

MARINWOOD COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

MINUTES OF PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

June 24, 2014

Time and Place: 7:00 Creekside Park

Present:

Commissioners: Chair Izabela Perry, Tom Kunkel, Shane Valentine, Eric Dreikosen, Sivan Oyserman, and Linda Barnello.

Staff: District Manager Tom Horne, Recreation Director Shane DeMarta, Park Manager Gary Harrelson and Administrative Assistant Carolyn Sullivan.

Absent: Kimberly Call

Others present: Director Deana Dearborn and Liz Dale.

Recreation Facility Inspection

The Commissioners inspected Creekside park including the play structure, tennis court, creek and large oak tree on the grounds. Dale commented her neighbors are very concerned with the overgrowth of shrubs in the area. She and Fire Chief Roach had inspected some areas of concern in the Upper Lucas Valley area.

Harrelson noted the large oak tree in the center of the park is afflicted with sudden oak death. Harrelson has been and will continue to monitor the tree.

A few Commissioners requested Harrelson remove the padlock on the southern side of the tennis courts.

Public Comment

Dale reiterated her concern of the high weeds in the area and requested that the contracted landscapers attend to the areas in question as soon as possible. She commented Lucas Valley Estates residents pay taxes and this is a safety issue that needs to be resolved.

Minutes of May 27, 2014 Commission Meeting

Kunkel questioned if the Commission already has bylaws in place. Perry replied the Commission has some, but they are not as formal as needed. Horne stated there needs to be language regarding Commission appointments and vacancies. Kunkel stated Marinwood is a small community and while he supports order he fears the Commission is becoming too bureaucratized. Barnello stated she feels the Brown Act is being violated. Dreikosen responded he understood Kunkel's point of view, but the Commission is a government entity and it is a good idea to have bylaws.

Barnello stated she only had two specific items of interest regarding "Commission Priorities", not Perry's whole list as the minutes reflected. Barnello also stated it was she that requested the job descriptions in the Commission packet, not Perry. Kunkel asked if the Maintenance schedule has been reviewed. Perry replied not yet, she would like to review it as well as digitize the schedule for the future. Dearborn added it is wise to keep things in writing especially once Harrelson departs. Barnello stated she would like to shadow Harrelson for a day. Harrelson responded no, he cannot have a citizen follow him for liability reasons.

M/s Dreikosen/ Kunkel to approve minutes of May 27, 2014. Ayes: Dreikosen, Perry, Kunkel, Barnello and Oyserman. Abstain: Paoli and Valentine. Absent: Call.

Review of draft Board Minutes of June 10, 2014

No comments.

Park and Recreation activities reports

Harrelson commented the horseshoe pits were upgraded thanks to a crew of volunteers. Perry requested the Commission write a letter of thanks. Barnello questioned why there are hay bales near the maintenance shed. Harrelson replied they are used for erosion control. Oyserman asked if there was something the staff could do about the amount of garbage that is collected in the trash cans on weekends. DeMarta replied the lifeguards collect the trash in the park on weekends and bring it to the large dumpster. Perry stated it would be nice to somehow relay to the public that leaving trash outside the designated cans is prohibited. DeMarta stated he could try to organize a more frequent schedule for park trash cans to be emptied.

DeMarta commented summer programs are in full swing. Dreikosen asked how many kids attend the camps. DeMarta replied 300-500 per day. Music in the Park begins Friday the 27th from 6-8. Dearborn asked if all the camps are full. DeMarta replied yes, for the most part, but there might be some availability in the older age camps. DeMarta added as of today the Recreation department has already surpassed gross revenue for all of summer 2013. Dearborn asked if the campus is too crowded. DeMarta replied the camps have spread out and the Recreation department has secured two satellite locations, Miller Creek School and Dixie School. Dreikosen asked if Mary Silveira has a summer camp. Paoli

responded it is only daycare. Kunkel asked if there is an agency that rates summer camps. DeMarta replied no. Horne added the growth in the Recreation department speaks for itself.

Oysserman thanked staff, the tot pool situation has gotten better.

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

Oysserman asked if there could be a stop sign placed at Cedarberry. Perry replied the MCSD has tried, the County will not place one.

Commission Priorities for its 2014-15

Perry asked the Commissioners to state their priorities for the upcoming year. Oysserman replied her topics of interest are the tot pool, and implementing more parent tot programs.

Paoli commented she would like to see more programming aimed for special needs students, specifically swim lessons. Valentine commented he doesn't have any specific projects per se, but would like to see a shift in the current culture of Marinwood. Valentine stated he was taken aback at a recent Commission meeting when it seemed the public had taken control over the conversation and began dictating the meeting. Barnello replied according to the Brown Act she had the right to speak. Valentine replied it is not a matter of legality; it is a matter of politeness and culture. Horne added, the public may speak at meetings, but may not have an equal participation in the meetings. Horne noted it seems Valentine and Dreikosen are on the same wavelength re: bylaws. Dreikosen commented it is a political time in the community right now, but as with anything it will pass with time. Barnello commented she had spoken to Hansell and was under the impression that meetings were a time for debate. Dearborn stated Board meetings differ from Commission meetings, and she is thankful for the voluntary position the Commissioners have undertaken, she acknowledged the culture is not the best right now.

Kunkel commented he has no specific priorities. He was asked to be on the Commission many years ago and has enjoyed his time. He commented he is very disappointed the Board decided to outsource Park maintenance duties and is very disappointed the Board decided to release the Park Manager. Kunkel commented his past interests have centered on the creek and open space preservation and assuring our parks are for children and families, not animals. He added he would like to see maintenance staff have a presence on the grounds until 5pm.

Dearborn asked when Harrelson departs if DeMarta will take over some of manager responsibilities. Horne replied yes in regards to Recreation facilities.

Community Center Signage

Perry distributed some documents for review by the Commissioners. Commissioners will review and come back with any questions or suggestions.

The meeting concluded at 8:40PM.

The date of the next Park and Recreation Commission meeting is July 22, 2014 at 7:00at the Marinwood Community Park.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Sullivan