regarding the concept of placing a memorial near the Harbor entrance. M/S/C (Solu/Hale).

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. M/S/C (Munoz/Mahan).

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

**BARBARA WRIGHT
ADMINISTRATIVE TECHNICIAN**