

MINUTES
Town of San Anselmo
Parks and Recreation Commission
Monthly Meeting
Council Chambers
Wednesday January 9, 2008

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Commissioners present: Sullivan, Greenwald, McInerney, Coleman
Staff present: Long, Thoennes

Approval of Minutes: Minutes dated November 1, 2007: regular meeting & Joint Meeting with Town of Fairfax Parks & Recreation Commission.

M/s, Sullivan/Coleman Ayes all, minutes approved

Open Time for Public Expression: None

Red Hill Park Update: John Wright, Chairperson for the Red Hill Community Park Joint Powers Authority (RHCP JPA), gave a brief history of the Red Hill Community Park project. He stated that the project was put out to bid last spring and that the bids came back higher than anticipated. Mr. Wright is hopeful that there will be additional bond money available from the Tamalpais Union High School District 2006 bond that will bridge the gap between the funds that are available and the estimated cost of the project. He anticipates that the bidding climate will be more favorable in spring of 2008 when the RHCP JPA is expected to re-bid the project. Mr. Wright is hopeful that the project will be completed in its entirety by fall of 2008.

McInerney made a motion that the RHCP project be changed from a standing item on the agenda to being placed on the agenda when there is new information about the project to be discussed.

M/s, McInerney/Sullivan, ayes all

Youth Sports Program Philosophy: Chris Thoennes, Recreation Coordinator, reviewed the current philosophy for youth sports programs. He highlighted a few examples of when coaches and parents have become unruly and how he generally addresses those situations. He presented several documents that listed expectations of parents and coaches and suggested that it should be mandatory that the forms be signed by each parent and coach.

Sullivan recommended that a core philosophy for each sports program be articulated to both parents and coaches in an effort to avoid any confusion regarding playing time, scoring, winning, etc. She suggested that staff consider utilizing outside resources such as the Positive Coaching Alliance to help train staff, parents, and coaches. Sullivan indicated that she had experienced some frustration in dealing with coaches concerning program philosophy and she had heard from other parents that they were similarly frustrated.

Long suggested that rather than having each parent sign a form that outlined a code of conduct, he would direct staff to pursue creating a document that better articulates the philosophy of the sports program coupled with information that explains, in detail, the goals of the program and the objectives on how the goals are to be achieved. This would include specific information about substituting players, keeping score, slaughter rules, and playing time.

The commission requested staff to bring back a draft of proposal of a sample sports program that included information about the specific goals and objectives of the program.

Bicycle Safety Program: Long reported that he spoke with Police Chief Maynard about the bicycle safety programs the police department offers. Chief Maynard indicated that they work in cooperation with the

local schools and organizations like Safe Route to Schools, to offer programs for children. He stated that these programs occur throughout the school year.

Staff Update: Long reported that the projects at Memorial Park were complete. The refurbished tennis courts are open to the public along with the remodeled bathrooms near Millennium Park.

In response to a request from Commissioner Coleman, Long reported that he meet with Ross Valley School District Superintendent Bryce Sumnick and discussed how the two agencies can work together to help promote recreation programs and activities. Ms. Sumnick indicated that she would work cooperatively with the recreation department to help promote programs through the schools' electronic email newsletters and by linking the recreation department's website to various school publications.

Commissioner Comments: Coleman inquired as to when a master schedule for recreation facilities would be available. McInerney indicated that it would be appropriate to continue to work with the Fairfax Parks & Recreation Commission at the next joint meeting scheduled for April, 2008 to finalize a master schedule.

Future agenda items:

Sports Program Structure
Positive Coaching Alliance

Motion to Adjourn: M/s Coleman/Sullivan Ayes all

Adjournment: 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Doug Long
Recreation Director