

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

**REGULAR MEETING**

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

*Wednesday, December 17, 2003  
7:00 p.m.*

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

*Commissioners Present:*      **Nau, Ramirez, Moynihan, Tarr \***  
*Commissioners Absent:*      **Kinsella, Hagen, McCoy**  
*Staff Present:*                      **Carr, Anchordoguy, Phoenix**

**Chair\***

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 19, 2003**

**M/S/P Moynihan, Nau approved the minutes on a 3-0-1 vote with Ramirez abstaining (was not present at the November meeting).**

**PUBLIC COMMENT: None**

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS: None**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Aquatic Advisory Committee Recommendation – Phoenix, Carr**

Recreation Supervisor Don Phoenix presented a number of proposed fee adjustments from the Aquatic Advisory Committee for Commission consideration. The intent of the fee adjustments is to make the Petaluma Swim Center more accommodating for swimmers. Following Commission discussion, **M, S, P Moynihan, Nau, to approve the recommendation to adjust pool rates and pass the recommendation on to the City Manager. Approved on a vote of 4-0**

**Summary of the recommendation:**

**Lap Swim**

- a. Create monthly passes for early (March – May) and late (September –October) swim seasons @ General \$40; Seniors \$30. During the summer season (June – August the swim pass rate will be General \$45; Seniors \$35.
- b. Create swim passes for seniors during the summer season (June-August) A ten swim pass @ \$35 and fifteen swim pass @ \$45.
- c. Create a summer “season” swim pass (average 10-week season) for general swimmers @ \$120 and seniors @ \$95.

### **General Recreation Swim**

- a. Create swim passes for the summer “season”:  
Children @ \$20; General @\$50; Seniors @ \$40.

### **Masters Swim**

- a. Reduce the monthly fee from \$65 per month to \$60 per month.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Park Maintenance for New Parks – Carr, Anchordoguy**

During the November Commission meeting, Commissioner Moynihan had asked that a discussion take place regarding maintenance costs of new parks. Carr discussed the memo titled “Park Maintenance for New Parks” which was part of the Commission’s packet. Following Commission discussion about budget shortfalls and future budget concerns, they inquired when and how they could support staff.

Carr indicated that once budget cuts have been identified, staff would come back to the Commission since any cuts will more than likely require stoppage of maintenance if not closure of smaller parks. If drastic cuts are required, staff will provide a plan to the Commission on how to support and protect the parks.

## **COMMISSIONER’S REPORTS**

**Moynihan:** It appears as if someone has used a backhoe to clean out drainage areas. The work may have impacted open space vegetation.

The plastic tubes used to protect young trees are starting to crack. Mr. Anchordoguy mentioned that he is aware of the situation. The trees are monitored 3-4 times per year.

Some of the paths in the Westridge Open Space along Thompson Creek have areas of ponding, with mud being deposited on the paths. Mr. Anchordoguy will look at options to correct the situation.

Has noticed the lack of vegetation on Rocky Dog Park; does not know what the answer is other than develop an alternative site.

**Nau:** The Petaluma Museum’s roof is being replaced. On December 7, the Museum will sponsor a large tea function. Comments have been received that the Shollenberger parking lot is crowded at times. Commissioner Ramirez suggested a signboard at Shollenberger Park mentioning alternative parking in the Marina parking lot. The Recreation brochure would be another source to discuss the alternative parking.

**Tarr:** The Lucchesi field lights still need to be replaced, especially in the northwest corner. Mr. Anchordoguy mentioned that Leslie Electrical has the contract to replace the lights. The biggest holdup is the wet weather and the inability to get a truck on the field.

The south end of the soccer field (east side) also has a lot of gravel on it. Also, on weekends, trash cans are full. Mr. Anchordoguy mentioned that staff has been cut for the winter months, so there is no coverage on weekends. Regarding the gravel, staff is working to clean the field.

Casa Del Oro still has soccer goals on the field and the turf is totally soaked. Mr. Anchordoguy confirmed that all natural turf fields are closed for the winter. Mr. Phoenix mentioned that the soccer leagues are on notice to remove their goals from the parks.

The Sartori fence at Casa Del Oro Park is down again.

Mentioned that the Polly Hannah Klaas fundraiser bulletin was received in the mail and encouraged Commissioners to support the effort.

Expressed amazement at the number of activities held at the Senior Center. The Senior Expo was a great event and Carr was asked to commend Recreation Coordinator Trina Ramirez for doing a good job.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- Members of the Aquatic Advisory Committee appeared before the City Council during public comment, urging the City Council to open the pool in March of 2004. City Council members expressed interest in opening the pool, depending on funding. City Council members asked to discuss the early pool opening in January.
- The City Manager gave a report on the fiscal concerns of the City based on the State "taking" City due vehicle license fees. The City Manager expects up to \$1.3 million in budget cuts immediately, in order to survive the current fiscal year.
- The Community Development, in preparation for issuing a building permit, is reviewing the plans and specifications for the Petaluma Senior Center. Once the permit is authorized, the project can go out to bid.
- The plans and specifications for the Gatti park site project are 50 % complete, and various Departments are reviewing the plans. The project is to go to bid in the spring.
- Plans and specifications for the McNear Peninsula park project are being developed. The project is being managed by the Department of General Plan as part of the River Plan. The project is to go to bid in the spring.
- The General Plan Department has selected an architect / engineering firm to provide plans and specifications for the Industrial Avenue / Corona Road river plan improvements. Parks and Recreation staff was involved in the consultant selection process and will be involved in preparing the plans and specification per the Petaluma River Plan.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM