

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**CITY OF MONTEREY**  
**THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2007**  
**7:00 P.M.**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBER, FEW MEMORIAL HALL**  
**MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA 93940**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**ROLL CALL:**

**Commissioners Present:** Cooney, Laughton, Marotta, McCarthy, Menendez-Herbst, Woodward

**Commissioners Absent:** Canepa (Excused)

**Military Liaison Present:** None

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

1. Parks and Recreation Commission meeting of Thursday, March 15, 2007  
*Action: Approved as submitted (6-0-1, Canepa absent).*

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Bob Oliver, Monterey resident, spoke against the use of Roundup, 2,4-D Herbicide (Speed Zone Southern) and other types of pesticides in the City of Monterey. He stated that these pesticides are toxic and hazardous to people, animals, fish, birds, and plants. He encouraged City staff to begin a new practice of not using chemicals as they are harmful to people and the environment.

Lorna Moffett, Monterey resident, also spoke against the use of pesticides in Monterey. She stated that they are very toxic and should not be sprayed around lakes or water. She is requesting the City discontinue the use of pesticides. She thanked the Commission for listening to her concerns and also thanked Deputy Public Works Director Stafford for not spraying pesticides at Iris Canyon this year.

Sharon Dwight, Monterey resident, said she noticed that several trees have been removed at Hilltop Park and asked if they were going to be replaced. Deputy Public Works Director Stafford will follow up with Ms. Dwight.

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

**2. Request to Use Monterey Beach – Hobie Regattas – July 14 & 15, 2007 and November 3 & 4, 2007**

***Action: Request approved of Hobie Fleet 259 to use Monterey Beach on Saturday, July 14 and Sunday, July 15, 2007 and Saturday, November 3 and Sunday, November 4, 2007 from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., subject to meeting the Beach Use Conditions (6-0-1, Canepa absent).***

Recreation and Community Services Director Russo reviewed the request of Hobie Fleet 259 to use Monterey Beach on Saturday, July 14 and Sunday, July 15, 2007 for their Otter Regatta and Saturday, November 3 and Sunday, November 4, 2007 for their Turkey Regatta from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The Regatta Beach Use Permit fee of \$225.00 will be assessed for each event and a picnic BBQ Permit fee of \$50.00 per day. Director Russo said that the schedule of events and activities being proposed are consistent with past regattas. Staff has been in contact with the event representatives and have been advised that the Beach Use Conditions can be met. She further reviewed the Beach Use Conditions that would have to be met by the Hobie Fleet 259:

- The user group will coordinate with the Parking Division for the rental of the parking lot for the regatta events. This area will be used for parking and off-loading of the hobbies. All hobbies will be off-loaded before 7:00 a.m. to ensure no traffic flow problems.
- Copy of Insurance Certificate for \$1,000,000.00 listing the City as additional insured for each event.
- The user group will be responsible for providing extra trashcans, litter pick-up during and after the event and assurance of beach clean up of the area.
- The user group fully understands the importance of cleaning the beach daily after the event. Failure to comply with this use condition will result in denial of future beach use requests.
- The user group will be responsible for providing extra portable toilets for the event.
- The user group will also coordinate with other City departments in regard to support services, i.e., Parking, Harbormaster, Coast Guard.
- The user group will designate an interim area to safely launch vessels and provide necessary spotters and cones to mark the launch area.
- The user group will park hobbies back from the shoreline in order to give other beach users room along the shoreline.
- The user group will be responsible for obtaining Regatta Beach Use Permits and Picnic/BBQ Permits from the Recreation and Community Services Department and paying the assessed fees prior to the events.

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Commissioner Cooney motioned that the Parks and Recreation Commission approve the request of Hobie Fleet 259 to use Monterey Beach on Saturday, July 14 and Sunday, July 15, 2007 and Saturday, November 3 and Sunday, November 4, 2007 from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., subject to meeting the Beach Use Conditions. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marotta and carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: 6 COMMISSIONERS: Cooney, Laughton, Marotta, McCarthy,  
Menendez-Herbst, Woodward

NOES: 0 COMMISSIONERS: None

ABSENT: 1 COMMISSIONERS: Canepa

**3. Approval of the Proposed Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP) Park/Recreation Related Projects for Fiscal Year 2007-2008**

***Action: Approved Proposed Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP) Park/Recreation Related Projects for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 (6-0-1, Canepa absent).***

Deputy Public Works Director Turnbeaugh reviewed the proposed Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP) Park/Recreation Related Projects for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 that were approved by the NIP Committee at their April 26, 2007 meeting and will be forwarded to the City Council in June for their approval. He stated that the NIP Committee voted on approving 15 park/recreation related projects. He informed the Commission that the Monterey Sports Center Locker Room Renovation project is the first project listed as a "cut-off" project and that funding has been approved from the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and the General Fund. He said these funds would be reimbursed from NIP if funding becomes available at a later date.

Following is the proposed list of NIP approved park/recreation related projects for Fiscal Year 2007-2008:

1.	Casanova Oak Knoll Park Improvements	\$13,890
2.	Deer Flats Basketball Court Resurfacing	\$10,000
3.	Hilltop Park – Replace Small Play Structure	\$15,000
4.	Hoffman Park – Landscaping & Walkway Improvements	\$24,000
5.	Old Town Tree Planting, Phase III	\$2,500
6.	Chatsworth Place Planter & Curb Redesign	\$2,000
7.	Don Dahvee Green Belt Management, Phase I	\$25,000
8.	Skyline Forest, Removal of Dead & Hazardous Trees	\$55,000
9.	Dog Park at El Estero Eucalyptus Grove	\$15,000
10.	Monterey High School Track & Field Restoration	\$50,000
11.	Oak Newton Park Play Equipment Replacement	\$52,000
12.	Monterey Bay Park Landscaping & Parking Improve.	\$225,000
13.	Dennis the Menace Parking Lot Improvements	\$25,000
14.	Friendly Plaza Lighting Replacement	\$45,000
15.	Lake El Estero Edge Restoration, Phase IV	<u>\$100,000</u>
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b><u>\$659,390</u></b>
	<b><u>Unfunded Cut-off Project:</u></b>	
16.	Monterey Sports Center Locker Room Renovation	\$250,000

Commissioner Cooney motioned that the Parks and Recreation Commission approve the proposed park/recreation related Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP) projects submitted for Fiscal Year 2007-2008

AYES: 6 COMMISSIONERS: Cooney, Laughton, Marotta, McCarthy, Menendez-Herbst, Woodward

NOES: 0 COMMISSIONERS: None

ABSENT: 1 COMMISSIONERS: Canepa

**4. Request to Consider Relocating Dog Park Closer to Fremont Street in El Estero Park**

***Action: Consensus of Commission is to create the Dog Park in the approved location at El Estero Park Eucalyptus Grove and consider possible expansion closer to Fremont Street if the Dog Park is successful.***

Deputy Public Works Director Stafford reviewed the request to consider moving the approved Dog Park closer to Fremont Street.

Roni Rubenstein, Monterey resident, requested that the approved Dog Park be relocated closer to Fremont Street in El Estero Park. She stated that the variety of the terrain would be more interesting for the dogs, the proposed area has more sun, has shade and is less windy. She said that being closer to Fremont Street would also be more inviting to visitors with dogs.

Sharon Dwight, NIP Alternate Spokesperson, said that the NIP Committee is very enthusiastic about the already approved area for the Dog Park. She felt that the Dog Park should be built as previously approved and if it is popular then look at expanding it towards Fremont Street.

After discussion by the Commission and staff, it was determined that in order to relocate the Dog Park at this time the request would have to be reviewed and approved by the Parks and Recreation Commission, the NIP Committee and the City Council. The Commission agreed that the Dog Park should be built in the approved area because it has already been reviewed and approved, has NIP funding, and would not delay construction. They also agreed if it is successful, then consider expanding the Dog Park.

Roni Rubenstein stated that she and others are very excited about having a Dog Park in Monterey and agreed that building it as approved was the best solution and it would not delay building the Dog Park.

**STAFF INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:**

The Commission received the following reports:

5. **Monthly Reports:**
  - a. **Recreation and Community Services Department – March 2007**
  - b. **Parks Division – March 2007**
  - c. **Recreation and Community Services Department – April 2007**
  - d. **Parks Division – April 2007**
6. **Monterey Community Band Concert**
7. **26<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Dance Concert**

**STAFF COMMENTS:**

Deputy Public Works Director Stafford reported that Disk Golf at Don Dahvee Park is working well and that the Disk Golf group helps keep the park clean. He said that the 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Cutting Day went very well, He reported that improvements to Shoreline Park are in progress with new concrete and plants. He said this project is funded by the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District and that the City of Monterey Parks Division is supplying the labor. He stated that he has spent 56 hours since January preparing for the City Council meeting regarding the use of Roundup and other pesticides. He reported that the Mohr Imports property is preparing for demolition of the building and that the Roto-Rooter property purchase is still in negotiations.

Deputy Public Works Director Turnbeaugh reported that volunteers would be using wheelbarrows to haul rocks and dirt for the construction of the walkway from Van Buren Street through the Presidio to New Monterey. He stated that staff met with Paul Davis regarding the Monterey Youth Center improvements and that funding has been received for this project through the Roberti-Z Berg Grant.

Recreation and Community Services Director Russo reported that our summer Saturday registration day went very well. She said the Recreation and Community Services Department received positive feedback from the City Focus that recently went out to all Monterey residents. She reported that 96 units will be in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and that the City Council will ride in one vehicle this year. She said the headline band this year will be "Rain", a tribute band to the Beatles, and that all vendor booths will be located on Pacific Street. She stated that the Community Centers are down staff and that recruitment is underway to fill vacant Recreation Specialist positions and for a Center Director at Casanova Oak Knoll Park Center with the upcoming resignation of Cece Reinhardt. She said staff is busy preparing for summer programs and hiring of summer staff. She also talked about the meeting with Paul Davis regarding improvements to the Monterey Youth Center and said that the Main Hall is the priority and will use the existing funding to make as many improvements as possible at this time.

**COMMISSIONER AND MILITARY LIAISON COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Marotta stated that being a neighbor to Don Dahvee Park, he is glad to see the Disk Golf activity in the park and also suggested that the participants park on Munras Avenue instead of on the neighborhood streets or at Del Monte Center.

Commissioner Woodward inquired about the fundraising efforts for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Recreation and Community Services Director Russo stated that last year's fundraising contributions were minimal; we collected \$4,568. She stated the City Council would review all of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July events after this year's celebration.

Commissioner Cooney asked if there was enough diversity within the 96 units for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and would it be entertaining for the children and families. Recreation and Community Services Director Russo stated there is a wide variety of parade entertainment for everyone.

Commissioner Laughton stated that she does not like all of the freedom of speech displays at Window on the Bay park. Recreation and Community Services Director Russo stated that this is the area that the City has designated for groups to use for these types of events and that they are only allowed for one day at a time. Deputy Public Works Director Stafford also stated that if a display were left out overnight the Parks Division staff would promptly remove any remaining items.

Chairperson McCarthy reported that he met with Deputy Public Works Director Stafford regarding using Ryan Ranch Community Park for ball fields and would like to have the Commission revisit this issue and site. He said it could be a real moneymaker for the City and that there are old blueprints from the 1980's showing the layout of 16 ball fields in this park.

**NEXT MEETING:**

- The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission will be Thursday, June 21, 2007 at 7:00 p.m., City Council Chambers.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairperson McCarthy adjourned the meeting at 8:20 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,

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Kay Russo, Director  
Recreation and Community Services Department

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Dennis McCarthy, Chairperson  
Parks and Recreation Commission