

MINUTES – MORRO BAY RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION

REGULAR (RESCHEDULED) MEETING – MAY 21, 2009

VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING – 5:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Solu called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Commissioner Hale, Commissioner Mahan, Commissioner Munoz, Commissioner Hagle, Chair Solu; Staff Woods. ABSENT: Commissioner Hensley, Commissioner Croley.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS, PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff Woods mentioned June 6th is national Trails Days. Morro Bay trails are outlined in the County publication 'Prescription Trails'.

Commissioner Mahan announced Saturday, May 1st will be the first day the Trolley runs for the season that goes through October. She also attended the 39+ Dance that meets every Wednesday at the Veterans Memorial Building and mentioned what a great program it is.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

Unless an item is pulled for separate action by the Commission, the following items are approved without discussion.

A-1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE APRIL 2, 2009 MEETING

RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.

A-2 CITIZEN'S REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.

A-3 YOUTH SERVICES SUMMARY FOR MARCH 2009
SPORTS AND FITNESS SUMMARY FOR MARCH 2009
FACILITIES AND PARK USE FOR MARCH 2009

RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.

A-4 RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT STATUS REPORT

RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.

MOTION: Commissioner Mahan moved the Commission approve the Consent Calendar. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Munoz and carried. (5-0)

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Munoz to address Public hearing Item B-2 REVIEW OF CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE M.O.U. FOR DOG PARK BETWEEN MORRO BAY PUPS AND THE CITY OF MORRO BAY prior to hearing ITEM B-2. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hale and carried (5-0).

B-2 REVIEW OF CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE M.O.U. BETWEEN MORRO BAY PUPS AND THE CITY OF MORRO BAY.

Staff Woods stated this agenda item reflects City Council's goal to encourage community involvement, volunteerism, participation and contributions. Staff is recommending the Commission review the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Morro Bay and the Morro bay Pups for the construction, operation and maintenance of the off leash dog park at Del Mar Park and provide staff with recommendations to present to City Council.

Commissioner Munoz inquired about the construction to be performed. Will each phase come before the Commission prior to proceeding.

Staff Woods stated the permit is a complete permit and is not in phases. Staff will be bringing back various items such as rules and amenities to insure quality to gear ourselves up for success.

Chair Solu opened the hearing for public comment; there were no comments, and Chair Solu closed the public comment hearing.

Staff Woods said that on page 3 of the M.O.U. insurance requirements, the Recreation and Parks Director will provide a copy of standard insurance provisions to Morro Bay Pups no later than May 15, 2009. As that date has come and gone he stated he has the provisions with him and presented them to Morro Bay Pups.

MOTION: Commissioner Hale made a motion directing staff to present the M.O.U. as presented to City Council for adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Munoz and carried (5-0).

B-1 REVIEW OF MASTER FEE SCHEDULE

Staff Woods stated this agenda item reflects City Council's number one priority goal, which is to develop and maintain a structurally sustainable budget. He asked the Commission to review the current and proposed Master Fee Schedule options and provide staff with recommendations to present to City Council. Staff followed the direction of the Commission by bringing back the Facility and Park Fee Schedules to include Options 1, 2 and 3 with the CPI. Staff also is proposing the elimination of the One Day Use Reservation and the inclusion of various additional fees to increase the City's ability to recover direct and indirect costs.

Commissioner Mahan stated that fees have not been raised for a number of years. She said she liked the simplification of the categories but has concerns of lowering the rates for profit groups. With the Park fees there is a huge decrease but feels the increase for non-profits is okay.

Commissioner Munoz commented that in addition to eliminating the One Day Use Reservation he would like staff to specify in more detail the additional fees to show when they would be applied. He like tying the fees to the C.P.I. because it would make the increases more reasonable.

Commissioner Hagle said she prefers Option 1, and felt it was important to nurture the non-profits and keep them coming back.

Commissioner Hale proposed combining the non-profits and resident groups but separating out the non-resident groups and profit making groups. She felts costs would be equitable across the board.

Chair Solu was concerned about non-resident rates increasing significantly if tied to the profit groups. She felt if we have three groups we are still simplifying the schedule and the rates make sense. She also expressed concern with the jump in cost for a non-profit to get a P.A.U.P.

Chair Solu opened the hearing for public comment; there were no comments, and Chair Solu closed the public comment hearing.

MOTION: Commissioner Mahan made a motion to adopt Option 1 for non-profit and resident groups to include the C.P.I. and to round up and to maintain non-resident groups at the current fee plus C.P.I. and rounded up and to also maintain profit making groups at the current fee plus C.P.I. and rounded up. Additionally to eliminate the One Day Use Reservation for parks and to direct staff to specify in more detail the additional fees and when they would be applied. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Munoz and carried (5-0).

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

C-2 DISCUSSION OF SERVICE REDUCTION DUE TO COUNCIL'S DECISION REGARDING PARKS HALF-TIME POSITION

Staff Woods presented the Commission with four reductions due to the City Council's decision not to fund the Parks half-time position. They included: (1) spraying of weeds in City parks, walkways and parking lots could be reduced by frequency or eliminated; (2) grounds surrounding City owned buildings are currently maintained bi-monthly and frequency will be changed to once monthly; (3) responsiveness to Department and City required services or emergencies eliminated due to lack of resources; (4) smaller and remote parks would have reductions in maintenance service including restroom service be reduced from daily to once weekly.

Commissioner Hagle said she does not have a problem with items 1 – 3, but feels the restrooms should be maintained daily.

Commissioner Mahan suggested local businesses might be approached to adopt a park.

Commissioner Munoz said Morro Bay Beautiful might be contacted about the Roundabout.

Commissioner Hale asked if there was a plan to communicate the reductions to the community.

Chair Solu agreed with the reductions for items 1 – 3 but can't see the reduction mentioned in 4 for public restrooms. She felt it could ultimately cause a maintenance nightmare.

MOTION: Commissioner Hale motioned to go with the reductions mentioned in items 1 – 3, but continue with daily restroom service and cease other maintenance efforts while pursuing community service efforts to adopt and support those tasks. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mahan and carried (5-0).

C-2 CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON THE ACTIVITY FAIR

Staff Woods recommended the Commission continue discussion on the proposed Activity Fair, renamed the Recreation and Fitness Expo. The event will be held on July 25th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We will be using the Auditorium, Studio, Lobby and front sidewalk of the Community Center. We are looking to the Commission for commitment. If you are not available the day of then support with flyers, posters, etc. is needed. We need a Master of Ceremonies, help with registration, the carnival and refreshments.

Commissioner Hale suggested a drawing for a bike to help recover costs but added that we will see indirect cost recovery by increased enrollment in programs.

Commissioner Mahan asked if we had nixed the idea of having private businesses pay a fee to have a booth at the Fair. She said she would be happy to make contacts.

Commissioner Munoz commented on bringing family and friends to help with the Fair.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Munoz to move forward with the Recreation and Fitness Expo to be held on Saturday, July 25th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and to determine the Commission's support. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mahan and carried (5-0).

D. NEW BUSINESS

None

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Munoz asked to have the rules for the Dog Park brought to a future meeting.

F. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Wright
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