



**BOARD OF COMMUNITY SERVICES MINUTES  
Cypress Room, Finley Community Center  
2060 West College Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA**

**Wednesday, January 25, 2017**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gow at 4:03pm.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Board Members present: Gow, Cervantes, Quandt, Spence, Test, Villafuerte and Director Smejkal

Caitlin Childs arrived at 4:07pm.

Absent: None

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Duane De Witt spoke on the 6 acres per thousand people park space standard and that Roseland doesn't have enough green space.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from December 14, 2016 were approved as submitted.

**5. UPCOMING EVENTS AND REPORTS ON ACCOMPLISHED EVENTS**

Director Smejkal updated the board regarding storm recovery efforts by City Staff. They have experienced an increase in tree related events and several large oaks have fallen in parks.

**6. DIRECTOR UPDATES**

None

**7. SCHEDULED ITEMS**

**7.1 REPORT - PARKS AND GROUNDS- Lisa Grant**

Lisa Grant, Park Maintenance Superintendent presented an update on the Parks and Grounds Maintenance Section. Charts and pictures were presented to show what is happening at 1,033 acres of park land which includes community and neighborhood parks, park trails, open space, special purpose and community centers and 79 acres of grounds which include civic sites, frontages and medians.

Action taken: Information and discussion

Public Comments:

Duane De Witt appreciated the hard work done by the understaffed Parks Division. He presented a challenge to the board to advocate for more staff. Roseland Creek Community Park cleanup is done by private citizens. He would like a sign placed there and he prefers less paved surfaces.

Gregory Ferran noted his wife is involved in fundraising for the library. He suggested that the City needs to own the park.

**7.2 BAYER NEIGHBORHOOD PARK & GARDEN**

Jen Santos, Deputy Director of Parks presented an update on Bayer Park construction. She provided photos of the pavilion, mural, picnic sites, playground, basketball and skateboard areas and nature play area.

Action taken: Information and discussion

Public Comments:

Duane De Witt mentioned his disappointment that we couldn't save the house. He would like to find a way to involve youth so that less gang activity would be present.

**8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**8.1 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mayor's Luncheon - No meeting

Santa Rosa Waterways Advisory Committee – No meeting

Merit Awards – Nominations are coming in. Ceremony will be on April 24, 2017.

Action taken: Information and discussion

Public Comments:

Duane De Witt stated that he is aware of several creek setback violations and suggested more enforcement.

**9. WRITTEN AND/OR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS**

CPRS Magazine and Award Ceremony Invitation.

Howarth Park inauguration of the new train engine – Feb 4

Arbor Day – February 11

Merit Awards – April 24

Howarth Park Map

Park-a-Month Volunteer Dates

Venue Brochure - highlights venues for large events and weddings

Spring/Summer Adventure Guide - registration starts February 2

**10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Carole Quandt - Update on Roseland Creek once consultants have produced work; after Council approves contracts.

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board will be held on Wednesday, February 22, 2017.



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