

**Parks and Recreation Commission
MINUTES**

City Council Chambers, 990 Palm Street
Wednesday, May 4, 2005 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Peter Dunan called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Chair Pete Dunan, Commissioners: Gary Clay, Bill Pyper, Don Dollar, Ty Griffin, Jill Lemieux and John Knight.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: Director Paul LeSage, Betsy Kiser, Jennifer Lawrence, Todd Beights, Robin Perrin, Shannon Bates and Ashley Blake.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the April 6, 2005 meetings were approved as submitted.

1. Contract with Seahawk Swim Club

Robin Perrin, Aquatic Recreation Supervisor, presented this staff report.

Commission discussed the item.

Recommendation:

Recommend to the City Council to approve the contract between the City and the Seahawk Swim Club effective July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006.

(Knight/Pyper).

2. Volunteer of the Month

Chair Dunan presented Erica Stewart as the Volunteer of the Month.

3. Memo on Park Land and Facilities

Director Paul LeSage presented this staff report.

Commission discussed the item.

Knight – does not want to mix trail corridors in with parks, liked formula of 5 acres per 1,000 people, suggested to amend policy if changing formula is desired.

Dollar – questioned formula and turf, suggested using private lands for sports fields, reluctant to change Parks and Recreation Element due to conflicts with open space policies and the possibility of future budgetary situations where land would be hard to come by.

Pyper – liked the idea of the potential water savings artificial turf fields would bring, not ready to address amending the policy in the Element.

Griffin – wanted to see a holistic picture of this before a decision is made, questioned long term financial support for turf fields.

Dunan – wanted Commission to be aware of effects increasing developer fees would have on affordable housing in the area, liked the environmental aspects of turf fields (saving money), concerned with the

lack of history sites have with artificial turf fields.

Lemieux – questioned safety of sliding on artificial turf, wanted Commission to not be quick to assume artificial turf will work for every field in San Luis Obispo.

Clay – questioned expense cost of gutting irrigations systems to install turf, suggested forming focus groups to get public feedback, stated project needs a strong educational component.

No Action was made.

4. Public Art for the Damon-Garcia Sports Fields

Jennifer Lawrence, Project Manager, presented this staff report and introduced the two of the three artists: Carol Paulsen and Stephen Plowman.

Commission discussed the item.

Recommendation:

Approve selected artwork and forward findings on to the Architectural Review Commission for review. (Griffin/Lemieux).

5. Directors Report

LeSage briefed the Commission on the following projects:

- Park Improvement Projects
- Naming Sinsheimer Park Batting Cages
- Department BBQ on June 8, 2005 at the Jack House

6. Staff Report

Shannon Bates, Children Services Supervisor, presented a staff report on the various programs happening in the Parks and Recreation Department and Todd Beights, Parks and Urban Forest Supervisor, informed Commissioners on all Park Maintenance projects.

7. Committee Reports

Commissioners gave reports on Committees they attended.

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| ▪ Tree Committee – Dollar | ▪ Joint Use Committee – Knight |
| ▪ Mayors Youth Task Force –Dunan | ▪ Jack House Committee – Pyper |
| ▪ Open Space – Dollar | ▪ Golf - |
| ▪ Therapy Pool – | ▪ Landscape Parkways- |

8. Communications

-May 7, 2005 from 10:00am to 1:00pm will be the Summer Registration Faire at the Ludwick Community Center.

-Griffin suggested that a motion be made before every meeting to amend the order of the agenda. Commission agreed.

9. Adjourned

The meeting adjourned at 9:05pm to the special May 25, 2005 meeting at the Parks and Recreation Conference Room @ 12:30pm.