

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

**REGULAR MEETING**

*Wednesday, October 15, 2003*

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

*7:00 p.m.*

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

**Commissioners Present:** Hagen, Kinsella, McCoy, Nau, Ramirez, Tarr\*

**Commissioners Absent:** Moynihan

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

**Chair\***

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 17, 2003**

Bruce Hagen moved that the minutes be approved as submitted, seconded by Ken McCoy, unanimously approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE**

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS: NONE**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**1) Gatti Park Project – Review and Approval of Park Master Plan – Gretchen Stanzl McCann and Bart Ito**

**Carr** – As a follow up from the Commission meeting of September 17, staff and Carr met with Gretchen Stanzl McCann and Bart Ito on October 7, and reviewed the Gatti Park site master plan with the Commission's comments incorporated into the plan. Later that night, the group met with five representatives from the community including some members of the Mother's Club and reviewed the recommendations regarding the playgrounds. Suggestions about the playgrounds were given to the architects which will be presented tonight.

Bart Ito reviewed the Gatti park master plan and Gretchen McCann outlined the playground plans and equipment.

Carr suggested that the Commission approve the conceptual park master plan so it can be presented to the City Council for approval. Following approval, the architects will be proceeding with the plans and specifications in order to bid the project, with construction starting in the spring. The project may be completed by November 2004.

Commissioners were very supportive of the project design and the ability of the architects to incorporate the park features requested by the community.

1 Ken McCoy moved that the Commission approve the Gatti Park site master plan as presented with the  
2 recommendation that it be sent forward to the City Council for approval. The motion was seconded by  
3 Karen Nau, unanimously approved.  
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5 **2. Disc Golf Proposal Presentation – (Jerry Vance – United Flyers of Sonoma County)**  
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7 **Carr** – Introduced Jerry Vance and Greg Goblen from United Flyers of Sonoma County.  
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9 Greg Goblen and Jerry Vance presented a proposal for a disc golf course to be located on the Eastside  
10 Urban Separator (proximity to Sonoma Mountain Elementary School, Santa Rosa Jr. College and the  
11 future Petaluma Junior High School.  
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13 Following discussion, Jerry Vance indicated that their organization would like to do fundraisers and try  
14 to find “T” and basket sponsors.  
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16 Carr spoke in favor of the proposal and said that the cost to develop the course would be minimal. He  
17 suggested having a public meeting at the November meeting in order to obtain input from the  
18 community about the proposal. If the Commission were to approve the proposal in November, he  
19 suggested sending a recommendation to the City Council in December.  
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21 **NEW BUSINESS**  
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23 **1. Sunnyslope Project Review**  
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25 **Bruce Hagen** – On a project site plan, showed project location and indicated that the Bicycle Advisory  
26 Committee (BAC) has recommended that lot 22 of the Sunnyslope II project, be set aside as public  
27 open space, which will permit a trail easement that will ultimately connect Putnam Park to “I” Street.  
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29 Following discussion, Bruce Hagen moved that the Commission recommend to the City Council that  
30 that the applicant be required to dedicate to the City of Petaluma Lot No. 22 as public open space. The  
31 motion was seconded by Ken McCoy, unanimously approved.  
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33 **2. Riverview Subdivision Project Review**  
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35 **Bruce Hagen** – The subject area is located on the southerly side of McNear Avenue and Mission  
36 Drive westerly of Petaluma Boulevard South. He gave positive comments about the area and indicated  
37 that the BAC has made a recommendation about gaining public access to the area. He encouraged the  
38 Commission to visit the site.  
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40 **COMMISSIONERS REPORTS**  
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42 **1) John Kinsella -**

43 **a) Community Garden** – Looks very attractive.

44 **b) Oak Hill Park** – Is well-maintained. On the lower section of the park, the branches of an oak tree  
45 need trimming. Noticed a great amount of weeds on the upper area.

46 **c) Sunset Park** - Branches of a pine tree are hanging close to the picnic table.

47 **d) Petaluma Swim Center** - Would like to have a recap of the swim center revenue/cost for the  
48 summer.

- 1 e) **Wickersham Park** – Today the Tree Advisory Committee planted a peace tree at Wickersham  
2 Park.  
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- 4 2) **Karen Nau** -  
5 a) **McDowell Meadows** – Asked staff if the playground equipment could be upgraded.  
6 Carr – Indicated that the park is on the list to be upgraded when funds are available.  
7 b) **Sunrise Park** – Noticed police patrolling the area.  
8 c) **The Petaluma Historical Museum** – A memorial for Bill Sobrantes has been scheduled on  
9 October 18, 2003 from 3 to 5 p.m. There are a variety of programs being offered at the facility.  
10 d) **Swim Center** – Noticed a great amount of weeds under the sign  
11 e) **Mannion Knolls Park** – Gave positive comments about the future site of Mannion Knoll Park.  
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- 13 3) **Ken McCoy** -  
14 a) **Lucchesi field** – Thanked staff for re-painting the lines. Four to five lights are out on the eastern  
15 side of the soccer field.  
16 Commissioner McCoy announced that if everything goes as planned, he will be moving to Cotati and  
17 presenting his resignation from the Commission by next month.  
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- 19 4) **Bruce Hagen** -  
20 a) **Wickersham** – Looks attractive.  
21 b) **Country Club Open Space** – At the last meeting, he reported that there was a great amount of  
22 garbage on the site and since then, the property owners have done some cleaning.  
23 c) **Lafferty** – Toured the area with Ed Anchordoguy and Mike Harrison from State Parks. The  
24 Bicycle Advisory Committee would like to know more about trail standards to be used as referral.  
25 On November 19, Mary Shollenberger, who is John Burton’s Environmental Aide, will be touring the  
26 Mitsui and Lafferty properties with Mr. Hagen.  
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- 28 5) **Elaine Ramirez** -  
29 a) **Penry Park** – Requested that staff include Penry Park to the list of parks/facilities she oversees.  
30 Noticed standing water on the sidewalk by Kentucky Street.  
31 b) **McDowell Park** – Noticed a great amount of litter on the softball field.  
32 c) **Cultural Arts Committee** – Karen Peterson and Alison Marks have been joining efforts to form a  
33 Cultural Arts Advisory Committee and will be appearing before the Commission to discuss the  
34 possibilities of working together. They had discussions with City Manager Mike Bierman about the  
35 allocation of some impact fees from new construction for a public arts fund. The City Council will be  
36 considering the matter.  
37 Carr – The City Council will be considering impact fees allocation at the end of this month.  
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- 39 6) **Marja Tarr** -  
40 a) **Polly Hannah Klaas Performing Arts Center** – Has become a non-profit organization and they  
41 have elected a Board of Directors. Jim Carr and Jan Mandrell sit as members of the board.  
42 b) **Senior Center** – The Senior Expo will be taking place on Friday, October 24 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
43 at the Petaluma Community Center. Senior agencies will have booths with useful information.  
44 c) **Swim Advisory Committee** – Met last week with some committee members. Committee members  
45 would like to appear before this Commission in November to discuss the pool fee structure and date  
46 for pool opening in the spring. Marja requested that staff include this item on the next month’s agenda  
47 and that a swim center recap of costs and revenues be provided to the Commission.  
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1 The committee has suggested the following to improve the pool operations:

- 2 • Placing a bulletin board to post announcements
- 3 • Updating the voice message machine more often

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5 **DIRECTOR'S REPORT** – Jim Carr, Director of Parks and Recreation

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7 **1) Marina Dredging** – A single bid was received and due to the high cost, staff is recommending  
8 rejection of the bid, with the project to be re-bid over the winter months. Work may start in the Spring  
9 2004.

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11 **2) Petaluma Senior Center Expansion Project** – Plans and specifications are about completed. Staff  
12 will be bidding the project during the winter months.

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14 **3) Shollenberger Park** – The California Conservation Corp. has started with the final bridge,  
15 boardwalk repairs, and signage.

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17 **4) Walnut Park Playground** – Two consecutive presidents of the Rotary Club of Petaluma will be  
18 identifying the renovation of the Walnut Park playground as their centennial project. They will either  
19 buy the equipment outright and have it installed, or buy the equipment and install it themselves. The  
20 playground equipment installer from Ross Recreation will be working alongside members of the club  
21 if they were to install the equipment themselves. The project will cost about \$50,000.

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23 Carr announced that the City Manager will be addressing the Commission at their November meeting.  
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25 **Ed Anchordoguy** – Reported that Joe Noreal from the Tree Advisory Committee, some members of  
26 the Rotary Club, and three park maintenance staff, planted and staked 19 trees at Lucchesi field.

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28 **ADJOURNMENT**

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30 The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

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