

**MINUTES**  
Town of San Anselmo  
**Parks and Recreation Commission**  
Monthly Meeting  
Robson-Harrington House  
**Thursday, September 13, 2007**

**Meeting called to order at 7:14 p.m.**

**Roll Call:** Commissioners present: Donery, Coleman, Kelly, McInerney  
Staff present: Long

**Approval of Minutes:** From meeting of August 9, 2007

**M/s, Coleman/Kelly** Ayes all, minutes approved

**Open Time for Public Expression:** Louise Mathews requested information regarding the number of hours Director Long had worked in planning the State of the Town Dinner. Long indicated that if Ms. Mathews would contact him at the recreation office he would provide her with an accurate estimate.

Nancy Okada requested information regarding the number of hours Director Long had worked on the Red Hill Community Park Project. McInerney suggested that she contact Long at his office for that information.

**Red Hill Park Update:** McInerney indicated that in the absence of Commissioner Childs there was not much to report. Coleman reported that Red Hill will be discussed at the Tamalpais Union High School District Board of Trustees meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 25 at 7pm. He further indicated that those in support of the project were encouraged to attend.

Ms. Mathews asked if the project was going to be re-bid and if so, would the bid specifications include artificial grass. Long answered yes to both questions.

Ms. Okada asked whether there would be an alternate site for dog owners to take their dogs during the construction of the park. Long indicated that would be an item for the commission to consider once a contract has been awarded. Ms. Okada asked if the absence of restrooms in phase one of the project would present a health hazard. Long indicated that there would be portable toilets available for public use at the site.

Ms. Okada asked about drainage at the proposed field to which Long responded that the question should be addressed to the Red Hill Community Park Joint Powers Authority.

**Staff Update:** Long reported that the Memorial Park restroom renovation will begin the last week in September and is projected to be completed by the end of October.

Long also reported The Memorial Park tennis court renovation is well underway; the pathway from Sunny Hills Drive to the tennis courts has been repaved and the entry way from the street is nearly complete.

Long indicated that the pre-school play area was currently being renovated and is expected to be finished by October 30, 2007.

A brief report was given regarding the first Directors Summit held in Sacramento.

Long reported on the "League of California Cities" state conference held in Sacramento. He indicated that there was a growing trend to renaming "Parks & Recreation" to "Community Services" in an effort to better reflect the scope of duties of the department. The League of California Cities recently voted to change the name of their section formerly called Parks & Recreation to Community Services.

A discussion was held on possible funding alternatives including creating a special district. Coleman indicated that the commission heard a presentation from a representative from LAFCO who stated that the formation of a special district was not feasible.

Long reminded the commission that the Town Picnic is scheduled for October 6, 2007.

**Commissioner Comments:** Coleman asked about the candidates for the Parks & Recreation Commission. Long stated that the Town Council would be appointing new commissioners at the September 25<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

Future agenda items:

Joint Meeting with Fairfax Parks & Recreation Commission

Centennial Picnic

Red Hill Park Update

**Motion to Adjourn: M/s Kelly/Donery**

**Adjournment:** 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Doug Long  
Recreation Director