

# MARINWOOD COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

## MINUTES OF PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

**January 27, 2015**

**Time and Place:** 7:30 Marinwood Community Center Classroom

### **Present:**

Commissioners: Izabela Perry, Kimberly Call, Sarah Paoli, Shane Valentine, John Tune and Sivan Oyserman.  
Staff: District Manager Eric Dreikosen, Recreation Director Shane DeMarta, Recreation Supervisor Robyn Bruton and Administrative Assistant Carolyn Sullivan.  
Others present: Linda Barnello.  
Board members: Justin Kai.

### **Agenda**

No changes or additions.

### **Designation of P&R Commission Chair for 2015**

Perry commented she would feel comfortable remaining the Commission Chair. Call stated Perry has done an excellent job as Chair, she has a financial background and takes responsibility for her role. The Commission agreed with Call.

M/s Call/ Paoli to nominate Perry as 2015 Commission Chair. Motion carried unanimously.

Valentine commented he would like to serve as Vice Chair in an unofficial capacity. Perry commented that would be great.

### **Public Comment**

No comments.

### **Minutes of December 23, 2014 Commission Meeting**

Call would like to put on future agendas discussion regarding how to grow our Recreational space. Call additionally requested a status on a plaque in honor of Tom Kunkel. Oyserman requested the Chair touch base with Kunkel to ask where he would like a plaque, he had previously mentioned a trail in the area. Dreikosen stated this would need to be approved by the Board before any action could take place.

### **Review of Board Minutes of January 13, 2015**

Dreikosen noted a small mistype. The Winter Break camp net revenue was \$16,000, not "up by" \$16,000.

### **2015 Pool Rates**

Perry stated last year the Commission spent a good amount of time setting a price structure moving forward. Perry noted that the new California minimum wage law and sick leave law will affect the District.

DeMarta stated he and his staff are recommending a 5% increase to pool memberships. Oyserman questioned why the drop-in rates are not being increased; it seems unfair to the residents. DeMarta replied it does not make sense to raise drop-in rates each year by 5% because it would only equal .30 cents or so. DeMarta added there are perks for being a member such as discounted camp rates and full access to the pool facility. Drop-in customers are only allowed access during the Recreational swim time and it is hard to sell people on a drop-in fee of \$30 for a family to swim for about two hours. Perry commented she does feel the price of a family pool membership is getting pricy, but that is her personal opinion. Call commented she would like to see a Senior rate option for drop-in patrons. DeMarta replied our Senior demographic does not usually purchase a drop-in day pass because it does not allow them to swim during the adult lap swim times. Paoli agreed, the senior demographic purchases memberships for lap swim. Call replied it sends a positive message to our community. Tune agreed with Perry, the membership rates are getting pricy, one would have to attend all 28 weeks to make it feasible. Valentine would like the Commission to entertain the idea to increase the perks one gets with a membership such as free/reduced rates for Community Events. Oyserman stated she has concerns with revenue generators; the pool needs upgrades. DeMarta replied we are gaining ground, last year we broke even, and it was a big deal. Perry commented she would like to see the Waterdevil rates revised. The pool opens a month early to cater to their practice times.

M/s Valentine/ Perry to approve Pool Rates as recommended. Ayes: Valentine, Perry, Tune and Paoli. Nays: Call.

### **2015 Camp Rates**

Robyn Bruton stated staff has recommended a 7% increase. The increase will help offset the small raise in counselor pay as well as operational costs. With this increase Marinwood will be a bit higher than San Rafael and Novato, but less than Strawberry and Mill Valley. DeMarta commented it is a higher percentage than he would like, but the rates are still

reasonable. Perry commented it is a great value for a wonderful program. Oyserman agreed, based upon opinions she had heard, and is glad to see a 7% increase. Oyserman asked what Strawberry and Mill Valley have that we do not. DeMarta replied nothing, we have a more defined age group, and offer more enrichment. Tune asked if DeMarta would consider different percentage increases for resident versus non-resident. DeMarta replied the non-residents do subsidize the residents, but does not feel it is necessary to have different percentages.

M/s Perry/Oyserman to approve 2015 Camp Rates as recommended. Motion carried unanimously.

### **2015 Pool Rates (re-visit)**

Dreikosen stated he had a point of order regarding a motion held previously. Valentine, being the alternate seat on the Commission may not bring forth a motion. The Commission noted they had been unaware of that, Perry requested another motion be made.

The previous motion was withdrawn.

M/s Paoli/ Tune to approve 2015 pool rates as recommended. Ayes: Paoli, Tune, Perry and Oyserman. Nays: Call.

### **Park and Recreation Report**

DeMarta reported the next Community Event is "Raise a Glass" a winter wine tasting on February 28<sup>th</sup> from 2-5.

Dreikosen noted the \$20 admission price is a great deal for the chance to taste from thirteen local wineries. Oyserman noted next year the event should charge for childcare.

DeMarta continued Holiday Camp went well and staff has decided to add CIT's for our non-summer camps in the future.

Bruton added having CIT's will be a great opportunity to raise money and prepare our future counselors.

DeMarta reported the 2015/16 budget will be coming to the Commission in February.

DeMarta noted in regards to Park maintenance the staff is moving out the old pool equip and prepping the area for new heaters and filters. The pool will be ready to open in March and the new equipment will increase efficiencies. The staff did playground updates, replacing the sand in the sandbox and doing safety upgrades. The Creekside Park pergola had been pressured washed and prepped for painting as well as the benches. Staff has gone though and tidied up the park panhandle, eliminated unnecessary mounds of dirt as well as trimmed the blackberry bushes. DeMarta is working on safety concerns with staff as well, providing them with proper first aid kits and CPR/First Aid Training.

Barnello stated she will not be paying for a handrail near the panhandle, but it should not be eliminated from the list of maintenance issues. DeMarta replied he is working on finding a solution for that area. Barnello asked why a cooler had been chained to a bench near the horseshoe pits. DeMarta replied he is unsure, but will ask around. Barnello also asked DeMarta to purchase the least expensive dog waste bags in the future.

### **Q&A discussion with staff re: items not otherwise covered on the agenda**

Perry commented she had met with DeMarta to speak about the maintenance of the creek. Perry suggested maybe the District should have a Creek Committee to focus on restoration and clean-up. Valentine stated an ad-hoc Committee might have merit. Call stated this could be added as an agenda item. Barnello stated there already is a "Friends of Miller Creek" group lead by Stephen Nestel.

The meeting concluded at 8:57PM.

The date of the next Park and Recreation Commission meeting is February 24, 2015 at 7:30pm in the Community Center Classroom.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carolyn Sullivan