

City of San Rafael Joint Study Session Of the San Rafael City Council and San Rafael Park and Recreation Commission

July 17, 2014

**San Rafael Community Center
618 B Street
6:00 p.m.**

Present: Mayor Gary Phillips, Councilmembers, Damon Connolly, Maribeth Bushy, Andrew McCullough;
Commissioners John Gamblin, Eric Holm, Jeff Jones, Mark Machado, Tom Obletz, Patricia Basset;
Nancy Mackle, City Manager, Carlene McCart, Director Community Services

Informational only, no action was taken at this meeting

San Rafael Park and Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes: June 19, 2014

Vice Chairman Holm called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. at the San Rafael Community Center

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

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

Commissioners Absent: Bustillos, Mihan

Staff Present: Carlene McCart, Director, Community Services

1. Action Items

No Items were presented.

2. Commission Items

A. Director's Report

Peter Pan was the summer production of the Young Performers Theater program which attracted over 500 attendees. Parking at the Boro Community Center has become a critical issue. Residents fill the lot and Center patrons, including rental guests are excluded. The City has embarked on a focused parking enforcement effort to eliminate overnight parking. San Rafael Pacifics added a day game to their schedule with special invitations to youth groups and camps. The Community Services Department is recruiting a part-time Marketing Coordinator to contemporize and equalize the promotion of programs and services to the community. Selected Sun Valley School parents requested the City pay for the bussing fees incurred by families utilizing the Parkside Child Care Center. The Mayor's office will respond.

The City council approved the installation of solar power systems on civic buildings including the Community Centers.

B. Falkirk Report

There was no report.

C. Parks Report

Parks crews recently completed a major vegetation cleanup at Boyd Park. There were many areas where homeless had been sleeping, stashing belongings and hanging out that were concealed by foliage. Officer Coen and Parks Superintendent Davenport identified these areas and supervised the removal of 4 tons of material from the park, mostly in the concealed areas around the tennis court and around the front of the Boyd Gate House.

Crews removed unsightly and combustible landscaping, mostly grasses, from the north edge of Ranchitos Park. A young man who is pursuing his Eagle Scout badge is coming in with his troop to apply sheet mulching to the area. Sheet mulching is a process of laying out cardboard, compost, and mulch on top of the soil. It prevents weed growth and as it decomposes, enriches the soil. Sheet mulching virtually eliminates the need for herbicides. The approach was used successfully at Freitas Park, Terra Linda Community Center, Boro Community Center, and Munson Park and along Freitas Parkway.

D. Reports from Committees

Commissioner Gamblin attended an event at Santa Margarita Park recently, and commented favorably on the design and condition of the facility.

E. Approval of Minutes, Meeting of June 16, 2014

M/s Oblatz/Gamblin to approve the minutes

AYES: Gamblin, Holm, Jones, Machado, Oblatz, Basset

NOES: None

ABSENT: Bustillos, Mihan

3. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.