

**CITY OF PETALUMA**  
**RECREATION, MUSIC AND PARKS COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING**

*Wednesday, August 20, 2003*  
*7:00 p.m.*

*Petaluma Community Center*  
*320 North McDowell Blvd.*  
*Conference Room No. 2*

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

***Commissioners Present:*** Hagen, McCoy\*, Moynihan, Nau, Ramirez

***Commissioners Absent:*** Kinsella, Tarr

***Staff Present:*** Carr, Anchordoguy, Stewart

***Chair\****

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 16, 2003**

Bruce Hagen moved that the minutes be accepted as submitted, seconded by Karen Nau

**4 AYES, 1 ABSTEIN, 2 ABSENT**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**1) Kay Drew** – 1805 Hanford Street – Presented problems she has encountered at the Swim Center and possible solutions.

Carr suggested that Mrs.Drew consider attending Aquatic Advisory Committee meetings and becoming a member.

**2) Hal Warren**, a member of the Senior Center Advisory Committee asked when the remodeling of Senior Center will start.

**Carr** – The project timeline was presented to the City Council on August 18. To-date, engineers and architects have completed about 40% of their reviews; construction may start next Spring.

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**1.** Letter from Carol Eber addressed to Bryant Moynihan complaining about the number of fecal incidents at the pool and asking City staff to determine the best approach to prevent them.

**Ed Anchordoguy** commented that staff believes that at least 3 of the incidents were caused by vandalism.

Elaine Ramirez suggested that staff consider installing 2 motion detector lights on the pool deck area. Ken McCoy recommended installing some dummy cameras.

**2.** Carr informed the Commission that 25 trees had been vandalized at Lucchesi field.

1 **Ken McCoy** – Received an e-mail from Kerry Dickson from the Coast Guard Training Center  
2 indicating that he had learned about the damage caused to the trees at Lucchesi Park. He and a group  
3 of Coast Guard members were interested in volunteering their assistance to repair/replace the damaged  
4 trees.

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6 **Bryant Moynihan** – Suggested asking the Kiwanis Club to contribute with tree replacement.

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8 **COMMISSION OFFICERS AND REORGANIZATION** –  
9 Due to the absence of two Commissioners, the item was postponed until next meeting.

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11 **NEW BUSINESS**

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13 **1) Disc Golf Proposal (Referral from Gatti Park Project Public Meeting) –**  
14 **(Jerry Vance-United Flyers of Sonoma County)**

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16 Jerry Vance from United Flyers presented a proposal to establish and maintain a disc golf course in the  
17 Urban Separator and asked the Commission for approval. He explained how the game is played and  
18 indicated that the course could also be used by students for PE classes.

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20 **Ken McCoy** – Asked that Mr. Vance use a map of the urban separator and present at the next meeting:

- 21 • A layout of the proposed course
- 22 • Prices
- 23 • Proposed parking
- 24 • Timeline
- 25 • Annual upkeep/mowing schedule

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27 **OLD BUSINESS**

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29 **1) Proposed Arts and Culture Element of the Park Master Plan - Carr**

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31 Carr reported that he met with Alison Marks and Nora Langan of the Petaluma Arts Council regarding  
32 a proposed Arts and Culture element for the Parks Master Plan. He outlined the proposal included in  
33 the Commission’s packet and commented that the basic idea is to promote and support all aspects of  
34 the art throughout the community. Carr recommended that the Commission consider the proposal.

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36 Elaine Ramirez moved that the Commission include the proposed Arts and Culture element to the  
37 Parks Master Plan, seconded by Bryant Moynihan, unanimously approved.

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39 **Bryant Moynihan** led discussion regarding revenue sources for maintenance of parks, potential  
40 pedestrian pathways, etc.

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42 **Carr** – Suggested that the Parks Master Plan include narrative about funding sources for maintenance  
43 including school athletic fields. He will be presenting a draft to the Commission at the October  
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1 **2) Update on Gatti Park Project Information Gathering - Carr**

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3 **Carr** –Included in the Commission’s packet are public comments from the July 16 public meeting  
4 regarding the Gatti Park project, and four letters from citizens that were unable to attend the meeting.

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6 Ed Anchordoguy, Don Phoenix, and Carr met to review the public comments and based on information  
7 received, staff asked the architect to include the following features in the conceptual design of the Gatti  
8 Park site:

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10 One girls softball field, 1 little league field (per the agreement with the Cross Creek developer), on-site  
11 parking on the Sonoma Mountain Parkway side of the site, a multi-use field (i.e. soccer) between the  
12 softball and baseball fields, a playground utilizing materials other than wood, 4 lighted tennis courts, 1  
13 lighted basketball court, 1 lighted in-line hockey, a group picnic area, individual picnic areas, 1  
14 gazebo/amphi-theater area, bocce ball, horseshoe pit, walkways around the perimeter of the park, a  
15 separate entryway into a proposed parking lot along Sonoma Mountain Parkway with double-loaded  
16 parking.

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18 In September, the architects will be presenting a conceptual plan for Commission’s review and the  
19 public will be invited.

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21 **COMMISSIONERS REPORTS**

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23 **1) Karen Nau –**

24 **Petaluma Museum** - On August 9, there was a successful quilt show at the Museum, and the next  
25 event has been planned for August 24. The garden area is being used by the community for receptions  
26 and events. Story hours and walking tours are also being offered in the museum.

27 **Swim Center** – Noticed a small amount of litter and graffiti

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29 **2) Bryant Movnihan -**

30 **City Council Actions** - John Kinsella was reappointed to the Recreation Commission until June 2007.  
31 The recommendation for naming the park “Mannion Knoll” at the Magnolia site was approved.

32 **Budget** – The City is short of money, consequently staff will be facing a few challenges this year.

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34 **Carr** – Will be sending a signed copy of the resolution to the student that suggested the name for the  
35 park at the Magnolia site. As per agreement with the developer, St. Vincent’s School will be receiving  
36 \$1,000 for the suggestion and will be applying the funds to cover part of the student’s tuition.

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38 Carr recommended that the Commission consider a process to name the parks at the Gatti site and  
39 Traditions Subdivision.

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41 **3) Bruce Hagen -**

42 **Country Club Open Space** – Noticed a great amount of debris all around the site which needs a very  
43 vigorous and thorough clean up. He volunteered to clean it up with some volunteer help. The  
44 horseshoe pit looks nice. He expressed desire to have access to the GIS to identify the boundaries of  
45 the Country Club site.

46 **Bicycle Committee (BAC)** – New members have been appointed to the committee.

47 **Petaluma Rim Trail** –The BAC committee wishes to formalize the Petaluma rim trail and give the  
48 project some visibility and identity in the general plan rewrite. In order to figure out trail connections,  
49 he would like to have access to the GIS, to start looking at City-owned properties along the urban

1 separator on the east side of town, Putnam Park, and open spaces at Westridge and Country Club. He  
2 will be making a formal request through the BAC.

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4 **4) Elaine Ramirez -**

5 **Parks and Recreation Brochure** – Commended staff for the good work

6 **Eagle Park** – Looks attractive - Asked if herbicides are being used around the playground area.

7 **Ed Anchordoguy** – Herbicides are never used on park playgrounds.

8 Kenilworth Park and all of her other parks look attractive.

9 **Swim Center** – Asked if a visible sign could be placed in front of the facility advertising swim hours  
10 and pertinent information.

11 **Ed Anchordoguy** – There is a large vinyl sign that is hung sporadically outside the center.

12 **Lafferty Tour Dates** – Asked staff about the possibility of scheduling a tour to Lafferty before the  
13 next Council meeting.

14 Following discussion, the first tour was scheduled on September 5 at 3:30 p.m., and the second, on  
15 September 27 at 1 p.m. Interested Commissioners are invited to meet at the Community Center parking  
16 lot. Elaine asked if she could invite interested guests, such as Councilmembers, and/or politicians from  
17 the Open Space District, or the State that might have some influence or expertise with the trail  
18 easement.

19 **Carr** – Agreed to the request, and asked Elaine to inform him in advance who she plans to invite. Carr  
20 will be sending a memo to the City Manager inviting other Councilmembers.

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22 **5) Ken McCoy -**

23 **Lucchesi Field** – Hosted a very successful softball tournament the first week of August.

24 **a) Bulletin Boards** – Asked if somebody is in charge of posting information in the bulletin boards and  
25 which are the rules or guidelines for what will be posted.

26 **Carr** – Don Phoenix is in charge of posting current schedules to eliminate conflicts among teams.

27 **b) Field Brushing** – Asked if staff is using the equipment to brush the field.

28 **Ed Anchordoguy** – Staff is using the equipment to do the sweeping, fluff the field, and pick up the  
29 debris.

30 **c) Tree Vandalism** – It was a tragedy to see the vandalized trees. He volunteered to put up a \$500  
31 reward for anything leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) that caused the damage.

32 **Wiseman and Prince Parks** – Look good

33 **Traditions Subdivision** – Would like to make sure that the athletic field size is adequate. It seems to  
34 him that the detention pond is too large.

35 **Carr** – Staff will be measuring the field.

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37 **DIRECTORS REPORT – Jim Carr, Director of Parks and Recreation**

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39 **a) McNear Peninsula Phase II** - Commissioners will be reviewing the conceptual plan at the  
40 September meeting.

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42 **b) Polly Hannah Klaas Performing Arts Center** – A very successful fundraiser event took place at  
43 Petaluma Community Center on August 9th – Approximately \$20,000 were raised to help with the  
44 center renovation.

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46 **c) Walnut Park** – The Rotary Club was very instrumental with the playground renovation at McNear  
47 Park. Onita Pelligrini and members of the Petaluma Rotary Club are considering getting involved in  
48 the playground renovation at Walnut Park. They will either buy the playground equipment and/or buy

1 the equipment and install it. Ross Recreation will work with the club regarding the installation. The  
2 playground equipment will meet ADA standards and it will be at no cost to the City.

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4 **d) Shollenberger Park** – The last bridge was supposed to be in this month. The CCC deferred the  
5 project until the middle of September. Carr would like to see the project completed.

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7 **e) Fishing Pier** – The City has received approval for the project through State Lands.

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9 **f) Graffiti** –The side of the middle pump house at Prince Park has been hit quite a bit lately. Right  
10 now, it has 4’ letters, also there are 4’ letters on the new sound wall adjacent to Prince Park, and at the  
11 residential Senior Center located in the corner of East Washington Street and Sonoma Mountain  
12 Parkway. Ed Cerar, the volunteer graffiti chairperson and his crews, have been trying to stay on top of  
13 it, but the amount of graffiti keeps on increasing. Following a discussion with Ed Cerar, Carr would  
14 like to develop a program where the first fine for anybody caught engaging in graffiti activities is  
15 \$250; second time \$500; third time \$750, and the amount will keep on increasing.

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17 The brand new intersection at McDowell has graffiti on the stonework and has not yet been removed.  
18 Carr reported about other vandalism incidents. Carr commented that is time for the community to  
19 realize the extent of the problem and to help take care of it. Carr will be coming back with a  
20 recommendation to the Commission.

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22 **g) Chair Ken McCoy** has come up with the idea of temporarily using the area near the eucalyptus  
23 grove at Casa Grande and Old Adobe Roads for a dog run area. Carr is trying to contact State Parks  
24 officials to see the feasibility of the suggestion.

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26 **ADJOURNMENT**

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28 Bruce Hagen moved, seconded by Ken McCoy, unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:10  
29 p.m.