

**BOARD OF COMMUNITY SERVICES MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
Via ZOOM, SANTA ROSA, CA**

January 26, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Quant at 4:05 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Carole Quandt, Board Members; Steven Spillman, Logan Pitts, Madonna Cruz, Carolina Spence, Guido Boccaleoni

Not present: Vice Chair Terri Griffin

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes from December 8, 2021 were approved as submitted.

5. REPORTS ON ACCOMPLISHED EVENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

A list of accomplished and upcoming events was distributed to the Board and made available to the public prior to the meeting. Deputy Director Santos:

Events; Moving forward on the Sports Fields permits; there are 8 clubs representing 1000 athletes for the upcoming baseball and softball season, followed by soccer.

The attendance at the Winter Break Camps - 85 at the Neighborhood Services and 125 at Camp Wa-Tam. Colgan Creek will be opening Mid-February

6. DIRECTOR UPDATES

Deputy Director Santos: City Council will be filling Council Member Jack Tibbetts position on a temporary basis till the end of his regular term. There will then be a regular election in the Fall.

Roseland Creek Master Plan went to City Council Tuesday, January 25, 2022. The approvals have been rescinded.

Dutch Flohr Neighborhood Park Master Plan was approved at City Council, Tuesday, January 25, 2022. Expected construction is 2023.

COVID reminder that all precautions are still in place until February 11, 2022. Updates will be provided as they change. Senior programs are scheduled to return in Spring. Aquatics and Finley Center are still open.

Q: Board Member Spence: Thanked staff for being remarkable for maintaining class throughout the challenging times.

Q: Board Member Pitts: Are you able to do any property maintenance on Roseland Creek? Is it still owned Ag and Open Space?

A: Parks Deputy Director Santos: The City owns the entire park. and is maintaining the parcel for fire and safety. We are exploring security measures until we can move forward with the Master Plan and Environmental approvals.

Q: Chair Quandt: Franklin Park Clean-Up and Arbor Day event, both outside the County COVID date. Are these still happening?

A: Parks Deputy Director Santos: Still planning to move forward barring any additional County Health restrictions.

Recreation Deputy Director Tibbetts: Hoping to bring most all Recreation programs back

soon. Enrollment for many will start February. Recreation staff have implemented health and safety measures beyond the baseline of the County Health Orders.

7. SCHEDULED ITEMS

7.1 BOARD OF COMMUNITY SERVICES MEMBERS INTRODUCTIONS

Chair of the Board of Community Services (BOCS) will lead the BOCS members in brief introductions regarding their background relevant to their service as a Board Member.

Recommended Action: Information

Board Members each spent a few moments introducing themselves and providing information about their accomplishments.

7.2 AQUATICS OVERVIEW AND PROGRAM STATUS UPDATE

Recreation Supervisor, Don Hicks will provide an overview update regarding the status of Aquatics programs and activities.

Recommended Action: Information

Recreation Supervisor Don Hicks discussed the challenges of having swim programs available during COVID. A focus was placed on training and safety certifications until classes could be held in the pool again. Safety training mannequins Bob Ly and Bob Way were employed to help staff keep up with training requirements during County Health restrictions related to the Covid pandemic. Family/membership passes will be available for \$25 annually, and safe distancing will continue until further notice. Program “Vamos a Nadar” is a program that supports lower income families with subsidized fees. Cardinal Newman and Neptune Swim Time were brought back for their swimming programs. The “Sprayground” will be opening in 2023. This is an addition and improvement project for the Finley swim center. The pool will be closing for renovations in August 2022.

Discussion ensued by the Board.

The Board responded with positive comments. The Safety Training Mannequins Bob Ly, and Bob Way were given support by the Board.

Public Comment:

Public Comment 1 – thanked the Rec team for keeping the pools open and shared appreciation with the staff for being so thoughtful and professional. Appreciated the safety protocols in place.

Q. How is social distancing going to be maintained with multiple people per lane?

A. Recreation Supervisor Don Hicks responded that monitoring is done daily.

January opened a drop-in program because there were no wait lists. They have not seen

more than two participants per swim lane. Reservations have been minimal. Staff are confident they have been operating safely and will continue to do so.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 Mayor's Lunch for Committee/Board Chairs Recommended Action: Information

Chair Quandt reported that there was no lunch in December.

8.2 Santa Rosa Waterways Advisory Committee Recommended Action: Information

Chair Quandt reported a large medical office facility is being presented along Brookwood along the Santa Rosa Creek. The design included an inclusion of the Creek with trails and plantings.

A change in being made to 800 feet of fencing along Prince Memorial and Santa Rosa Creek.

9. WRITTEN AND/OR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

Zest Newsletter was provided to the Board.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No Agenda items were recommended.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Quandt adjourned the meeting at 5:33 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on February 23, 2022, at 4:00pm.