



Parks & Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes, August 16, 2016

1. Meeting called to order at 7:05pm.
2. Roll Call: *Burdo, Holtzer, Kerr, Olson, Reber, Logwood*
3. **Approval of 6/20/16 Minutes:** Holtzer moved to amend minutes by deleting the results of the poll taken reflecting each commissioner's preference regarding youth commissioner applicants. Olson seconded. Approved unanimously.
4. **Open Time for Public Expression:** None
5. **Interviews:**
 - A. Applicants for Youth Commissioner Seats for 2016/2017 one-year term:
Allie Ross was scheduled for an interview but did not show up.
 - B. Applicants for Memorial Park Basketball and Skate Plaza Steering Committee:
 - 1) Lindy Graham stated that she has been very involved in the political world until recently, knows how to organize and knows a lot of people in Marin. Feels she can represent the elder sector.
 - 2) Lisa Graham gave a brief history of her involvement, stating that the question "What can I bring to the community?" was what got her started. She realized that activities for ages 13 to 18 were missing and wanted to do something about it. Olson asked if she has any ideas, moving forward. Lisa answered that she'd like to see events at the plaza, perhaps an annual fundraiser with a free throw contest, etc. She would like to bring Red Hill Shopping Center in as a sponsor and would like to spearhead a jobs/internships fair. She pointed out that they need events where teens can hang out, would like to bring reps from organizations like Huckleberry that work with teens and would like to be involved in MP Master Plan.
6. **Discussion Items:**
 - A. Memorial Park Master Plan: Donery gave an extensive report explaining PHASE ONE, passing around a handout for reference. Kerr asked if the focus group would be run by professionals. Donery explained that the council feels that staff should be responsible for that. Olson asked about the status of the Project Coordinator position that the council approved for assisting staff. Donery explained that, due to the fact that they have not received any applications, Kelly Krill has been hired to provide assistance of a graphic design nature.
 - B. Commission Projects and Goals: It was agreed by all that there was enough to work on moving forward, with the Master Plan process and Country Fair Day.
7. **Action Items:**
 - A. Appoint members to the Memorial Park Basketball and Skate Plaza Steering Committee: The Commission appointed Lindy Graham and Lisa Graham to the Memorial Park Basketball & Skate Plaza Steering Committee.
 - B. Appoint 2016/2017 Youth Commissioners: Holtzer opened the item for discussion. It was acknowledged that Patrick had been offered a youth commissioner position on the Library Advisory Board and Jack Saavedra had been offered spot on the Open Space Committee. Donery revisited the notion of one versus two youth commissioners. Kerr stated that he prefers two, for diversity. Burdo motioned to vote to appoint Eleanor Bemis as the first youth commissioner. Olson seconded. Ayes = 6 Motion passed. Kerr motioned to appoint Brendan Corr as the second youth commissioner. Holtzer seconded. Ayes = 4 Abstention = 1 Motion passed.

C. Appoint two members from the Parks and Recreation Commission to the Memorial Park Master Plan - Community Advisory Board committee (CAB): There was discussion about who would be interested and available. Holtzer: interested and can make most meetings. Olsen: interested. Kerr: very interested and glad to serve. Burdo: interested. Reber: extremely interested but could not commit. Logwood stated that he would like to fund raise and motioned to appoint Kerr and Burdo. Reber seconded. Ayes = 5 Motion passed.

D. Country Fair Day assignments: Holtzer gave a brief history of Country Fair Day and the Commission's involvement with the beverage booth.

- i. Beverage Booth - Olson will check with a brewer friend about obtaining a jockey box and will coordinate. Logwood will bring white and red wine. Reber will get juice boxes and waters. Holtzer and Olson will bring coolers. Sandy Videgar will supply design art for COMMISSIONER aprons - Logwood will print them.
- ii. Master Plan Booth - to be discussed at September meeting.

E. Monthly Meeting Date Change: Donery reported that every second Wednesday or any Thursday the Chambers are available. It was agreed that a Survey Monkey would be sent to the Commissioners with the vote postponed until the next meeting.

8. **Staff Updates:**

A. Community Meeting: Basketball/Skate Plaza - June 22nd "Nextdoor Meeting":

Donery reported that the meeting got very heated with frustration being expressed from both sides. In the end the two primary people involved spoke directly to each other, hugged and achieved resolution.

B. Creekside Q - 6/29/16: Donery reported that the event was a great success despite lower turnout than in years past, with a special acknowledgement to Heidi for receiving this year's Jefferson Award for Community Giveback, including a TV crew.

C. Fall Recreation Guide - programs: Donery gave a brief report, stating that overall, the camps are doing well, with enrollment right where it is expected to be.

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

- Parks presentation
- Dog Park Steering Committee

Meeting adjourned at 8:59pm

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