

San Anselmo Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes – 06/15/10

1. Meeting called to order 7:00pm

2. **Roll Call:** Commissioners present: Colardo, Young, Sullivan, Kallmeyer, Childs, Logwood, Kelly, Hunenberg, Community Services Director, Dave Donery.

3. **Approval of Agenda:** Agenda Approved

4. **Approval of minutes:** Minutes approved with the following amendment: at the last meeting it was suggested that Lansdale Park would benefit from motion sensor lights.

5. Open Time for Public Expression:

6. Action Items:

1. Recommended Park Rule Changes at Robson-Harrington Park

- Public comments were heard regarding the proposed Park rules changes.

Comments included:

- During daylight savings time the off leash time should start at 3pm not 4pm
- Hours are too restrictive, suggested that dogs can be off leash on lower park only 7am-dark
- One mother feels safe there with their kids with the dogs.
- People should use the dog park at Red Hill more and it should be made more inviting.
- Neighbors that live by a park and should know that there will be noise, dogs etc.
- Robson should be for everyone and ideally there should be no restriction, but the proposed changes are an alternative to make things fair.
- Once you start restricting the hours of off leash dog use, those hours will become popular and more dogs will come.
- Dog waste is not a problem.
- Commissioners reported they went by the park and noted it was quiet, no dog poop was noted, the park needs maintenance, some areas smell like urine.

After public comments, the commission discussed the issue and recommended the following changes to the Park Rules concerning dogs:

Dogs can be off leash on the lower park only from 8am weekdays and 9am weekends until 7pm or ½ hour after dark, whichever is earlier. Dogs may not be off leash anywhere else in the park at any time. The following rule changes, if adopted, should be re-evaluated in 6 months time.

6 in favor of the recommendations (Kelly, Hunenberg, Young, Logwood, Sullivan, Colardo) 2 opposed (Kallmeyer, Childs)

2. Events – Commission Involvement

- Picnics in the Plaza – discussed the events, which are on Fridays from 5-8pm starting on 7/21 through 8/27/10. The town is in charge of 7/23 and the commission is invited to take part.

- Country Fair Day – need volunteers. Parade has a coordinator, working on getting help for the booths, sponsorship and advertising pieces.

7. Recreation Fund Revenue and Expenditure Report

- First deferred revenue transfer. \$82K above this year as to last year. Won't know exact ending balance until later in the summer.
- Bottom line is doing well.
- 158 kids in Camp Kinder-Kool, which started yesterday.
- Salaries 79% because one staff member was out – usually at 100%
- Currently we see an inflated revenue picture because of the fees collected up front for summer

8 Monthly Commissioner Reports

- Commissioner spoke to several people about the department's summer camp offerings
- Commissioner has attended programs in a neighboring town and has spoken with teachers about working in San Anselmo
- Commissioner spoke with a local mom who had investigated both Parkside Preschool and Sleepy Hollow Coop School and had chosen Sleepy Hollow due to a reduced cost.
- Commissioner talked up Paintball Camp to people in SABA
- Comment: Commission needs to talk up the online registering for Fall soccer was discussed.

9. Staff Update

- JPA – Meeting was held and it was decided that there are no compelling reasons to keep the JPA going. At the next meeting they will talk about the dissolution of the JPA. Ross Valley Schools doesn't want it dissolved, they like the provision of community oversight of the Red Hill Park. More to come.
- Summer Program Update – Vista Room being used as camp headquarters. Parents are happy and registration is good.
- Rec Reach 2010 – Annual Survey is due to be conducted again. At the next meeting we will finalize questions. The survey will also be in the Fall catalog
- Department sponsorship opportunities – Two pages in the catalog will be for this, opportunity for event sponsorships to start also, discussed the idea of sponsorships of the new signs for all of our town parks.

10. Commission comments and questions, requests for future agenda items

- Robson-Harrington Park is now being mowed weekly.
- This is Laura Hunerberg's last meeting. A big thank you for her year of service as our first Youth Commissioner. She brought great ideas to the table and was an integral part of the commission. We look forward to her continued involvement.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:42pm