

## **San Rafael Park and Recreation Commission**

### **Meeting Minutes: February 18, 2016**

Vice Chair Eric Holm called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. at the San Rafael Community Center

**Roll Call:** Commissioners: Mark Bustillos, Eric Holm, Jeff Jones, Stacey Laumann, Mark Machado, Ralph Mihan, Chair, Tom Obletz, Cicily Emerson, Alternate

**Commissioners Present:** Holm, Jones, Laumann, Machado, Obletz

**Commissioners Absent:** Bustillos, Emerson, Mihan

**Staff Present:** Debbie Younkin, Senior Recreation Supervisor, Jason Fong, Program Coordinator, Rochelle-Grechman-Dibley, Senior Recreation Supervisor and Dave Davenport, Parks Superintendent.

#### **1. Action Items**

##### **A. Report on Youth Services Division, Introduction of Staff**

Rochelle Grechman-Dibley, Senior Recreation Supervisor introduced Jason Fong, Youth Services Program Coordinator. Jason joined the Community Services Department staff in January. He has worked for the City of San Rafael for about fifteen years in the Child Care Division. He grew up in San Rafael and was an active participant as a child, in many of the programs he is now coordinating. Rochelle Grechman-Dibley discussed After School Enrichment, Summer Camps and Theatre. After School enrichment classes are extremely popular. Currently 125 different classes started in January with classes offered at San Rafael and Dixie School District schools. Rochelle and Jason are working on summer camps and Rochelle mentioned that specialty camps are more popular than traditional day camps. Specialty camps such as Kindergarten Camp, Fishing Camp, Kid's Carpentry and specialized sports camps are very popular with children and parents. Rochelle mentioned that about 150 requests for scholarships come in each semester and about 50 awarded. Theatre has become a big program area with Willy Wonka showing in March and this summer Rent, the school age edition will be featured. Rochelle recommended that special recognition be given to the Principals at the schools since they have been extremely helpful in the success of programming at school sites. Obletz recommended a proclamation come before the Commission that could go to City Council.

##### **B. Park Projects Update**

Dave Davenport provided a slide show of the different park and field projects that have been completed. Dave showed a picture of an 80 foot tree coming down in Munson Park. He mentioned the field prep-work at Albert Park along with replacement of the lights. Bernard Hoffman fields were also prepped so teams can begin practice and play soon. He mentioned that there are a couple of San Rafael Girls Softball parents who are willing to donate funds needed for repairs at Bernard Hoffman field and that he would be working on redoing the dugouts. A new fence was installed at Freitas Park as part of Measure A. A new fence was installed between the Safeway Shopping Center and the San Rafael Community Center.

## **2. Commission Items**

### **A. Director's Report**

No Report

### **B. Falkirk Report**

No Report

### **C. Parks Report**

Superintendent Davenport reported on work done at the different parks and provided a slideshow. He mentioned removing an 80ft redwood tree in Munson Park, field improvements to Albert Park and Bernard Hoffman, new fence to Freitas Park as part of Measure A, and a fence installed between Safeway and San Rafael Community Center.

### **D. Commission Members Time**

### **E. Approval of Minutes, January 21, 2016**

M/s Oblatz/Jones to approve the Minutes with the following corrections:

Page 1, Section B last line in first paragraph; change an to and updated

Page 2, Security: change to read: Agreed City will pay for one hour of private security services in and around Albert Park games.

Page 5, Section E

AYES: Holm, Jones, Laumann, Machado, Oblatz

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

## **3. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.