

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
CITY OF MONTEREY
THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 2006
7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBER, FEW MEMORIAL HALL
MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA 93940

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice Chairperson McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked the Secretary to call for roll.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: Canepa, Cooney, Laughton, McCarthy,
Menendez-Herbst, Woodward

Commissioners Absent: Marotta (Excused)

Military Liaison Present: None

Staff Present: Recreation and Community Services Director Russo,
Deputy Public Works Director Stafford, Recording
Secretary Nash

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Parks and Recreation Commission meeting of Thursday, June 15, 2006
Action: Approved as submitted (6-0-1, Marotta absent).

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

AGENDA ITEMS:

2. **Approval of Planning Commission Comments to be Included in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update of 2006**

Action: Recommended approval of Planning Commission Comments to include in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update 2006 (6-0-1, Marotta absent).

Deputy Public Works Director Stafford reviewed with the Commission the comments made by the Planning Commission at their June 27, 2006 meeting regarding the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update 2006. After their review, the Planning Commission approved the Master Plan Update and recommended the following modifications:

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1. Clarify the term "Window on the Bay". Staff has changed the reference "Window on the Bay" to "Monterey Bay Park (Window on the Bay)".
2. Add on to the Recommendation of Priorities in Community Area #1 (New Monterey) "Develop access improvements on McAbee Beach as soon as the City receives ownership from the Cannery Row Company." Staff recommends inclusion of this item as the Cannery Row Company will transfer ownership of McAbee Beach to the City within the next few days. A proposed development plan has been prepared and will be presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission for approval.

On a motion by Commissioner Canepa, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, and carried by the following vote, the Parks and Recreation Commission recommend approval of the Planning Commission comments/modifications and that they be included in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update 2006:

AYES:	6	COMMISSIONERS:	Canepa, Cooney, Laughton, McCarthy, Menendez-Herbst, Woodward
NOES:	0	COMMISSIONERS:	None
ABSENT:	1	COMMISSIONERS:	Marotta

3. Parks Tour Rescheduled to Thursday, September 21, 2006

Action: Recommended approval of a Parks Tour on Thursday, September 21, 2006 at 4:45 p.m. (6-0-1, Marotta absent).

Recreation and Community Services Director Russo stated that the Commission normally goes on an Annual Parks Tour during the summer. The Commission was scheduled to go on a parks tour on July 20, 2006, but that parks tour was canceled due to lack of a quorum. Therefore, staff is proposing that the Parks Tour be rescheduled for Thursday, September 21, 2006 and would like to get a consensus from the Commission if they want to go on a parks tour on that date at a time determined by the Commission or if they wish to cancel the tour and regularly scheduled Commission meeting.

It was the consensus of the Commission to go on their annual parks tour on Thursday, September 21, 2006 at 4:45 p.m.

STAFF INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:

The Commission received the following reports:

4. **Monthly Reports:**
 - a. Recreation and Community Services Department – June 2006
 - b. Parks Division – June 2006
 - c. Recreation and Community Services Department – July 2006
 - d. Parks Division – July 2006
5. **Kids Flea Market**

STAFF COMMENTS:

Deputy Public Works Director Stafford reported that the Bronco World Series had another successful year, but feels the Parks Division needs a few extra days to lay the sod so that it can settle better. They installed drainage in the lawn area of Bay View School and still have some work to do in the low spots to complete this project. He stated that the repairs and reconstruction of Anthony's Gate has been completed. He said because of the historical value, they hired a specialty contractor. Each gate weighs 850 pounds and they installed concrete and pipe to help secure the gates. He reported that the Forestry Division crew has been doing work on the Recreation Trail and along Del Monte Avenue trimming Eucalyptus trees.

Recreation and Community Services Director Russo informed the Commission that the City Council referred the East Del Monte Priority B Land Use Project to the Planning Commission and the Parks and Recreation Commission. Staff is proposing to hold a joint meeting with the two Commissions and are tentatively considering the dates of Tuesday, September 26 or Tuesday, October 10, 2006. She stated that this area is between Park Avenue and Sloat Avenue and that current designation is parking support and restroom. Director Russo said we had a tremendous 4th of July Celebration. She said that there was a request for information regarding the parade and how groups are chosen to participate and deadline dates for applications. She said that staff has met to develop and establish guidelines and that the guidelines will come before the Commission for approval and then on to the City Council for approval. She said the Lawn Party had a huge crowd, especially when Johnny Rivers played. She stated that at next year's event, they would move all food vendors out to the street to leave more lawn area available for public seating. Director Russo commended staff for all their hard work on the 4th of July events. She informed the Commission that a proposal to transfer the remainder of the Monterey Tennis Center Concession Agreement from Vince LaRocca to Alan Telfer will come to the Commission for approval in November. She reminded the Commission that they all must complete the AB1234 Ethics Training. Director Russo updated the Commission on the Sports Center projects. She informed the Commission that Deputy Public Works Director Les Turnbeaugh is doing well and plans to be back to work in October. He says "hi" and looks forward to returning to work.

COMMISSIONER AND MILITARY LIAISON COMMENTS:

Commissioner Menendez-Herbst said she is glad that staff is developing guidelines for the 4th of July Parade, because over the past few years some of the participants have become very confrontational with the announcers during the parade. She said she has been on the Recreation Trail a lot lately and there are people from all over the world enjoying the Trail, it makes you very proud to live in Monterey.

Commissioner Woodward requested an update on plans and schedules for approved NIP projects. Deputy Public Works Director Stafford said he would provide an update at an upcoming Commission meeting. Commissioner Woodward asked if the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update 2006 has been completed. Deputy Public Works Director Stafford stated that it is complete and will now go to the City Council for review and final approval. Commissioner Woodward said she attended the Friday afternoon campfire program at Whispering Pines Day Camp and it was very impressive and the staff was excellent.

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Commissioner Laughton said she also attended the Friday afternoon campfire program at Whispering Pines Day Camp and that it was very organized and the kids and staff were very enthusiastic. She said the Bronco World Series had another very successful year and is a wonderful event. She said that she attended the Pony Baseball event at Jacks Park on the 4th of July. She is sorry to hear about Les Turnbeaugh and hopes for a speedy recovery. We really appreciate and miss him.

Vice Chairperson McCarthy said that he saw Les Turnbeaugh at the Bronco World Series and he looked really good, it was encouraging to see him out and about.

Commissioner Cooney said the campfire program at Whispering Pines Day Camp was wonderful this year. She commented that the parks look great.

Commissioner Canepa said the Del Monte Beach boardwalk railings look great. He asked about the boatyard area on the Catellus property and the Roto-Rooter site. Deputy Public Works Director Stafford stated that the City is working with the Regional Park District for a grant for the boatyard area and Roto-Rooter is looking for a new location. Commissioner Canepa reported seeing more dogs on the Recreation Trail and more goose droppings on the El Estero path around the lake.

NEXT MEETING:

- The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission will be Thursday, September 21, 2006 at 4:45 p.m., for a Parks Tour.

ADJOURNMENT:

Vice Chairperson McCarthy adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

The agenda for this meeting was posted at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting outside Few Memorial Hall of Records.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Russo, Director
Recreation and Community Services Department

Dennis McCarthy, Vice Chairperson
Parks and Recreation Commission