

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
CITY OF MONTEREY
THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 2008
7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBER, FEW MEMORIAL HALL
MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA 93940

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Woodward 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, Marotta, McCarthy, Menendez-Herbst, Woodward

Commissioners Absent: None

Military Liaison Present: None

Staff Present: Recreation and Community Services Director Russo, Deputy Public Works Director Stafford, Deputy Public Works Director Turnbeaugh, Recreation and Community Services Manager Vierra, Park Maintenance Supervisor Louie Marcuzzo, Recording Secretary Nash

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- 1. Parks and Recreation Commission meeting of Thursday, November 15, 2007**
Action: Approved as submitted (7-0-0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Roni Rubenstein, Monterey resident, reported on the newly opened Dog Park at El Estero Park. She said that additional benches, bulletin boards and signage will be added as money becomes available. She said right now it's open for business and that people and dogs alike are enjoying the park. Ms. Rubenstein thanked the Commission and staff for making the Dog Park a reality.

AGENDA ITEMS:

- 2. Presentation to Former Chairperson Dennis McCarthy**

Action: Presentation by Recreation and Community Services Director Russo and Chairperson Woodward.

Recreation and Community Services Director Russo and Chairperson Woodward, on behalf of the Commission and staff, presented Commissioner Dennis McCarthy with an

Award of Appreciation, acknowledging his excellent year of service as the Chairperson of the Parks and Recreation Commission for 2007. Dennis did an outstanding job as Chairperson by representing the Commission at various City meetings and functions.

Commissioner McCarthy thanked the Commission and staff and said it was an adventure and he really enjoyed the experience.

3. Introduction of Rachel Deis, Recreation Coordinator at Casanova Oak Knoll Park Center; Andrew Diaz, Facility Coordinator at the Monterey Sports Center; and Adeline Flores, Administrative Assistant I in the Administrative Office

Action: Introductions made by Recreation and Community Services Director Russo.

Recreation and Community Services Director Russo introduced three new full-time staff members. Rachel Deis is the new Recreation Coordinator at Casanova Oak Knoll Park Center. Rachel graduated from Monterey High School and received her Associate of Arts Degree from Monterey Peninsula College and her Bachelor of Arts Degree from Chico State in Liberal Studies with a minor in Recreation Administration. Rachel started her career with our department in the summer of 1995 as a counselor at Camp Quien Sabe. Over the years with the department, she has worked as an Assistant Playground Director, Whispering Pines Day Camp Director, Afterschool Site Director at Casanova Oak Knoll Park Center, Recreation Specialist for Special Events and Programs and now has been promoted to the Recreation Coordinator position at Casanova Oak Knoll Park Center. Rachel is truly a dedicated team player who is passionate about providing recreational services to the community she was raised in.

Andrew Diaz is the new Facility Coordinator at the Monterey Sports Center. Andrew graduated from Monterey High School and received his Associate of Arts Degree from Monterey Peninsula College and his Bachelor of Science Degree from California Polytechnic State University of San Luis Obispo with an emphasis in finance and appraisal. Andrew also did an internship with the City of Monterey's Traffic and Engineering Department. His most recent position was with the Pebble Beach Company at Spanish Bay as a Manager. Andrew is passionate about giving back to the community that he has lived in and is committed to the success of the Monterey Sports Center.

Adeline Flores is the new Administrative Assistant I in the Recreation Administration office. Adeline began working for our department in 1999 working as an Office Assistant II at the Monterey Sports Center. She was then promoted to the position of Executive Office Assistant in the City Manager's office and held this position for over four years. She resigned from her position in May of 2006 and moved to be closer to her family in Scottsdale, Arizona where she worked as a secretary in the Police Administration in the City of Scottsdale. Adeline returned to Monterey and was selected to fill the vacant Administrative Assistant I position in the Recreation Administration office. Adeline's positive and cheerful manner, commitment to quality service and conscientious and effective skills and abilities make her a welcome addition to our team.

Rachel, Andrew and Adeline each thanked the Commission and staff and are eager to be part of our Recreation team.

The Commission welcomed each of them and look forward to working with them in the future.

4. Request to Allow Scooters in the Skate Park from Citizen Steve Saunders

Action: Request to allow scooters in the Skate Park was denied (7-0-0).

Deputy Public Works Director Stafford stated that at the Commission's September 20, 2007 meeting, they reviewed a request from Mr. Steve Saunders to amend the rules to allow scooters in the Skate Park. Mr. Saunders stated that the City of Salinas allows scooters in their Skate Park and he is requesting that the City review the liability issues. At that meeting, the Commission was unanimous that under advisement of the City Attorney that allowing scooters in the Skate Park does not give the City immunity from liability for this type of use and that the designer has stated that the park features are not designed for scooters. In September, the Commission gave staff direction to do more research on how the City of Salinas is able to allow non-motorized scooters in their Skate Park without liability concerns. He said he contacted the City of Salinas and they do not allow scooters in their Skate Park. They also informed him that they have not had much enforcement of their rules; however, they anticipate being more strict about the rules of their Skate Park.

Commissioner Marotta asked for clarification on the City's liability insurance. Deputy Public Works Director Stafford stated that the City is self-insured and that the City Attorney has confirmed that the State indemnifies inline skates and skateboards are exempt from State law. He also stated that the State Legislature gives immunity from liability for extreme activities and that scooters were not listed.

Commissioner McCarthy stated that if the immunity statute is in place then we have to abide by that statute.

Commissioner Menendez-Herbst asked if liability is the real issue we cannot allow scooters in our Skate Park. Deputy Public Works Director Stafford reiterated that the City Attorney stated that according to the State statute, scooters are not listed in this statute. He also said that the Skate Park was not built for this use and is not appropriate for this use because of the size, layout and flow of the park.

Commissioner Woodward asked if the terminology could be changed to allow scooters. Deputy Public Works Director Stafford said that is not possible because it is a State statute and that the Commission may want to look at other areas to possibly create a scooter park.

Commissioner Canepa stated that local skateboarders helped with the design of the Skate Park and at that time we limited the use to only inline skates and skateboards because of the size and flow of the park for skaters and skateboarders and that he would not approve adding another use to this park.

Mr. Steve Saunders apologized about the misinformation he received about the City of Salinas allowing scooters in their Skate Park. He stated that scooters are much safer than skateboards because they have a handle and brakes. He asked that the

Commission consider making changes to the Skate Park rules and regulations to accommodate scooters.

On a motion by Commissioner Marotta, seconded by Commission Canepa, and carried by the following vote, that the Parks and Recreation Commission deny the request of Mr. Steve Saunders to allow scooters in the Skate Park:

AYES: 7 COMMISSIONERS: Canepa, Cooney, Laughton, Marotta, McCarthy, Menendez-Herbst, Woodward

NOES: 0 COMMISSIONERS: None

ABSENT: 0 COMMISSIONERS: None

5. Recommendation to City Council to Authorize Exercising Option for Musical and Color Act Services for 2008 4th of July Celebration

Action: Recommend City Council approval to authorize exercising fourth and final year option to Kelly Productions to provide musical and color act services for the 2008 4th of July Celebration (7-0-0).

Recreation and Community Services Director Russo reviewed with the Commission a recommendation to City Council to authorize Kelly Productions to provide Entertainment and Color Acts for the 2008 4th of July Flag Raising and Kick-Off Parade and Lawn Party. She stated that based on a Request for Proposal, Kelly Productions was selected to provide these services with repeat performances for four successive years. This is the fourth and final year option for repeat services pursuant to the provisions as outlined in Resolution No. 04-20 passed and adopted by the City Council on February 3, 2004.

Recreation and Community Services Director Russo said funding in the amount of \$33,153 is required to provide parade color acts and lawn party entertainment for the July 4, 2008 event. She reviewed the approved yearly options as follows:

2005	Option 1	\$30,070
2006	Option 2	\$31,574
2007	Option 3	\$31,574
2008	Option 4	\$33,153

On a motion by Commissioner Marotta, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, and carried by the following vote, the Parks and Recreation Commission recommended City Council approval of a Resolution to authorize the fourth and final year option for Kelly Productions to provide musical and color act services for the 2008 4th of July Celebration with funding not to exceed \$33,153:

AYES: 7 COMMISSIONERS: Canepa, Cooney, Laughton, Marotta, McCarthy, Menendez-Herbst, Woodward

NOES: 0 COMMISSIONERS: None

ABSENT: 0 COMMISSIONERS: None

6. Ranking and Approving of Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP) Projects for Submittal to NIP for Fiscal Year 2008-2009

Action: The Parks and Recreation Commission approved and recommended to the Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP) Committee five (5) City-wide projects in priority order for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 funding.

Recreation and Community Services Director Russo reported that the Commission's NIP Subcommittee compiled the projects that were nominated by the Commission at their November 15, 2007 meeting into five (5) Citywide projects for Fiscal Year 2008-2009. Deputy Public Works Directors Stafford and Turnbeaugh also reviewed with the Commission the five projects for their consideration as selected by the Subcommittee.

- Monterey Youth Center Renovation \$50,000
- Monterey Sports Center \$14,000
Six (6) Cameras for Surveillance System
- Enclosure of Shelter at Whispering Pines Park \$30,000
- El Estero Streetscape, Phase IV \$50,000
- El Estero Lake Edge, Phase IV \$100,000

Each Commissioner ranked the projects in their priority order. Below are the results of their ranking that will be submitted to the NIP Committee:

1. Monterey Sports Center \$14,000
Six (6) Cameras for Surveillance System
2. Monterey Youth Center Renovation \$50,000
3. El Estero Streetscape, Phase IV \$50,000
4. El Estero Lake Edge, Phase IV \$100,000
5. Enclosure of Shelter at Whispering Pines Park \$30,000

On a motion by Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Laughton, and carried by the following vote, that the Parks and Recreation Commission recommend to the Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP) the above five projects in priority order for Fiscal Year 2008-2009:

AYES: 7 COMMISSIONERS: Canepa, Cooney, Laughton, Marotta, McCarthy, Menendez-Herbst, Woodward

NOES: 0 COMMISSIONERS: None

ABSENT: 0 COMMISSIONERS: None

7. Monterey Sports Center – Pool Deck, Pool Replaster and Locker Room Status

Action: Report received from Sports Center Manager Jeff Vierra.

Sports Center Manager Vierra updated the Commission on the status of the pool deck, pool replastering and locker room renovations. He stated that the pools are scheduled to be closed during these projects. Mr. Vierra said the renovation of the men's and women's locker rooms, the new pool deck, and the pool replastering will be done concurrently and that work is tentatively scheduled to begin on March 3, 2008 and is scheduled to be completed by May 2, 2008. He also stated that the bid openings for these projects will be opened on February 6, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. and then they can pinpoint the exact dates for the closure of the pools and timeline for the completion of the projects. He said the three projects were packaged into a single contract to minimize interruption of operations and possibly gain savings in construction costs.

Sports Center Manager Vierra gave an overview on the projects: the locker room work will include new floors, lockers, retiling walls, and painting, along with some mechanical and plumbing work to be addressed in both locker rooms. A portable locker room with showers will be available for use while the locker rooms are being renovated; an overlay has been selected for the pool deck which will be placed on top of the existing pool deck tile, as well as the locker room floor tile. He said that the overlay has the advantage of avoiding demolition of the existing deck, avoidance of possible damage to below deck, which will facilitate a shorter construction period and lower construction costs; the pool bottoms will be replastered, new lane line tiles will be installed, new pool lights, and replacement of broken gutter tiles. He reported that samples of the overlay product has been installed in a few areas for testing purposes and encouraged the Commissioners to come see it.

Jim McCullem of Harris and Associates has been working on these projects and gave an overview of how the overlay process will work for the pool deck and how the pools will be replastered.

Commissioner Laughton asked if guests would be compensated during the construction period. Sports Center Manager Vierra stated that they will make this information available throughout the facility and staff will also inform new guests that are touring the facility about the upcoming construction. He said the construction would affect a lot of areas and programs in the facility.

8. Request to Use Monterey Beach – Ke Kai O'Uhane Outrigger Canoe Club – Saturday, May 24 and Sunday, May 25, 2008

Action: Recommended approval of request by Ke Kai O'Uhane Outrigger Canoe Club for their Memorial Day regatta on Saturday, May 24 and Sunday, May 25, 2008 (7-0-0).

Recreation and Community Services Director Russo reviewed with the Commission the request of the Ke Kai O'Uhane Outrigger Canoe Club to use Monterey Beach on Saturday, May 24 and Sunday, May 25, 2008 for their Memorial Day Hoe Wa'a Canoe Race 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 \$35.00 per day. Director Russo

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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 following Beach Use Conditions can be met:

- 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 canoes. All canoes 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 required to rent a garbage dumpster from Monterey Disposal and coordinate with the Harbor Office for dumpster location. User group will be responsible for litter pick up during and after the event and assurance of beach clean up of the area. Do not leave trash bags on beach near trashcans.
- 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 canoes back from the shoreline in order to give other beach users room along the shoreline.
- The user group will be responsible for obtaining a Regatta Beach Use Permit and a Picnic Permit from the Recreation and Community Services Department and paying the assessed fees prior to the event.

On a motion by Commissioner Marotta, seconded by Commissioner Woodward and carried by the following vote, that the Parks and Recreation Commission approved the request of the Ke Kai O'Uhane Outrigger Canoe Club to use Monterey Beach on Saturday, May 24 and Sunday, May 25, 2008 from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., subject to meeting the Beach Use Conditions:

AYES:	7	COMMISSIONERS:	Canepa, Cooney, Laughton, Marotta, McCarthy, Menendez-Herbst, Woodward
NOES:	0	COMMISSIONERS:	None
ABSENT:	0	COMMISSIONERS:	None

9. Request to Use Monterey Beach – Akau Hana Outrigger Canoe Club – Saturday, June 14, 2008

Action: Recommended approval of request by Akau Hana Outrigger Canoe Club for their regatta on Saturday, June 14, 2008 (7-0-0).

Recreation and Community Services Director Russo reviewed with the Commission the request of the Akau Hana Outrigger Canoe Club to use Monterey Beach on Saturday, June 14, 2008 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. 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 following Beach Use Conditions can be met:

- 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 canoes. All canoes 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 required to rent a garbage dumpster from Monterey Disposal and coordinate with the Harbor Office for dumpster location. User group will be responsible for litter pick up during and after the event and assurance of beach clean up of the area. Do not leave trash bags on beach near trashcans.
- 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 canoes back from the shoreline in order to give other beach users room along the shoreline.
- The user group will be responsible for obtaining a Regatta Beach Use Permit and a Picnic Permit from the Recreation and Community Services Department and paying the assessed fees prior to the event.

On a motion by Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Canepa and carried by the following vote, that the Parks and Recreation Commission approve the request of the Akau Hana Outrigger Canoe Club to use Monterey Beach on Saturday, June 14, 2008 from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., subject to meeting the Beach Use Conditions:

AYES: 7 COMMISSIONERS: Canepa, Cooney, Laughton, Marotta, McCarthy, Menendez-Herbst, Woodward
NOES: 0 COMMISSIONERS: None
ABSENT: 0 COMMISSIONERS: None

10. Approval of Landscape Plan for the Recreation Trail Adjacent to the Cannery Row Hotel

Action: Recommended approval of the landscape plan for the Recreation Trail adjacent to the Cannery Row Hotel (7-0-0).

Deputy Public Works Director Stafford presented the landscape plan for the area adjacent to the Cannery Row Hotel on the Recreation Trail. He said the Cannery Row Hotel is currently under construction and is scheduled to open in May. As part of that project, the hotel is required to remove and replace landscaping as necessary adjacent to the hotel. He stated that Parks Superintendent Louie Marcuzzo worked with Bellinger-Foster-Steinmentz Landscape Architects on the layout and what type of plants to use.

Commissioner Canepa stated that this area has been a big hole for a long time and it will be a great improvement to the area when the project is completed.

On a motion by Commissioner Canepa, seconded by Commissioner Laughton and carried by the following vote, that the Parks and Recreation Commission approve the landscape plan for the Recreation Trail adjacent to the Cannery Row Hotel:

AYES: 7 COMMISSIONERS: Canepa, Cooney, Laughton, Marotta, McCarthy, Menendez-Herbst, Woodward
NOES: 0 COMMISSIONERS: None
ABSENT: 0 COMMISSIONERS: None

11. Approval of Plan for Replacement of Dennis the Menace Park Roller Slide

Action: Recommended approval of the plan for replacement of the roller slide at Dennis the Menace Park (7-0-0).

Deputy Public Works Director Stafford stated that about two years ago, the Parks Division staff had to remove the roller slide at Dennis the Menace Park due to the fact that it could no longer be repaired. Since that time, we have received funding and prepared a design for a new roller slide. The new roller slide will be very similar to the former roller slide however; the area surrounding the new roller slide will be significantly different. The existing stairs and fencing adjacent to the roller slide will be removed and replaced with pour-in-place rubber surfacing, a new access walkway will be installed above the roller slide within what is currently a sand area, a new stairway will be

installed on one side of the new roller slide, and some landscaping and irrigation will be modified as necessary.

On a motion by Commissioner Canepa, seconded by Commissioner Cooney and carried by the following vote, that the Parks and Recreation Commission approve the replacement plan for the Dennis the Menace Park roller slide:

AYES: 7 COMMISSIONERS: Canepa, Cooney, Laughton, Marotta, McCarthy, Menendez-Herbst, Woodward

NOES: 0 COMMISSIONERS: None

ABSENT: 0 COMMISSIONERS: None

**12. Status Report – Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update 2006
(Continued from November 15, 2007 meeting.)**

Action: Report received from Deputy Public Works Director Stafford.

Deputy Public Works Director Stafford reviewed the current status of each community area and citywide projects of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update 2006.

Community Area No. 1, New Monterey:

The recommendation to pursue access and joint use of DLI facilities has been slowed by increase security measures. A Neighborhood Improvement Project to create a walkway through the Lower Presidio from Private Bolio Road to Artillery Street is 50% complete. There is no activity on the pursuit of a continuation of McClellan Street to the Recreation Trail. There has been no new activity on the Cal Am reservoir property. Staff is getting bids for the development of McAbee Beach and bids will be opened in February.

Community Area No. 2, Central Monterey:

No proposals have been submitted for a park site south of Franklin Street. Improved access to DLI from Larkin Park has been delayed by increased security measures. No proposals have been submitted for a playground site in the Oak Grove area.

Community Area No. 3, Monterey Vista:

There has been no activity regarding the acquisition of lots adjacent to Whispering Pines Park.

Community Area No. 4, Monterey Mesas:

There has been no activity on development of a neighborhood park at the Old Capital site.

Community Area No. 5, Flats & Foothills:

There has been no activity on acquisition of property adjacent to Fisherman's Flats Park or on the acquisition of property for a tennis court.

Community Area No. 6, Northeast Monterey:

Due to lack of open dates for use, funds intended for development of a ball field at the Fairgrounds were transferred to the lower field at Monterey High School project and that

this project is now underway. There have been no proposals on the acquisition of property for various recreation facilities for the expansion of Casanova Oak Knoll Park. There has been no activity on possible access to Laguna Grande Park from Sequoia Avenue.

Community Area No. 7, Del Monte Beach:

As part of the Del Monte Shores project, additional boardwalks and habitat areas are complete. The City is continuing to pursue the development of the Navy Lake into a park area including a ball field, picnic area, and tot lot, although this effort has been slowed by increased security requirements. The proposed bike path along Sloat Avenue has been delayed due to construction of security improvements inside the Navy School.

Citywide Needs:

The master plan for the Catellus property has been reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Commission and will be going to the City Council in the near future. The City Council recently approved a ten-year lease with Monterey Bay Kayaks and Adventures By The Sea. With regard to the development of miniature golf or a driving range at the Ryan Ranch Community Park, the City has completed testing for available water on the property and none was found. There is no activity on the development of a multipurpose sports field/soccer field. There has been no activity on site for outdoor weddings. The development of a trail through the Presidio from the Bay to Huckleberry Hill has been slowed by increased security requirements. The Dog Park has been completed and is open. Staff is pursuing additional grant funds for expansion and improvement of the Monterey Youth Center. Architectural plans to define the scope of the Youth Center improvements have been completed and have been reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Commission. Installation of some improvements to the Youth Center is about to begin using existing grant funds.

Commissioner McCarthy asked about the Ryan Ranch Community Park and if only a golf course could go there or could it become a multi-purpose field. Deputy Public Works Director Stafford stated there couldn't be both types of uses for this park area. Commissioner McCarthy said he would like to see the priority of the Ryan Ranch Community Park be for ball fields.

Commissioner Woodward stated that priorities change over time and asked if we could agendaize this item for future review and priorities. She also inquired about the wedding park and the free speech areas at Monterey Bay Park. Deputy Public Works Director Stafford stated that the wedding park area would be closer to Park Avenue and that we must have City Attorney approval in order to move the dedicated free speech area to another location within Monterey Bay Park. He also said that the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update 2006 will be on the March agenda for the Commissioners to review their priorities in each of the community areas.

STAFF INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:

The Commission received the following reports:

13. **Monthly Reports:**
 - a. **Recreation and Community Services Department – November 2007**
 - b. **Parks Division – November 2007**
 - c. **Recreation and Community Services Department – December 2007**
 - d. **Parks Division – December 2007**

STAFF COMMENTS:

Deputy Public Works Director Stafford said that the City's maintenance divisions did a great job of clean up during and after the storm on January 4, 2008. He said that City staff would be recognized by the City Council for their outstanding efforts. He reported that the right field fence at Ferrante Park caved in during the storm and they are looking at better uses at the park so the outfield fencing does not have to be so high.

Recreation and Community Services Manager Vierra reported that during the January 4 storm that our community centers were without power throughout most of the day. She said that the battery backup systems need to be checked more often because they were not lasting very long when the power went off. She suggested that during these types of incidents that we should use radios during a storm so that the lines of communication can remain open. She reported that none of the centers were used as shelters but that the Monterey Youth Center was used as a central location to feed the City crews who were out working in the storm. She stated that staff did a great job. She also reported that we are in the process of summer staff recruitment.

Recreation and Community Services Director Russo informed Commissioners Canepa and Cooney that their reappointment to the Commission was approved. She said that the Recreation and Community Services Department staff is meeting with the City Manager on Thursday, January 24, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. at the Monterey Youth Center and encouraged Commissioners to all attend if possible. She reminded them of the California Park and Recreation Society District VI Awards and Installation Dinner on Friday, January 18, 2008 at Adventures by the Sea. She reported that we are preparing for the budget cycle for Fiscal Year 2008-2009.

COMMISSIONER AND MILITARY LIAISON COMMENTS:

Commissioner Laughton said the City crews did a great job during the storm. She had a tree come down in their driveway and there was someone there within 20 minutes.

Commissioner Canepa asked about the timeline for the seawall at Del Monte Beach. Deputy Public Works Director Stafford said that the contractor is off the job at this point. Commissioner Canepa asked if we've had any inquiries to the sport of slacklining. Deputy Public Works Director Stafford said the City of Salinas is reviewing slacklining but that we have not seen anyone in the parks doing this activity at this time. Commissioner Canepa asked how the disk golf was going at Don Dahvee Park. Deputy Public Works Director Stafford stated that it is going very well and that it helps bring people into the park. He said they are a great group to work with and they are very conscious of keeping the park clean. Commissioner Canepa

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thanked the City crews for all their work during the storm and noted that there are still a lot of limbs hanging.

Commissioner Woodward asked when the next spraying is scheduled for the Light Brown Apple Moth. Deputy Public Works Director Stafford stated the spraying is scheduled to begin again in February or March and that the City will hold Town Hall Meetings on this subject. He said it needs to be defined as a health emergency and not a financial emergency and that 27 more sprayings are planned. She said the City did a great job during the storm and asked if there was a way to get the information out to the public that the Parks Division crew cannot do anything when power lines are down until PG&E has informed them that the area is safe to work in. She reported that she has heard only positive comments regarding the Dog Park.

Commissioner Canepa followed up on the storm reports and stated that they will be handled this way by PG&E because of limited staff and outside sources. He said this same storm killed people in the Midwest and that we were inconvenienced but that no lives were lost.

NEXT MEETING:

- The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission will be Thursday, February 21, 2008 at 7:00 p.m., City Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairperson Woodward adjourned the meeting at 9:05 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

Susan Woodward, Chairperson
Parks and Recreation Commission