

## **MINUTES – MORRO BAY RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION**

REGULAR MEETING –MARCH 23, 2010

VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING – 5:30 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Vice-Chair Munoz called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL:** PRESENT: Commissioner Croley, Commissioner Sidaris, Commissioner Ayoob, Commissioner Bates, Vice-Chair Munoz, Staff Woods. ABSENT: Chair Hale, Commissioner O'Toole.

### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS, PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Staff Woods announced Dixon's Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser will be held this Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the Morro Bay Community Center. Tickets are available at the Recreation and Parks Department and the Senior Citizen's Center. The proceeds from the event provide recreation scholarships for youth in the Estero Bay community.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Rebecca Ayraud, President of the Morro Bay Garden Club – Dahlia Daze will be held August 27-28, 2010. The history of the Dahlia celebrations in Morro Bay began in the 1960's when the Dahlia was chosen as the Morro Bay City Flower. The Garden Club reorganized in 2006. There are currently 17 members and last year's celebration grew to over 100 participants.

MOTION: Commissioner Sidaris moved to address Item D-1 at this time. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bates and carried. (5-0)

### **D. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **D-1 REVIEW OF CO-SPONSORSHIP REQUEST FROM MORRO BAY GARDEN CLUB FOR DAHLIA DAZE EVENT**

Staff Woods asked the Commission to review and discuss the request from the Morro Bay Garden Club to co-sponsor the annual Dahlia Daze event to be held August 27-28, 2010. Dahlia Daze is a two day event and they are estimating 200-300 participants. The event is scheduled in late August due to the blooming dahlias. The City Council at their October 12, 2009 meeting voted to continue the co-sponsorship of events with the following conditions: 1) event is off-season (November 1 through April 30); 2) event is multi-day with financial return to the City; 3) requesting party is a non-profit organization. The current non-profit rate would be \$772.50. If co-sponsorship is granted staff would apply only direct costs for facility use, reducing the invoiced costs to \$353.25. The difference would be \$419.25.

Commissioner Ayoob asked if the City had previously co-sponsored this event. She commented they are a small group and we should support them. Staff Woods replied the group has not been co-sponsored by the City since reuniting in 2006.

Commissioner Sidaris inquired if there were any other large events scheduled in the City that weekend. Staff Woods stated Dahlia Daze is currently the only event.

Commissioner Croley recommended we co-sponsor non-profits, it is a step in the right direction. Staff responded that we can't open the front gates to all non-profits as it would drain our revenues. Commissioner Croley stated the need to emphasize the indirect financial return and suggested we keep the criteria but waive the condition the event be held during the off-season. Staff Woods stated the program is well suited to the community.

Commissioner Bates said he did not see any problem with it not being during the off-season as it is a multi-day event.

Vice-Chair Munoz agreed considering the Dahlia blooms in late August. It is a multi-day event and the organization is a non-profit.

MOTION: Commissioner Bates moved the Recreation and Parks Commission support the co-sponsorship of Dahlia Daze to include janitorial and a staff attendant and recommend to the City Council that we waive the off-season condition due to the uniqueness of the event. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sidaris and carried. (5-0)

#### **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 FEBRUARY 4, 2010 MEETING**

**RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.**

##### **A-2 CITIZEN'S REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

**RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.**

##### **A-3 YOUTH SERVICES SUMMARY FOR JANUARY 2010 SPORTS AND FITNESS SUMMARY FOR JANUARY 2010 FACILITIES AND PARK USE FOR JANUARY 2010**

**RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.**

##### **A-4 RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT STATUS REPORT**

**RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.**

MOTION: Commissioner Bates moved the Commission approve Consent Calendar Items A-1, A-2, A-3 and A-4 for file. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sidaris and carried. (5-0)

## **B. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **B-1 DISCUSSION ON GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC AREA USE PERMITS**

Staff Woods recommended the Commission review the current guidelines and procedures for public area use and forward recommendations to City Council for further review. When public properties are not in use by the City they are made available for use by public groups or individuals for social, cultural or recreational activities. Guidelines are developed by staff and reviewed by the Commission, then forwarded to City Council for adoption. The use of public parks and open space is applicant driven and applications for use are processed on a first-come, first-serve, case-by-case basis. The use of public parks and open space which require a person or organization to obtain a permit include: 1) proposing to erect a table, booth or similar structure; 2) groups exceeding 75 in number; 3) persons or groups desiring to reserve a park or open space for a limited time for their exclusive use; 4) any persons or groups desiring to make solicitations or sales; 5) any person or group desiring to hold a contest, demonstration or exhibit in a park or facility for which admission or entrance fee is charged; 6) any person or group engaging in the sale or consumption of alcoholic beverage as defined in Chapter 9:18 of the MBMC. When the proposed use is large in scale, or complex with programs, City staff invites the applicant to meet with the Recreation and Parks Director and City Department representatives to discuss the proposed use and the potential conditions related to the use.

Commissioner Ayooob noticed that the fees have gone up. Staff Woods responded the fees for non-profits have gone up and match the fees for residents, however fees have not gone up across the board. Fees for permits are very reasonable, lowest in the County. The Master Fee Schedule is reviewed and adopted by the city Council. He added that the fees have not deterred any non-profits from holding events.

Commissioner Croley asked if there have been any complaints from the public the Commission needs to consider. Staff said no formal complaints have been received. There has been some opposition regarding Section 1, Item F and Section II, Item G that states groups conducting sales will be assessed a percentage of the gross or a flat fee. These conditions have been included in the permit for the past twenty years. Commissioner Croley asked how the percentage or flat fee is determined. Staff replied we work with City staff and look at the type of event. Some events contribute indirect revenue, there is no set formula.

Vice-Chair Munoz said to leave Section 1, Item F and Section II, Item G on the application and make a determination on a case by case basis. Commissioner Sidaris commented the permit application is very thorough and fair, Commissioner Croley agreed.

Vice-Chair Munoz opened the hearing for public comment. As there was no one present, public comment was closed.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Croley moved continue with the current guidelines for Public Area Use Permits. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ayooob and carried. (5-0)

**B-2 REVIEW OF CURRENT PROCEDURES FOR AMPLIFIED SOUND DURING EVENTS IN PARKS**

Staff Woods asked the Commission to review the current procedures and ordinance for amplified sound during events in parks and provide recommendations to staff for City Council review. Morro Bay Municipal Code 9.28., Prohibited Conduct provides guidelines for amplified noise and live music. These guidelines are incorporated into the Public Area Use Permit as conditions for compliance by the applicant. Parks hosting events which include amplified sound have been Del Mar, Lila Keiser, City, Coleman, Cloisters, Tidelands and Centennial Parkway. There was a recent complaint at Del Mar and some from a large event at 714 Embarcadero. At Centennial Parkway a complaint was resolved by changing the direction of the speakers. Applicants are required to notify adjacent neighbors of their planned use prior to the event date. Venues are discussed with applicants when they are requesting use.

Vice-Chair Munoz opened the hearing for public comment. As there was no one present, public comment was closed.

Commissioner Sidaris commented the Municipal Code looks very thorough. Vice-Chair Munoz agreed stating the restrictions for residential areas have been addressed.

MOTION: Commissioner Sidaris moved to continue with the current procedures for amplified sound during events in parks. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ayoob and carried. (5-0)

**C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**D. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Commissioner Bates, second by Commissioner Sidaris. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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