

**MINUTES
RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION
CITY OF MORRO BAY
FEBRUARY 5, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioners Mahan, Hale, Munoz, Hagle, Croley, Chair Solu; Staff Woods.

ABSENT: Commissioner Hensley.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ACTIONS IN REGARD TO PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 8, 2009 MEETING

It was moved and seconded to accept the Minutes of the January 8, 2009 meeting for file. M/S/C (Mahan/Munoz).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Solu reported the Morro Bay Community Foundation is feeling the effects of the economy. All scholarships have been cut back to 40% except those that are committed through June 2009. Dixon's Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser will be held at the Morro Bay Community Center on Friday, March 27th. The Del Mar PTA Annual Auction and BBQ will be held on Sunday, March 29th. They are seeking donations from the community and can contact Joan Solu at 459-3274.

A. NEW BUSINESS

A-1 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR FOR 2009

Director Woods presented the Commission with the task of elections of Chair and Vice-Chair. Chair Solu opened the floor for nominations. Commissioner Mahan nominated Chair Solu. Commissioner Hale made a motion to close nominations, Commissioner Mahan seconded the motion. Joan Solu was elected Chair by acclamation.

Chair Solu opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chair. Commissioner Mahan nominated Christi Hale. Commissioner Munoz made a motion to close nominations, Commissioner Mahan seconded the motion. Christi Hale was elected Vice-Chair by acclamation.

A-2 ELECTION OF SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE FOR 2009

Director Woods informed the Commission it was time to select the 2006 representative to the Senior Citizens, Inc. Chair Solu opened the floor for nominations. Commissioner Mahan nominated Johnny Munoz, Commissioner Hale seconded the nomination. Commissioner Hale made a motion to close nominations, Commissioner Mahan seconded the motion. Johnny Munoz was elected Senior Representative by acclamation.

A-3 PRESENTATION OF CAL POLY LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE EXERCISE ON TARGET ROCK PARK DESIGNS

In early 2008 City Council approved the concept plan for the development of Coleman/Embarcadero improvement area. Included was the enhancement of Target Rock. Council also approved the concept of a statue presented by the Central Coast Women for Fisheries (CCWF). Late 2008 staff was contacted by Susan Maharry of CCWF with a request to meet with Dr. Watts of Cal Poly to discuss Dr. Watts' Landscape Architectural class exercise. At the conclusion of the winter quarter, the Cal Poly Landscape Architecture class presented their projects to staff and these designs are presented for your review.

Staff Woods reviewed the seven designs submitted by Dr. Watts Landscape Architecture class. He commented the presentations were well orchestrated and extremely informative.

Commissioner Munoz asked if the designs will be brought back later for the Commission to make a choice.

Staff replied this will progress slowly. There will be extensive public hearings on master planning. These designs as well as other professional designs and community input will eventually develop a master plan.

Commissioner Hale asked if the footprint for the space is larger than that shown on Plan C. Will there be a bigger potential footprint to work with.

Staff Woods replied the space isn't any larger.

Commissioner Mahan asked if the Harbor Advisory board has approved the haul out location.

Staff said the Harbor Board has done the same thing as the Commission, approved Concept C.

Chair Solu inquired if staff had expressed how difficult it may be to put building structures in the area.

Staff said the only instructions regarding the area were the memorial, access for emergency vehicles and parking.

No action required.

B. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

B-1 ACTIVITY FAIR – DATE AND SCOPE OF PROGRAM

Staff Woods stated the Commission showed interest in having the Department host an Activity Fair to showcase Department activities and promote recreation. Staff has discussed the Activity Fair and has agreed that Saturday, July 25, 2009 would be a good event date as July is Recreation and Parks Month and we are leaning towards an inside venue. As staff discussed the proposed Fair the thought of partnering kept surfacing and staff realized that bringing in other agencies would give the event a more broad appeal. Staff was approached by Senior Connection to do fitness testing for seniors. There are currently seven or eight Emeritus Programs offered at the Community Center and we are looking to invite them to come, bring the instructors and have signups. Youth Services will provide a small carnival. We want to have a multi-generational Activity Fair.

Commissioner Mahan asked the reason for having the Fair indoors; she felt outdoors would provide more visual interest.

Staff said that some privacy is needed with the fitness testing and class demonstrations might require equipment and amplification. He added that some activities could be outside the Community Center and we could use part of the parking lot if needed.

Chair Solu felt using the parking lot was a good idea and said we can reassess after the first year.

Commissioner Munoz agreed having booths outside in front of the Community Center was a good idea.

Staff said after we meet with the different partners we can determine if inside or outside is a better venue. It will have activities for seniors as well as children, multi-generational. We can put up banners and flags to draw people.

No action required.

B-2 2009 SLOCAPRA COMMISSIONER'S WORKSHOP

Staff Woods reminded the Commissioners of the 2009 SLOCAPRA Workshop to be held on Saturday, February 21, 2009 at Hearst Castle and encouraged them to attend.

B-3 RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT STATUS REPORT

Staff Woods reviewed the Recreation and Parks Department Status Report. He stated that the State has placed a freeze on all Bond funding, therefore the Del Mar Park Tennis Court project is on hold. The Morro Bay Community Pool Foundation has ceased forging forward progress on their MOU due to the economy. CivicPlus has completed the design phase of the new City website and staff is currently providing the content for the site.

Commissioner Hale inquired if the new website design would have an email sign-up to capture emails addresses as a way to ensure people get up to date communication.

Staff said he would take this as a strong recommendation. If we don't have it in the initial stages we can push for it later.

Chair Solu commented it would be great to receive schedule changes sent out to each person immediately.

Staff replied staff will follow-up to see if we have the capability of doing this.

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

C. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

C-1 CITIZENS' REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Staff presented an update from the Citizen's Bike Committee Meeting held on January 7, 2009.

It was moved and seconded to accept the Citizen's Reports and Correspondence for file. M/S/C (Hale/Hagle).

D. REPORTS

D-1 YOUTH SERVICES SUMMARY FOR DECEMBER 2008

D-2 SPORTS AND FITNESS SUMMARY FOR DECEMBER 2008

D-3 FACILITIES AND PARK USE SUMMARY FOR DECEMBER 2008

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

D-4 SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

None

D-5 COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Chair Solu reported the Commissioners will be receiving Dixon's Spaghetti Dinner tickets to sell.

DECLARATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Munoz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

**BARBARA WRIGHT
ADMINISTRATIVE TECHNICIAN**

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