

**BOARD OF COMMUNITY SERVICES MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
CYPRESS ROOM, FINLEY COMMUNITY CENTER
2060 WEST COLLEGE AVENUE, SANTA ROSA, CA**

May 22, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Gow at 4:02pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Gow, Board Members Carolina Spence, Carol Quandt, Kathy Hayes, Terri Griffin and Sandra Wandel

Absent: Pamela Van Halsema

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Duane De Witt advocated for more land and services for the Roseland area and identified possible funding sources.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes from the March 27th meeting of the BOCS were approved as submitted.

5. REPORTS ON ACCOMPLISHED EVENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Interim Director Kelley Magnuson reported on accomplished events, including the Senior Expo, Recreation Sensation Camp registration, *Crossing the Jordan* fundraiser at De Turk Round Barn, the teen Work Experience program and adult summer softball registration. Additionally, the Finley Center is having new flooring installed in phases. Upcoming events include Rosie the Trolley participation in the Pride Parade, summer staff in-service, the start of summer day camps and adult softball games, the Strawberry Moon belly dance show, a senior membership drive and Rosie the Trolley tours at the Wednesday Night Market.

6. DIRECTOR UPDATES

City Council approved the Coffey Park Master Plan on April 2nd and construction is scheduled for winter 2019. Public review of the Kawana Springs Community Park environmental documents is complete. The environmental declaration and Master Plan are scheduled for Council approval later this summer.

Magnuson provided information about the plan for realignment of the Recreation and Parks Department. Park maintenance and park planning will move under Transportation and Public Works (TPW), recreation programs will merge with Office of Community Engagement (OCE), which includes the Violence Prevention Partnership programs. The consolidation of community programs and engagement will fall under the Planning and Economic Development Assistant City Manager. BOCS should not be impacted by this change.

7. SCHEDULED ITEMS

7.1 VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Recreation Supervisor Jeff Tibbetts will provide an overview of the volunteer program, including Park-a-Month and other volunteer groups and opportunities.

Recommended Action: Information

Recreation Supervisor Jeff Tibbetts thanked Elaine Gutsch, the Recreation Coordinator who strengthened the Volunteer program before he took over. Tibbetts highlighted City volunteer programs like MLK Day, Arbor Day, Park-a-Month, Adopt a-Green Space, Crafts Fair, Fairy Tale Ball, Junior Giants, Senior Expo and Oktoberfest. Community organized volunteering events include work at the Rural Cemetery, Luther Burbank Home and Gardens, Northwest Park Pump Track, Youth Park Train, Fly Fishing Pond, Community Gardens and many more sites. School groups, Scouts, organizations, churches and businesses are all part of our City volunteer program. Volunteers may email volunteer@srcity.org or srcity.volunteerhub.com

Public Comment:

Duane De Witt is eager to see Roseland Creek Park in the Park-a-Month lineup for volunteers. He hopes the greenhouse on this property will serve school children in their quest for education about plants and nature.

7.2 RECREATION PROGRAMS - SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS

Recreation programs will be highlighted, including traditional day camps, work experience, youth sports clinics, adult summer softball, sports field allocations and senior programs.

Recommended Action: Information

Recreation Supervisor Amy Rocklewitz highlighted recreation programs, including summer day camps which this year already have over 2,000 campers registered. Also highlighted were the work experience program serving over 300 teens, youth sports clinics, adult summer softball/sports field allocations and senior programs. Rocklewitz also emphasized the Neighborhood Services programs, including Recreation Sensation, Leaders-in-Training work experience program, Junior Giants baseball serving 300 youth ages 5-13, Teen Gym Basketball and a family fun event called Splash Bash.

Recreation Supervisor Don Hicks reported on Aquatics events at the Ridgway and Finley pools. Recreation swim and rentals attract 48,000 guests to our pools, in addition to over 24 camp and family groups and 200 pool rentals and birthday parties. We are the Northern California primary resource for lifeguard training. Vamos a Nadar is supported in part by scholarships and teaches 5,000 Hispanic

youth how to swim. A new spray ground at the Finley Pool is anticipated in 2020.

Recreation Supervisor Jeff Tibbetts provided an overview of Howarth Park Operations, including boating, sailing, and horsemanship camps and Barnyard Adventures and pony rides. Other activities include Animal Vet camp, Tennis and Engineering camps, Art & Crafts, Yoga, Dance & Tiny Tots. We also offer off-site camps including volleyball, gymnastics, KidScience, soccer and Cloverleaf Camp.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 Mayor's Lunch for Committee/Board Chairs

Recommended Action: Information

Chair Gow did not attend.

8.2 Santa Rosa Waterways Advisory Committee

Recommended Action: Information

Board Member Carole Quandt reported on her first Waterways Committee Meeting on April 25th. City's goal is to move projects forward. Any project within 50 feet of a City waterway must first be approved by the Waterways Committee before it can proceed to the Planning Committee. Meetings are now held monthly instead of quarterly.

8.3 Merit Awards Committee

Recommended Action: Information

Carolina Spence reported the committee is not meeting until June.

9. WRITTEN AND/OR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

Wednesday Night Market – flyer

Senior Membership Drive Open House - flyer

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Gow adjourned the meeting at 4:58pm. The next meeting of the Board will be held on Wednesday, July 24, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.