

MARINWOOD COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

MINUTES OF PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

December 23, 2014

Time and Place: 7:00 Marinwood Community Center Classroom

Present:

Commissioners: Izabela Perry, Kimberly Call, Eric Dreikosen, Shane Valentine, Tom Kunkel and Sivan Oyserman.

Absent: Linda Barnello and Sarah Paoli.

Staff: District Manager Thomas Horne, Recreation Director Shane DeMarta, and Administrative Assistant Carolyn Sullivan.

Others present: John Tune.

Board members: Justin Kai.

Agenda

No changes or additions.

Public Comment

No comments.

Minutes of November 25, 2014 Commission Meeting

John Tune commented he had retired as San Rafael City Parks Superintendent, not began as Superintendent and has lived in Marinwood for 23 years.

M/s Perry/ Call to approve Minutes of November 25, 2014. Ayes: Perry, Dreikosen, Kunkel and Call. Abstain: Oyserman and Valentine.

Review of Board Minutes of December 9, 2014

No comments.

Park and Recreation activities reports

Perry offered thanks to DeMarta for his help with the Parks Department. Oyserman thanked the Parks and Rec Department for providing sandbags for residents during the storm.

DeMarta reported Winterfest had a good turnout. Upcoming events are Raise a Glass on February 28th from 2-5pm. Holiday camp is going well and we are seeing new attendees which is great. The staff is currently working on the Spring/Summer Review and solidifying summer programs. Valentine asked if staff had a plan for summer programs regarding space and attendance. DeMarta replied we are out of space and unfortunately at the mercy of the school district for rental space.

Perry asked if staff has considered providing after school programming. DeMarta replied yes, it would be possible for our community center to be added as a bus stop, but we will need to review further.

Valentine asked if staff has considered memberships for the community center. Offering discounts on Community events and early bird deals on programming. DeMarta replied the subject has been broached, but was rejected by the previous Director. DeMarta also commented residents pay property taxes which goes to our operations, it is a residents right to have access to the facilities. It could be a possibility to open camp registration to residents only before opening to the general public.

DeMarta reported Park duties are going well, he has made a schedule for the crew. The storm was a bit chaotic, but staff did a great job. Oyserman stated she liked seeing new plantings throughout the park, but would really like to see native flowers. DeMarta agreed and stated there needs to be a cohesive plan for plantings, but unfortunately the budget is blown for this year and staff needs to watch expenses. This year we experienced more tree work than anticipated and a lot of the budget was spent on tree work. DeMarta stated the trees nearest to the creek bank were hit hard during the recent storm. Tune commented trees on the creek bank don't begin their life very structurally sound and they grow for sun, their life span is shorter than others. Dreikosen asked if any trees in the panhandle are a danger to property. DeMarta replied probably, but it is open space, the residents are aware that their homes border the open space. Perry commented tree maintenance is a budget line we should look into for the 2015/16 budget.

DeMarta reported the crew has also cleaned out the pool pump room, cleaned up around their shed, and eliminated extra wood chips, but there is still a lot of work to be done. Call commented it is great to see progress. Dreikosen noted the Park staff really takes pride in their jobs and DeMarta is providing good leadership.

2014 Inspection Results Update

DeMarta reported on the short term updates than have been completed or scheduled. DeMarta added he had gone out to Creekside Park and spoke with residents using the facility. The residents he had spoken to were very happy with the area. It is nice to hear positive feedback.

Recognition of Tom Kunkel

Perry stated she very much appreciated Kunkel's time on the Commission, he always held himself with class, grace and wisdom and is sad to see him resign. Oyserman commented his knowledge will be missed. Kunkel replied he is humbled and thanked the fellow Commissioners. Kunkel stated his children (and Grandchildren) have enjoyed the parks and tennis courts and feels very fortunate to have had the ability to raise his children in such a fantastic environment. Justin Kai stated on behalf of the Board we are exceptionally grateful for Kunkel and his many years of service to this community. Call stated she always appreciates Kunkel's perspective and it is very unlikely another Commissioner will serve 25 years. Call stated she would like to see a bench with a commemorative plaque be placed in a location of Kunkel's choosing.

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

Kai thanked the Commissioners for serving and relayed a message from the Board to make attendance at Commission meetings a priority.

The meeting concluded at 8:30PM.

The date of the next Park and Recreation Commission meeting is January 27, 2015 at 7:30pm in the Community Center Classroom.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Sullivan