

**MINUTES
RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION
CITY OF MORRO BAY
MARCH 6, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Joan Solu at 5:07 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioners Hensley, Hale, Vaughan, Chair Solu; Staff Lueker, Woods, Wright.

ABSENT: Commissioner Munoz (excused), Commissioner Wenger (excused), Commissioner Mahan (excused).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Neil Farrell, works in Morro Bay – Congratulated the City for the Harborwalk. Said he would like to see a sand volleyball court in the proposed Coleman / Embarcadero area.

IN REGARD TO PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 7, 2007 MEETING

It was moved and seconded to accept the Minutes of the February 7, 2008 meeting for file. M/S/C (Hale/Hensley).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Solu announced the Del Mar PTA will be holding their Annual Art Show and Auction on Sunday, April 6th. There will also be a BBQ and Cow Plop. Anyone interested in purchasing tickets in advance can call her at 459-3274.

Commissioner Hale added there will also be trips and other great deals available at the event.

Interim city Manager Andrea Lueker announced Dixon's Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Friday, March 14th at the Community Center from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the Recreation and Parks Department. The 5th Annual Morro Bay Community Foundation Art Show and Silent Auction will be held April 17th through 19th at the Community Center. Both these events raise funds to provide recreational scholarships for youth residing in the Estero Bay Community.

Acting Director Joe Woods announced T-Ball registration has begun and Futsal is still taking signups and currently has participants for eleven teams

A. NEW BUSINESS

A-1 REPORT ON SLOCAPRA WORKSHOP AT HEARST CASTLE

Staff Woods reviewed the SLOCAPRA Workshop held at Hearst Castle on February 23rd. There was discussion on the Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights, prevention of childhood obesity, roundtable discussion and a behind the scenes tour of the Castle by State Parks.

Commissioner Hensley found the workshop very interesting and enjoyed the behind the scenes tours that included the vaults where sculptures and other works or art are stored.

Commissioner Hale enjoyed the presentation on the Outdoor Bill of Rights and thought it was good food for thought on how we might implement it here. Would like to agendize the Bill of Rights for a future meeting to discuss implementation.

Chair Solu felt both the Outdoor Bill of Rights and childhood obesity were related to everyday life. She also would like to have the Bill of Rights agendized for a future meeting and then perhaps presented to Del Mar School.

Staff Woods stated a Resolution to adopt the Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights will go before the City Council on May 10, 2008. The Department is also looking to make progress on the Bill of Rights at the staff level.

No action required.

B. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

B-1 CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON COLEMAN / EMBARCADERO AREA CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT STUDY

Staff Lueker gave a brief history of the project. She said Coleman Park is the only park that has not been Master Planned. She added that staff had addressed the questions the Commission had at the last meeting. She introduced Mike Sherrod from RRM Design to present three concepts of the area.

Mr. Sherrod showed the Commission three concepts of the area. He said the dry storage area is in the same location in all three concepts. Concepts A and B show the jib crane and haulout to the west of the current Coleman Park area along with boat trailer parking and a boat repair yard. Concept A has no recreational or picnic areas across from Mother's Beach but Concept B shows a group picnic area and recreation in that area. Concept C shows the jib crane and haulout near the current outfall area, group recreation and play areas along Coleman Drive and additional recreation areas and fishing platforms in the Target Rock area.

Commissioner Hensley asked about the turnaround area.

Mr. Sherrod replied it meets road standards.

Chair Solu felt the volleyball court would work better with a North/South exposure rather than an East/West exposure. She also asked about a restroom in the Target Rock area and inquired what would be in the recreation commercial area.

Mr. Sherrod said it could include concessions such as kayak rentals, vendors, and an information area.

Staff Lueker reminded the Commission we are looking for a concept on the spaces. The Master Plan process is where the designing comes in. Once the City Council approves the conceptual design we can move forward with master planning the area.

Commissioner Hale asked if the Harbor Advisory Board had seen the concepts yet and inquired what the cost implication was with the various plans.

Staff Lueker said the Harbor Board will see the concepts later this evening and costs haven't been looked at yet.

Commissioner Hale and Chair Solu both referenced the Proposed Boating Access Facility of 1998.

Commissioner Vaughan stated both Santa Barbara and Moss Landing have haulout facilities that can accommodate about 20 boats; Ventura about 100 and Monterey even more. She added Morro Bay would be the nearest facility within 127 miles.

Commissioner Hensley asked about Avila.

Commissioner Vaughan the sand makes it almost impossible to get in to and most commercial fisherman don't consider it as a haulout.

Staff Lueker asked the Commission to evaluate the conceptual plans presented by RRM Design.

Commissioner Hensley was not excited about A or B. He liked C because the bike path is unbroken and it keeps the flow of the bike path and the road clear.

Commissioner Hale liked C because it is primarily maintaining the recreation and natural beauty. It doesn't inhibit the views and there is a solution for the boat yard.

Commissioner Vaughan also liked C because the areas are not going to get as much direct wind.

Chair Solu liked the park space shown in Plan C and felt this plan was a definite win-win solution for both the Harbor Department and the Recreation and Parks Department.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hensley and seconded by Commissioner Hale that the Commission favors Concept Plan C as presented by RRM Design and wishes to forward a recommendation to the City Council for further consideration of this plan. M/S/C (Hensley/Hale).

B-2 RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT STATUS REPORT

Staff Woods reviewed the Recreation and Parks Department Status Report. He added that Jan DiLeo from County Parks would be sending the Department an update on the Morro Bay to Cayucos Connector in about a month. The trees at City Park will be removed later in the year after nesting season. Replanting will be more than on a one to one basis.

Chair Solu asked about what kind of trees would be replanted.

Staff Woods replied the Parks Superintendent has a list of approved trees that grow well in this climate.

Commissioner Vaughan asked if staff will be doing some work inside the Veteran's Building not that they have completed work on the barbeque area, particularly the indoor cupboards.

Staff said they are looking to address repairs in this area.

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

C. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

C-1 CITIZENS' REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

None

D. REPORTS

D-1 YOUTH SERVICES SUMMARY FOR JANUARY 2008

D-2 SPORTS AND FITNESS SUMMARY FOR JANUARY 2008

D-3 FACILITIES AND PARK USE SUMMARY FOR JANUARY 2008

It was moved and seconded to accept the following reports for file: Youth Services for January 2008; Sports and Fitness for January 2008; Facilities and Park Use for January 2008. M/S/C (Solu/Hensley).

D-4 SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Commissioner Vaughan reported the Senior Citizens, Inc. worked the Morro Bay Follies and have forty volunteers for the Spaghetti Dinner.

D-5 COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Hensley announced the Cayucos Lioness Club is holding a fundraiser to purchase a pool cover for Hardie Pool.

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

DECLARATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Hale would like to agendize the Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights and discuss how we can implement it locally.

Commissioner Solu would also like to agendize the Bill of Rights in April so it could be presented to the Del Mar PTA in late April or early May with the hope of getting it implemented at Del Mar for the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year. She also mentioned a letter of support from the Commission showing their support for Concept Plan C as presented by RRM Design for the Coleman / Embarcadero Area Capital Improvement Study.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m. M/S/C (Hensley/Vaughan).

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

**BARBARA WRIGHT
ADMINISTRATIVE TECHNICIAN**