



## PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

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### Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

Thursday, August 1, 2013

4:00 p.m.

Board of Supervisors' Chambers

400 County Center, Redwood City

### MINUTES

Chair Cooney called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**

2. **Roll Call**

Commissioners: Cooney (Chair), Enriquez, Merrilees (Vice Chair), Pincus, Ruehl

Staff: Bennett, Cala, Hallett, Harris, Herzberg, Lockman, Lombardi, Nantell, Scott, Wright

3. **Oral Communications**

None.

4. **Agenda Amendments**

None.

5. **Consideration of Minutes**

A. Regular Meeting of February 7, 2013 (continued from June 6, 2013 meeting)

B. Regular Meeting of June 6, 2013

Commission Action: M/S Cooney/Merrilees to approve the minutes of the regular meetings of February 7 and June 6, 2013.

Motion carried 5-0.

6. **Correspondence and Presentations**

A. Introduction of Parks Interns

Interim Director Nantell noted that several interns were assisting park staff with key projects such as Take a Hike and the Sign Shop. Planner Herzberg introduced Intern

Janice Lau, who has been working on a process to track the status of capital projects and evaluating trail routes and names at Edgewood Park and Natural Preserve to improve trail flow and directional signage.

5. Fitzgerald Marine Reserve Video – Introduced by Superintendent Lombardi  
– Report Enclosed

Superintendent Lombardi introduced Ranger Rob Cala who created the educational Fitzgerald Marine Reserve video and recognized the Friends of Fitzgerald Marine Reserve for their input and cooperation in making the video. He described and distributed some of the materials developed to implement the MPA Educational Guidelines established by the San Mateo Collaborative Group for the reserve.

The Commission commented favorably on the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve video.

C. Presentation on the 4H Million Trees Project – Julien Levy

Mr. Julien Levy, a local 4H member, shared with the Commission a PowerPoint presentation and YouTube video about the contributions of the 4H Million Trees Project to local County Parks, the City of San Bruno and internationally.

**7. Director's Report**

Interim Parks Director Nantell reported on the budget and funding for capital projects and additional staffing; Parks Director interviews scheduled for September; the Foundation exploring new opportunities to enhance and raise more money; developing a sustainable operations plan; and collaboration on Friendship Park in the North Fair Oaks area.

Chair Cooney suggested County Parks contact CalTrans to discuss how County Parks might provide landscaping services for open space areas along freeway exits and entrances through agreement. Interim Parks Director Nantell indicated that it was doubtful the State would have any funds to pay County staff for the work.

**8. Action Items**

A. Resolution Recognizing and Commending County Parks Staff

Commissioner Merrilees introduced the Resolution and thanked parks staff for their accomplishments during the past two years.

Chair Cooney suggested hosting a staff recognition lunch.

B. Devil's Slide Trail Project

1. Review and Receive Public Comment on 30% Concept Plans for

### Devil's Slide Trail Project

2. Set August 29, 2013 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. as a Special Parks Commission Meeting to Review and Receive Public Comment on the 90% Devil's Slide Trail Plans

Parks Planner Herzberg, Roland Hagen of Brian Kangas Foulk, and Sarah Sutton of DCE-The Planning Center, made a presentation on the concept plans thus far for the Devil's Slide Trail Project. Superintendent Lockman reported on the maintenance that would be required after the development of the trail including bird and wetlands monitoring, and rock removal. He said the comments from today and through August 8 would be incorporated into 90% plans noting the Commission would be requested to hold a special meeting to consider the 90% plans. He said the intent was to fully develop the plans to take to the Board of Supervisors on September 17 for authorization to go out to bid. Comments on the plans would be accepted through August 8, 2013.

Commissioner Enriquez asked about the seismic safety measures for the proposed trail. Mr. Hagen said they would use the abandoned section of Caltrans' Highway 1 for this trail. He said this roadway has a history of geotechnical or geological issues in the slide area. He said the last Caltrans' repair of this area they put in a very sophisticated dewatering system to remove water from the slide area, placed numerous strain gauges to measure hillside movement and a certain level would signal that traffic should cease. He said there was no way to prevent seismic impact in this area. He said they were using existing highway and existing features for the project.

Commissioner Enriquez said he did not see any ADA signage. Mr. Hagen said much of the ADA signage would be at the trail heads for parking. Superintendent Lockman said there would be additional signage including accessibility signage, and features would be designed to be accessible.

Chair Cooney said a used Vactor jet truck might be a good investment to aid in removing debris and water. Superintendent Lockman said they were looking at a range of treatment and would consider the suggestion.

Public Comment: Ms. Faye Brophy, E-TRAC, said that there was no accommodation for equestrians, and that accommodation was important and needed to make the trail multi-use.

Ms. Terri Lahey, Half Moon Bay, expressed support for the proposed plans noting the trail would be an asset for coastside residents and visitors. She liked the view of Bird Rock proposal with the goal to protect the birds, and asked the Commission to look closely at bicycle and pedestrian access from Montara and Pacifica. She asked in the

future that a trail to the Bunker site be considered.

Chair Cooney closed the public hearing.

Commission Comment: Youth Commissioner Ruehl said it was a fantastic project with exciting views. He said he supported the second option discussed for the bird blind, which was the four foot option perhaps moved back farther to allow people to see over it as opposed to six-foot chain link fence closer to the edge.

Commissioner Merrilees said most of the public comment he has received was about the bird blind. He said the options presented were good but suggested moving k-rail back so people cannot see over the edge and signage indicating bird habitat or something similar. He said perhaps fabric stretched through which people could see and but the birds could not would be ideal. He suggested moving ahead with the trail and that piece might be refined later.

Chair Cooney confirmed the Commission's agreement to meet on August 29 for a special meeting to consider 90% plans and make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors on final plans.

Interim Parks Director Nantell asked for confirmation that the two Commissioners' comments on the bird blind supported moving the K-rail back and increasing vegetation to the back of the new location of the K-rail before putting in a four-foot fence to determine if fencing was needed. Commissioner Merrilees said he was supportive.

**9. Marina**

A. Harbormaster's Report

Harbormaster Hallett reported that the work on Dock 29 had begun, and it was anticipated that the Board of Supervisors would be requested to authorize going out for bids to replace the Fuel Dock.

**10. Operations and Maintenance Activities**

A. Superintendent's Report

B. Volunteer Programs and Activities Report

Superintendent Lombardi said there were no additions to his written report.

Commissioner Merrilees commented on the pianos on the Bluff art happening and how well staff handled the matter allowing a two week window for the removal of the pianos.

Superintendent Lockman commented that Ms. Schoof had increased volunteer hours by

10% over the past year and had done a great job working with Ranger Cala on the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve educational video, Take A Hike, and interns helping with projects in the administrative office.

**11. Support Services**

A. Bi-monthly Alternative Funding and Program Development Report

Ms. Harris said she had no additions to her written report.

**12. Friends and Subcommittees**

A. Parks and Recreation Foundation

There was no report.

**13. Commissioner Reports**

There were none.

**14. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.