

MINUTES
Town of San Anselmo
Parks and Recreation Commission
Monthly Meeting
Council Chambers
Thursday, November 1, 2007

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

Roll Call: Commissioners present: Sullivan, Greenwald, Donery, Childs, Kelly, McInerney, Coleman
Staff present: Long

Approval of Minutes: From meeting of October 11, 2007

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

Open Time for Public Expression: Louise Mathews asked if the Recreation Department would consider hosting a bicycle safety program formerly sponsored by the police department. Sullivan commented that the "Safe Route to Schools" sponsors a very similar program at the elementary schools. McInerney commented that the program was offered at St. Anselm's. Donery stated that the "Safe Marin" was also offering a bicycle safety program. Childs recommended that the item be placed on the January agenda to determine if sufficient programs are offered within the community.

Red Hill Park Update: Childs reported that the fundraising committee has been inactive and is waiting for word from the Tamalpais Unified School District as to whether the district will be committing additional funds for the project. Long reiterated that a letter was received from the Marin Community Foundation (MCF) confirming that a grant has been awarded to the project.

A brief discussion was held regarding the distribution of the MCF grant including comments from the public which were inaudible.

Long commented that most of the questions being asked by members of the audience should be addressed to the Red Hill Community Park Joint Powers Authority (RHCP JPA) and are not pertinent to the Recreation Commission. Long recommended that the Red Hill Park project should no longer be a "standing item" on the agenda and only be placed on the agenda when there is something concrete to report.

Louise Mathews stated that she would like to have Red Hill Park remain as a standing item on the agenda.

McInerney suggested that since lately there has been little to report on the Red Hill project he recommends that when there is new information about the project that Red Hill be placed on the agenda.

Nancy Okada requested that since Long serves as the Executive Director of the JPA that he provide a report to the commission at each meeting.

Coleman recommended that the commission invite a member of the JPA to the next commission meeting to give a report on Red Hill. McInerney agreed and requested that John Wright be asked to attend and present a report on the status of the Red Hill Park project.

Recreation Fund Revenue and Expenditure Report: For the benefit of the newly appointed commissioners, Long gave a brief summary of the Revenue & Expenditure report.

Staff Update: Long reported that the renovation of the restrooms at Memorial Park adjacent to Millennium Playground and the tennis courts are substantially complete. Long indicated that the pre-school play area renovation is 95% complete and should be finished within the next two weeks.

Coleman asked if there was anything outstanding on the renovation of Lansdale Park. Long remarked there was not.

Commissioner Comments: McInerney commented that there was an incident in the youth soccer league that involved an altercation between a coach and a parent and suggested that the commission consider looking at the current “code of conduct” being used for the sports program and whether changes are necessary.

Sullivan stated that she has talked to members of other sports leagues who have utilized the services of businesses that focus on training coaches and parents on creating a positive image in the program.

McInerney stated that there is no meeting in December and the next meeting is scheduled for January.

Future agenda items:

Discussion of Youth Sports “Code of Conduct” and Program Philosophy

Red Hill Park

Bicycle Safety Program

Motion to Adjourn: M/s Childs/Donery Ayes all

Adjournment: 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Doug Long
Recreation Director