

Parks and Recreation Commission
MINUTES
Council Chambers, 990 Palm Street
Wednesday, December 6, 2006 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER Chair Pyper called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Chair Bill Pyper, Vice Chair Jill Lemieux, Commissioners: Richard Kriet, Gary Clay, Don Dollar, and Ty Griffin

ABSENT: John Knight

STAFF: Director Betsy Kiser, Jennifer Lawrence, Linda Fitzgerald, Doug Carscaden, and Marti Reynolds

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

The minutes from November 1 were approved as amended to note return of recused members to meeting.

The minutes from the November 15 special meeting were approved. The minutes from October 4 and September 6 were approved as previously amended.

1. Public Comment

None.

2. Volunteer of the Month - November

Commissioner Pyper introduced Volunteer of the Month Daniel Little. Daniel volunteered his time over the last several months as an instructor with the Computer Partners class taught at the Ludwick Community Center. The Computer Partners program is co-sponsored with KCBX.net and is free to attending adults.

3. Presentation of Public Art for Therapy Pool – Lawrence/Laboon

Artist Michael Laboon presented his tile artwork for the therapy pool. He distributed color printouts illustrating positioning of the three 10'x4' panels on the wall of the pool building, as well as a 12" square tile sample of his work. The artist explained some slight changes that will be incorporated into the design based on recommendations from the art jury.

Commissioners evaluated the work for appropriateness to the site as well as for safety considerations. It was noted that, as the tiles are fired to 2000 degrees, they will not be subject to fading over time. Some discussion followed regarding the weight of each panel and the means to anchor them. Both Public Works engineers and the artist's engineer closely examined the plan for soundness. Ten anchors will be drilled into each existing wall flush with the wall. The anticipated shade structure and potential lighting was also discussed.

Recommendation: Approve the SLO Swim Center Therapy Pool Public Art proposal.

Motion: (Lemieux/Kriet) 6 yes: 0 no: 1 absent (Knight)

4. Revised Bench Policy – Fitzgerald

Recreation Manager Linda Fitzgerald reviewed the revised commemorative bench guidelines. Parks maintenance was approached regarding adding amenities to the guidelines, as was suggested by the Commissioners; however, it was felt that these are already covered in the donation catalog. Staff recommends a simple commemorative bench guideline with two bench choices. Fitzgerald then passed out color examples of the benches. Examples also included a third backless bench style for open space to be used in identified areas. If approved, staff will work with GIS to create a bench location map and with Parks to determine costs.

Commissioners requested an annual review of the guidelines and an update on how the program is being used.

Recommendation: Adopt the commemorative bench guidelines as presented.

Motion: (Griffin/Lemieux) 6 yes: 0 no: 1 absent (Knight)

5. Advisory Body Goals

The Commission was given the Finance Director's consolidated goals for final review. Director Kiser commended the Commissioners noting that two of the PRC's objectives directly addressed needs expressed by the community in a community survey.

Recommendation: Adopt the three highest priority goals for submission to Council with amendments as follows: Add to the rationale of Goal 3 that it is consistent with Human Relations Commission goals # 2, 3, and 5. Also note in the rationale for Goal #1 that it corresponds with the #1 Joint Use Committee Goal, and changing the word "in-fills" to "fill-ins".

Motion: (Griffin/Lemieux) 6 yes: 0 no: 1 absent (Knight)

6. Staff Reports

Senior Park Ranger Doug Carscaden gave a presentation on the Ranger Services program including details on Bowden Ranch; Creek Day cleanup; Damon Garcia; the water reclamation facility (WRF) plantings; Johnson Ranch; Emerson Storage Shed; LOVR & Hwy 101; M Trail; Jr. Ranger Camp; San Luis Mountain Run; Irish Hills Froom Rd; Winter Prep; Skate Park; Ranger Led Hikes; Trail Workdays; Wednesday Workdays. Carscaden also outlined other partners they work with such as Streets, Parks, Fire/CDF, Police, and Sheriffs Dept. and other duties they are involved in such as; Event Security, Special Events, Teach EE, the Transient Task Force, Neighborhood Service Team, and Fish Surveys with the City Biologist.

7. Director's Report

Director Kiser briefed the Commission on the following projects:

- SLOCAPRA will hold a half day training session for commissioners at Hearst Castle on February 24th
- Stockton Field Conversion Plans received from Cal Ripken; CAO report being generated regarding irrigation and moving infield out to 80 feet

- Damon Garcia overflow parking lot electrical to be complete before Christmas
- Cheng Park Dedication Ceremony is December 15th at 11:00 am on site
- Commissioners are also invited to the City’s “Nuts, Crackers & Sweets” Christmas party at the Ludwick Community Center December 7th from 4:30 to 7:30 pm
- The Recreation Supervisor position closed Thursday with 93 applicants. Of these, 12 to 19 interviews are planned for December 14th
- Therapy pool bids opened on December 7th and will go to Council on January 9th
- Parks Element was reviewed November 14th by the County Board of Supervisors. There appeared to be an even split for and against the trails element. Another meeting is scheduled for December 12th; the Commissioners are encouraged to comment personally to the County Board of Supervisors.
- The Community Forum is scheduled for January 10th at 6:30pm at the Ludwick Community Center
- Saturday, January 27th is the date for the all-day Goal Setting Workshop with Council. It takes place at the Community Room in the Library
- The Perpetual Hope public art is delayed due to USA marking issues but planned to be complete by Christmas
- The Love and Double Joy public art may be relocated to the front of the Palm Garage

8. Committee Reports

Commissioners gave reports on Committees they attended:

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| ■ Tree Committee – Dollar | ■ Joint Use Committee – no report |
| ■ Mayors Youth Task Force – no report | ■ Jack House Committee – no report |
| ■ Open Space – Dollar | ■ Golf – Lemieux |

Commissioner Dollar reported on the Tree Committee’s recent additions as well as mentioning Audrey Hooper’s attendance to promote advisory body recruitment. Commissioner Dollar also reported on the Open Space Committee; funding has been raised for railroad land near Cuesta Grade as well as the Brughelli Property near Buckley Road.

Commissioner Kriet reported the Joint Use Committee’s meeting December 5th which was attended by the SLO Blues and a new semi-pro baseball team, the Rattlers, regarding use of Sinsheimer stadium.

Commissioner Lemieux stated revenues are up at Laguna Lake Golf Course.

Commissioner Pyper reported that the Jack House will have its Christmas Open House December 8th – 10th. The Jack House will be closed the months of January through March. Pyper reported longtime docent Betty Stockton was recently appointed as a committee member, and City staff member Christine Wallace will be taking the place of Rich Ogden.

9. Communications

Commissioners discussed the need for inclusion of Parks Maintenance as a periodic participant in the PRC Commission meetings. The conclusion was that a brief (one-page) written monthly report and personal attendance twice a year by the Parks Maintenance Supervisor at PRC meetings would be helpful.

10. Adjourned

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m. to the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on February 7, 2007, at the Council Chambers.

Approved by Parks and Recreation Commission on February 7, 2007.

/s/

Martha M.S. Reynolds

Supervising Administrative Assistant