

San Rafael Park and Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes: May 15, 2014

Vice Chairman Holm called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m. at the Albert J. Boro Community Center Art Room

Roll Call: Commissioners: Mark Bustillos, John Gamblin, Eric Holm, Jeff Jones, Mark Machado, Ralph Mihan, Chair, Tom Oblatz, Commissioners, Patricia Bassett, Alternate

Commissioners Present: Gamblin, Holm, Jones, Machado, Oblatz, Basset

Commissioners Absent: Bustillos, Mihan

Pickleweed Advisory Board Members Present: Jenny Broering, Louise Yost

Staff Present: Senior Recreation Supervisor Steve Mason

1. Action Items

A. Pickleweed Advisory Board Annual Report

Pickleweed Advisory Board Chair Jenny Broering showed a PowerPoint presentation of the Board's 2013 Annual Report for the Albert J. Boro Community Center. The focus of the report was on community served, co-sponsored programs, needs met, program testimonials, recreation classes offered, partnerships, special events, budget, staff & volunteers, and the Board members. Mason distributed a list of the various facility users in calendar year 2013. Following the presentation, Commission members asked questions including what current issues are at the Center. Broering replied that parking was a major problem both at the Center and in the neighborhood. She shared that she was recently talking to a neighbor who lived in a nearby apartment where there are 10 people living in his apartment and all 10 have a car. Mason shared the latest plan in working with Parking Services to help ease the situation. Collective ideas generated at the meeting included thinner parking stalls to create more spaces, pay to park, four hour parking limit, utilizing Bahia Vista School's lots, extending the parking lot, and chaining the lot closed every night.

The Commission thanked the Pickleweed Advisory Board for their work.

B. Canal Neighborhood Park Priority Outreach Process

Pickleweed Advisory Board Chair Broering stated that the Pickleweed Advisory Board had talked about this at their last meeting. Broering said that 1) surveys could be used to solicit input from the community and that they should be numbered in order to have an accurate idea of how many come back. 2) She felt that Schoen Park should be a priority for replacement as it is continuously used and does not meet current playground standards. She said that organizations such as the Kaboom Foundation and Kaiser could be helpful. Mason said that it looks as if Schoen Park may be on the City's CIP list next year and that our current direction is to identify how to obtain community input on needs for Measure A funds. Jones said that a survey would not only provide input from Canal residents but a good cross-section of all of the Boro Center's users.

2. Commission Items

A. Director's Report

Mason relayed that the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail recommendation will go to City Council on Monday, June 16 and asked Commissioners who could attend and present. Jones said he would try to

attend and the general consensus was that Mihan, who was not in attendance, should present. Mason then reported on the Boyd Gate House and its various updates in the past few weeks. The Mayor is very interested in this issue and the most recent news is that the Marin History Museum has been at the Gate House sorting and packing 7 days a week since May 1 and do not anticipate being here any less than when it was open for public entry and use. Once done with consolidating, the Museum plans to open to the public this summer, hopefully by July 1. Mason said that the City is concerned about the house remaining vacant and is looking into the need of additional security around the house. Park & Recreation Commission reappointments should be on the June 2, 2014 City Council agenda. It is 99% certain that interviews will not be necessary for the reappointments and the item will be on the consent calendar. Davidson Middle School will hold their last graduation on Albert Field on June 12. The ceremonies have been held at Albert's Field since Dominican became too expensive for the school. The City started charging the School District approximately \$400 a few years ago and in the past few years the new infield has had damage from the chairs. Reference was made to the Measure A Workplan report that was included in the Commission packet. A City Council/Park & Recreation Commission joint meeting has been set for July 17 at City Hall. Jones said that he would donate wine for the meeting if that was appropriate. Mason informed the Commission that Pickleweed Advisory Board member Nidal Khalili's term had expired and he would like to continue serving on the Board.

M/s Jones/Machado to approve the continuation of Nidal Khalili on the Pickleweed Advisory Board.

AYES: Gamblin, Holm, Jone, Machado, Obletz, Basset
NOES: None
ABSENT: Bustillos, Mihan

Continuing with the Director's Report, Mason noted the new carpet installed in the Boro Community Center and added that the same company completed the replacement of the Auditorium floor in the San Rafael Community Center. The report concluded with a brief overview of the Summer of Opportunities collaborative between the City, County and non-profit organizations and their free Summer Kick Off BBQ being held in Pickleweed Park on June 14.

B. Falkirk Report

There was no report

C. Parks Report

Superintendent Davenport was unable to attend the meeting. Mason relayed that on Saturday, April 26th, volunteer from the Church of Latter Day Saints visited the Terra Linda Recreation Center to spread mulch in landscaped areas. The Parks Division supplied 50 yards of bark mulch, cardboard for sheet mulching, tools and wheelbarrows to facilitate the effort. Two parks employees were on site to provide instruction and to lend a hand. The following week Parks crew replanted the landscaping at the front entry to the building with a specimen Japanese Maple along with some other shrubs to enhance the overall appearance of the center.

D. Reports from Committees

There were no reports.

E. Approval of Minutes, Meeting of April 17, 2014

Three corrections to the April minutes were identified.

M/s Oblatz/Jones to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of April 17, 2014 as corrected.

AYES: Gamblin, Holm, Jone, Machado, Oblatz, Basset
NOES: None
ABSENT: Bustillos, Mihan

3. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

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