

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

**July 28, 2021**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Quant at 4:04pm.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present: Chair Carole Quant, Vice Chair Terri Griffin, Board Members Logan Pitts, Carolina Spence, Pamela Van Halsema, and Steven Spillman

Absent: Board Member MaDonna Cruz

Chair Quant thanked Kelley Magnuson, Deputy Director of Recreation, for her time working at the City and introduced Interim Deputy Director of Recreation Jeff Tibbetts.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Richard Bell would like the City to consider building a half-acre ground in a park within Santa Rosa to build twenty Petanque courts.

Ken Kerst discussed the crowding of Pickleball courts. Ken proposed that two-thirds of the tennis courts at Howarth Park be turned into pickleball courts.

Manoj Singh desires to see a cricket ground in Santa Rosa that can be used for multiple activities. He doesn't want to continue traveling to play the game.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – The minutes from the May 26, 2021 meeting 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. Interim Deputy Director Jeff Tibbetts reported on the release of the Fall/Winter Activity Guide with registration beginning August 5<sup>th</sup>. Hundreds of park and picnic permits have been issued since June 15<sup>th</sup>, and over 1300 children registered in our summer camps and classes. A well-attended Measure M 'Parks for All' community meeting was held June 24 with 82 participants.

**6. DIRECTOR UPDATES**

Deputy Director Tibbetts announced that the previous Deputy Director, Kelly Magnuson from Recreation, has retired. He thanked her for her 24 years of service.

**7. SCHEDULED ITEMS**

**7.1 DAY CAMPS AND WORK EXPERIENCE**

Recreation Coordinator Ryan Shepherd will provide an overview of the traditional day camp programs Wa-tam, Yu-Chi, and Doyle Day camps, as well as the Work Experience program for teens. The overview will include pre and post COVID information as well as program challenges.

Recommended Action: Information

Recreation Coordinator Ryan Shepherd presented a summary of the traditional summer day camps that are offered through Recreation. Close to 2,000 children enjoyed Wataam, Yu-Chi, and Doyle Day Camps. Shepherd discussed programming challenges that they faced during the pandemic, such as masking complaints, aging infrastructure, and limited support from maintenance due to staffing reductions. In addition, he gave an update on how the work experience program works for teens, which included having teens fill out an application, interview for the position, and following up with comments on how they can improve. The work experience program creates positive role models, teaches teens how to give back to the community, provides practice in planning, customer service, money handling and many other skills that will impress any future employer.

Public Comment: None

**8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

8.1 Mayor's Lunch for Committee/Board Chairs

Recommended Action: Information

Chair Quandt reported there are a number of housing projects that are in place which will bring in more children to our parks. Mayor Rogers stated there may be funding that will allow students and those with low income to have income supplements with special funding which could help our parks program.

8.2 Santa Rosa Waterways Advisory Committee

Recommended Action: Information

Chair Quandt stated the Committee addressed budget for Stony Point Flats.

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

9.1 Zest Newsletter

Staff received email comments from Carol Cranston, Marsha Dupre, and Duane De Witt. Board Members received a copy of the comments, and it was upload to the agenda for public access.

**10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Expansion for Boards responsibilities/comments
- Current and future sports fields usage

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Quant adjourned the meeting at 5:38pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on August 25, 2021, at 4:00pm.

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