

1. **Meeting called to order at 7:03pm**
2. **Roll Call:** Bergman, Burdo, Holtzer, Logwood, Reber
3. **Approval of 2/23/15 Minutes:** M-Holtzer/S-Logwood /Ayes = 5; Noes = 0 - Approved
4. **Open Time for Public Expression:** None

Donery reported for the record, that, due to the lack of a quorum, there was no March meeting.

He also announced that Youth Commissioner Jeremy Leary is stepping down, citing academic pressures.

5. **Recreation Fund Report:**

Fiscal Year 2014/15 - Periods ending 2/28/15 and 3/31/15: Donery reported that, as of February 28th, 2015, 66% of the fiscal year has elapsed and the Rec Fund is listed at 71% of projected revenues and 63% of projected expenditures. As of March 31st, 2015, 75% of the fiscal year has elapsed and the Rec Fund is listed at 87% of projected revenues and 72% of projected expenditures. Two changes effecting expenditure numbers include increased cost of wages along with the addition of \$60,000 transferred from the fund balance to the expenditure side of the current Recreation department budget to cover two facility improvement projects, those being the kitchen remodel in the ICC recreation building and 50% of the cost of the ICC signage program. If these expenditures are removed, the Recreation Fund shows a gain of 5.6%.

6. **Community Facilities Master Plan - Update :**

Donery reported the council unanimously passed the master plan and directed staff to move forward with a funding assessment to investigate all avenues for raising funds. There will be an RFP out in the Fall to find a company to conduct this study. Currently, there has only been one newspaper article, expressing a negative aspect of the plan, that being the artist tenants will not be accommodated. There was an editorial that called for continued community input and co-authoring of the project. Bergman inquired about funding to which Donery explained that there will be a lot of analysis coming that will inform us as to how to proceed, whether with bonds, outreach to 'deep pocket' donors, and other options.

7. **Commission Projects and Goals :**

A. Creek Park Event Space- Subcommittee Development - Levenson: Donery asked that this item be tabled due to Levenson's absence.

B. 2015 Work Party: Donery stated that he is still awaiting suggestions from DPW Director, Sean Condry and stated that he will initiate a conversation with him to discuss it.

C. 501c3 Status: Burdo requested a brief meeting this evening to finalize remaining items.

D. Outdoor Bingo Event Idea - Holtzer: Holtzer suggested, due to the challenges presented with arranging for food at the previous event, that we move it to an outdoor site and enlist the presence of food trucks. After some discussion, it was suggested that the event be held at Creek Park and invite someone local to provide the food vending, similar to the arrangement with Insalata for the Creekside 'Q' event. It was agreed to table it until Fall.

E. Future Projects: As stated in B., " he is still awaiting suggestions from DPW Director, Sean Condry and stated that he will initiate a conversation with him to discuss it."

8. Staff Updates :

A. Summer Events: Donery gave information regarding the Creekside "Q" being held on Wed, June 24th. Insalata's will be providing food again this year and announced that with assistance from Heidi, we are purchasing a new BBQ/griddle for our events. There will be six Picnics on the Plaza, starting August 6th and ending mid-September. The Arts Commission will be sponsoring one of the picnics and Linda Lujan will be acting coordinator. All other sponsors will be new. Funds raised at the Creekside 'Q' will pay for the bands. Donery reported that Carla Overberger and Mattie O'Grady went to the Chamber of Commerce with our newly formed year round sponsorship packet, looking for business support for all of our events. The next step will be to incorporate graphics and picture to make it visually appealing and attractive. Bergman asked if the Town helps to fund any of the events. Donery explained that, currently, we are self-sustaining so they no longer contribute, though a separate fund for special events, has been set up to tap for employee wages for event work. There's not much in that fund so it'll deplete pretty quickly.

B. Skate Plaza Project: Donery reported that \$18 K has been raised, of the \$55 K required to move forward with construction. At least \$20 K is needed to do the resurfacing of the site. Logwood suggested that we ask the Town of Ross for a contribution. Bergman inquired as to when we might receive information about the allocation of Measure A funds. Donery stated that 30% will go to Open Space and 70% to Memorial Park improvements.

C. Facility Upgrades: Donery reported that the Mt. Tam Room remodel at ICC is nearly complete. A new refrigerator and large flat screen TV are being purchased, the entire room is being sheet rocked, with the hallway and bathroom being painted. New lighting, window tinting and treatments will be added and all should be completed by the end of May. Bergman suggested that it be used to raise funds for the new center. Donery added that a new ADA ramp to access the Vista Room and Parkside Preschool at ICC, has been approved but not yet scheduled for construction though hoping for completion before the beginning of Camp KidMarin , June 22nd. The new signage should be completely installed imminently. Plans are currently underway to address cosmetic issues in the gymnasium next fiscal year. Bergman suggested including an option to rent the Mt. Tam Room separately from the gym to which Donery agreed.

D. Memorial Park Detention Basin: Donery reported that there is a group that wants to preclude any inclusion of Memorial Park as a detention basin through a ballot initiative and is currently collecting signatures. He also shared that the results of an independent study done to assess the viability of Marin County's Flood Mitigation Plan, determined a detention basin in Memorial Park to be the second most important component. Burdo shared that he attended the Flood Zone 9 meeting and thought it was a very good presentation. Great focus was placed on the exploration of various alternatives to the detention basin plan and all came up short of meeting the inherent need. He further shared his impression that, although there are still many who oppose the plan, as long as future meetings are inclusive of and sensitive to community input, it will continue to move in the right direction. He also expressed his agreement with the Marin IJ editorial requesting that the Town delay moving forward until there is more info.

9. Commission comments and questions, requests for future agenda items:

- Bergman requested a modality for confirming attendance , perhaps by the Friday prior. Burdo suggested confirming tonight, attendance for the next meeting to degree possible and recommended that, whenever possible, the original meeting time is adhered to. Bergman, Burdo, Holtzer, Logwood and Reber tentatively committed to attending the May 19th meeting. Holtzer announced that she will not be able to attend the meeting in August.

**M=Bergman/S=Logwood/ Ayes=5/ Noes=0
SSV**

Approved to adjourn at 8:53 pm