

CITY OF PETALUMA
RECREATION, MUSIC AND PARKS COMMISSION
MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

**Petaluma Community Center
320 North McDowell Blvd.**

*Wednesday, November 16, 2005
7:00 p.m.*

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: *Baddeley, Ferguson, Harris, Kinsealla*, Noriel, Yearsley*
Commissioners Absent: *Tarr*
Staff Present: *Carr, Anchordoguy, Phoenix, Stewart*

*Chair**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *October 19, 2005*

It was moved by Joe Noriel that the minutes be approved as submitted, seconded by David Yearsley, unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1) Richard Ogren – 825 5th Street

Wickersham Park – Asked the Commission to consider establishing morning and evening hours to run dogs off leash at Wickersham Park. He presented a petition signed by 42 interested neighbors.

John Kinsella – Suggested that this item be placed on the agenda of January 2006 and asked staff to notify the neighbors before the meeting.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

OLD BUSINESS

1. Report of meeting with the sports organizations regarding playfields – Harry Clifford (Verbal)

Harry Clifford – Gave a report regarding the meeting with the sports organizations and indicated that they will meet again next month to discuss some items which they hope to include into the General Plan.

Mark Ferguson – Suggested discussing with the schools how they operate their athletic fields. He is looking forward to hearing from Harry Clifford after he and Mike Baddeley meet with school officials.

Mike Baddeley – Reported that the meeting with the sports organizations was very productive and that about 15 representatives from a number of athletic organizations had attended the meeting.

2. RESA – Marty Hronec, Kevin McDonnell (Verbal report regarding field costs)

Marty Hronec – Indicated that he was proposing to develop the project in phases.

a. Phase I – 4 baseball /softball fields and concession building

b. Phase II – Soccer portion of the project to be developed at a later time.

Community Development Director Mike Moore does not have any objections about phasing the project, and will check to ensure that it is congruent with the current lease.

Carr – The following needs to be approved.

- The project is changing and would have to be presented back to the City Council.
- 5-year lease extension, and .
- plans and specifications before April 16, 2006.

Kevin McDonald – Would like to talk about turf and scheduling and the fact that their proposal extends out beyond the RESA boundaries. They estimate that the cost for the synthetic turf fields would be about 1.5 million dollars. He hopes that the process can go fast enough so they can start their fundraising campaign. Has commitments from volunteers that are ready to run a campaign as soon as they obtain a conceptual approval for the project. Regarding the fact that this project would take a small portion of Rooster Run, they are proposing that the two lease holders of the City-owned property can offer each other an encroachment since the site is entirely undeveloped land. Their proposal includes City participation, independent granting, and soccer league funds.

Carr – Indicated that he will be presenting an update to the City Council on December 5th regarding the status of the entire RESA project and finances. Carr would also like to know if the 1.5 million dollars includes the subterranean drainage. He suggested meeting with Marty Hronec and Kevin McDonald about the proposal before the Council meeting. The City Council needs to be presented with a full thought out plan that could be achievable.

Mark Ferguson – Spoke in support of the project. Would like to reiterate to staff that a complex like RESA is needed in order to ease some of the burden of many of our fields throughout the community. The whole concept is great if it can viable.

Carr – Marty Hronec has to start the project in April 2006 so if he needs an extension, Carr is suggesting that Mr. Hronec submit a proposal that changes the existing project and requests an extension of time. Other than verbal discussions with the Commission, staff has not received anything in writing about the plan in order to respond to the City Council questions.

Marty Hronec – Will meet with Kevin McDonald and Jim Carr to discuss the proposal to be presented to the City Council. He is hoping for positive action in the near future.

3. Park Naming Procedure – Carr

Carr suggested postponing the discussion of this item until the meeting of January 2006

NEW BUSINESS

