

**Advisory Committee on Joint Use of Recreation Property  
MINUTES**

Ludwick Community Center, Assembly Room

864 Santa Rosa Street

Tuesday, October 24, 2006 12:00 p.m.

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Cochran called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Chair Nancy Cochran, Vice Chair Terry Conner; Committee Members: Ed Thoma, Bob Lewis and Richard Kriet

**ABSENT:** Rick May and Mark Buchman

**STAFF:** City of San Luis Obispo: Linda Fitzgerald, Recreation Manager; James Bremer, Facilities Supervisor; Todd Beights, Parks and Urban Forestry Supervisor and Marti Reynolds, SAA. SLCUSD: Buildings & Grounds Supervisor Arnie Silacci

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**1. Public Comment**

None.

**2. Consideration of Minutes**

The minutes from the September 26, 2006 meeting were approved.

*MOTION:* (Conner/ Kriet) Approved 5 yes: 0 no: 2 absent (May and Buchman)

**3. Joint Use Fund Report**

Recreation Manager Fitzgerald reported no change. Fitzgerald proposed doing a quarterly report in lieu of monthly from now on unless there has been significant activity. Commissioners agreed.

**4. November/December Meetings**

**Action 1:** Hold the meeting on November 28 as scheduled or reschedule to December 5 or December 12.

**Action 2:** Cancel the December 26 meeting

Recommendation: Committee members discussed the item and as Commissioner Lewis will be out of the area on November 28, December 5 was chosen as the next meeting date. The December 26 meeting date would be canceled.

*MOTION:* (Conner/Thoma)

Approved 5 yes: 0 no: 2 absent (May and Buchman)

## **5. Tennis Court Request**

**Action:** Approve the request of six tennis courts at Sinsheimer Park by Paul Fiala for a community tennis tournament.

Mr. Fiala presented the request to the Commissioners for use of the entire facility. In the past there have been typically 100-120 players per tournament, both junior and adult. Fiala stated all six courts at San Luis High School are to be in use for the tournament already, adding that lights at the high school would have to be used to extend tournament play if the use of Sinsheimer is not approved. Adding the use of Sinsheimer will mean a total of 12 courts will be available for this event. Entry fees will cover the cost of court rental for both Sinsheimer Park and the High School as well as additional staff, tennis balls and trophies. When Commissioners inquired about heavy use periods such as Saturday mornings which may conflict with the tournament schedule, Supervisor Bremer stated he saw no major user groups would be impacted. It was also pointed out that Islay, French and Cal Poly would be alternate location options for regular Saturday users that day. Commissioners discussed the item and felt if there was adequate posting beforehand use of the park for the tournament would be acceptable.

MOTION: (Conner/Thoma) Approved 4 yes: 1 no (Kriet): 2 absent (May and Buchman)

## **6. Council Advisory Body Goal Setting Process**

Chair Cochran asked Vice Chair Conner to recap last month's presentation of JUC's number one goal to the Parks & Recreation Commission. Conner conveyed that there was a substantial amount of public support for the use of synthetic turf and the majority of PRC Commissioners were in agreement for converting Stockton Field initially. Recreation Manager Fitzgerald then reviewed the draft list of goals with the commissioners. It was requested by the Commissioners that the last sentence of the first goal be changed to "Synthetic turf be considered." The fifth goal recommendation regarding exploring additional joint use agreements with private property owners was then removed as it was agreed this is can be done irregardless of goal listing. Resume implementation of the Sinsheimer Park Master Plan was listed in its place. The revised goals are as follows:

1. Support the conversion of Stockton Field to synthetic turf as a demonstration site, using park-in-lieu fees to fund the project. The JUC would also ask the City to explore and identify other potential sites for future upgrades to synthetic turf and recommends that in the development of new sports fields, synthetic turf be considered.
2. Continue the field improvement grant and facility use grant programs.
3. Support efforts to enhance parks maintenance staffing.
4. Develop additional tennis courts at Islay Hill and French Parks and support new courts in future city park developments.
5. Resume implementation of the Sinsheimer Park Master Plan.

Linda Fitzgerald will submit these goals to the Finance Director by November 1 on behalf of the JUC. A copy will be sent to the committee prior to the December meeting at which time the goals will be finalized.

## **7. Staff Reports**

Facilities Supervisor Bremer updated the Committee on the stadium PA system installation, which is planned for installation in early November. There is a work order to remove the old wooden box. He suggested looking into speaker system that uses smaller speakers directed at specific spots. Commissioner Thoma noted that a signal conduit exists there and made arrangements to visit the site with Bremer.

A final post-season walkthrough of the stadium took place with the SLO Blues last week. Bremer stated the stadium looks better than in the past and will be ready for the next occupancy in January.

Bremer also relayed that Director Kiser met with Tim Golden and Joe Vergas of the Blues on Friday regarding parks maintenance concerns from last season including handling of permits and notifications for the fireworks displays, non-compliance of the special event contract, insurance requirements. Fitzgerald, Bremer and Beights will be drafting contract conditions for the future to include the Blues entire season's special events plans and schedule.

## **8. Additional Items**

None.

## **ADJOURNED**

Meeting was adjourned at 1:07 p.m. to the December 5, 2006 meeting.

Approved by the Joint Use Commission on December 5, 2006.

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Martha M.S. Reynolds

Supervising Admin. Asst.