

**Advisory Committee on Joint Use of Recreational Property**  
**DRAFT MINUTES**

City/County Library Conference Room

995 Palm Street

Tuesday, September 23, 2008 12:00 p.m.

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

**ROLL CALL:** Committee Members Terry Conner, Rick May, Nancy Cochran, and Colin Jones

**ABSENT:**

**STAFF:** City of San Luis Obispo: Betsy Kiser, Director, James Bremer, Recreation Supervisor; Marti Reynolds, Supervising Admin. Asst.; and Arnie Silacci, SLCUSD Building & Grounds Supervisor

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**1. Public Comment**

None.

**2. Consideration of Minutes**

*MOTION:* (Conner/Cochran) Approve the August 26, 2008 minutes as submitted.

Approved 5 yes:0 no: 0 absent

**3. Athletic Field Needs Assessment**

Director Kiser presented a PowerPoint report on the results of the Athletic Field Needs Assessment explaining the background first. The Director went over Wendy George's report explaining how she interviewed the needs of users, explored new partnerships, illuminated best practices for Damon Garcia Field.

Committee member Conner mentioned that SLO Rugby was mistakenly mentioned twice in the report under turf users clarifying that Youth Rugby has its own needs but is under SLO Rugby.

Recreation Supervisor Bremer explained past closures of Damon Garcia and calculation of hours in a factoring system for field use that resulted in a new approach of not exceeding 40 hours per week.

The 29 recommendations that came as a result of the study were discussed such as DGSF field renovation being moved to spring rather than December and a hotline for game field

information. Discussed the final recommendation that, if funding became available (and rehabilitation of Damon Garcia fails) that synthetic turf only be placed at Daryl Damon Field. Reallocation of \$960,000 of park in lieu funds for 2009-2011 to other appropriate and eligible park improvement projects.

[Committee Member Conner exited the meeting at 12:40 p.m.]

Committee Member Parolini clarified a question on funding. Also noted the reference to "Facility Use Grant" should be "Facility Enhancement Grant."

Committee Member Cochran commented further about toxicity, maintenance issues and costs involved with synthetic turf. Recreation Supervisor Bremer explained synthetic turf's positive aspect is that there is less down time because of increased percolation and draining after inclement weather, that it is not so much less maintenance as it is more opportunity for play. Also added the report was well-written and easy to read.

Director Kiser noted there was a good response to the report from the Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) and the Youth Sports Association (YSA). Noted the PRC's recommendation of adding Taylor Field along with Holt Field.

Committee Member May reiterated his previous comment from PRC that he feels the study to be the best possible comprehensive report for field usages. Also commented on the school district's appointed officials remarks on field closure saying that the Holt Field Committee will eventually be replacing the field in 10-years although their comments were based on a three-year window of time. They will need to raise \$4 to \$5 million for this replacement but feels the Joint Use Committee should know there would be benefits for the City as a result. The City would perhaps offer funding assistance for lighting and other parts of the project. As a result there will be a larger stadium in the future capable of entertaining tournaments.

#### **4. Council Goal Setting**

Recreation Supervisor Bremer presented information to the Committee Members on the upcoming Council goal setting by advisory bodies and reviewed goals from the past two budget cycles. Bremer explained there are no set criteria or number limits to the goals although five to seven is typical. Possible goals for 2009-2011 were considered with final goals to be voted upon at the October 28 meeting. At that time goals from the PRC will be available to review and possibly incorporate. In the meantime, Committee Members discussed forwarding ideas by email to either Recreation Manager Fitzgerald or Recreation Supervisor Bremer. Bremer also mentioned the possible reduction of the Facility Enhancement Grant in light of the impacts to City funding.

Committee Member May suggested item number two (from previous goals) wording be added to "carry a fixed payment to the YSA" of whatever the current amount is as part of full disclosure.

Committee Member Jones felt that item number four should have wording to the effect of "support lighting at Sinsheimer" added before the sentence as well.

Committee Member Parolini commented on his support of the skatepark in keeping youth from more troublesome activities. Director Kiser reminded of the skatepark design meeting slated for October 4, 2008.

#### **5. Update on San Luis Obispo Baseball Stadium**

Recreation Supervisor Bremer updated the Committee members on the stadium uses stating a conflict with personal schedules of key players cancelled today's pre-scheduling meeting. There will be a meeting in October to set up goals and in November to look at the consolidated list. There will be a final revision at the end of November. Questions should be directed to either Recreation Manager Fitzgerald or Recreation Supervisor Bremer.

#### **6. Staff Reports**

Recreation Supervisor Bremer reminded of the upcoming public meeting at 7:00 p.m. on September 24, 2008 at the Sinsheimer Pool regarding the Sinsheimer Tennis Court lighting.

#### **7. Additional Items**

Committee Members were reminded of the upcoming Volunteer Recognition Dinner at the Ludwick Community Center on September 25, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m. to the October 28, 2008 Joint Use Committee Meeting at 12:00 p.m. at the Ludwick Community Center.