



# City of Santa Rosa

Finley Center  
2060 W. College Avenue  
Cypress Room

## Board of Community Services Regular Meeting Minutes

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Wednesday, April 25, 2018

4:00 PM

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gow called the meeting to order at 4:07pm.

### 2. ROLL CALL

**Present:** 5 - Chair Stanley Gow, Board Member Carolina Spence, Board Member Carole Quandt, Board Member Diane Test and Board Member Kathy Hayes

**Absent:** 1 - Board Member Sandra Wandel

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Duane De Witt requested the files on agenda items and minutes for previous meetings be available before and during the scheduled meetings. De Witt shared housing concerns for homeless. He feels Measure O money should be used specifically for parks and not recreational programs.

Gregory Fearon states the community cares about Recreation & Parks, and encouraged the department to continue bringing the community together outdoors, fostering participation, play and adventure.

Travis Berding requested the renaming of Creekside Park to Mary M. Traverso Park and submitted a letter to the Board.

### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### 4.1 March 28, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes

Test made a motion to approve the March 28, 2018 minutes. Quandt seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Interim Director Jason Nutt reported on accomplished events, including the Merit Awards, Adult Softball registration, Volunteer Appreciation Night, Earth Day on Stage, Teen Work Experience Program, and Vamos a Nadar. Upcoming events include the Gold Spike Celebration May 5th, Work Experience Orientation on May 9th, the Senior Expo May 19th and the Kids to Parks Day Scavenger Hunt at Howarth Park on May 19th.

## **6. DIRECTOR UPDATES**

Interim Director Nutt provided the Board with a donation check for \$5,000 from the Western Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture for replanting parks in fire areas.

## **7. SCHEDULED ITEMS**

### **7.1 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS UPDATE**

Deputy Director Jen Santos will present information regarding the status of current Recreation and Parks capital improvements.

#### **Recommended Action: Information**

Deputy Director Jen Santos presented background of the general plan explaining how parks get proposed and receive park development funds. Santos highlighted some park projects for future funding, including Northwest Community picnic area and pathways, Youth Community master planning, Roseland Creek Community trail from Burbank to McMinn Avenues, South Davis playground updates, Juilliard permanent stage, Franklin play area updates and possible dog park and more.

Some current working projects include Roseland Creek and Kawana Springs master plans, ADA compliance retrofit work, Bayer water filling station, spray ground at Finley aquatics, new play equipment at Dutch Flohr and Peter Springs, new park rules signs, Bennett Valley Golf Course irrigation system, Railroad Square landscaping, Luther Burbank Home and Gardens new roof, and much more.

Completed projects include Juilliard ponds, Bayer Park grand opening, new wiring for Galvin tennis courts, Howarth train engine and new pathways and sidewalks.

Public Comments:

Duane De Witt favors a more minimal approach to funding for park planning with more neighborhood involvement and global knowledge versus expensive consultants.

Gregory Fearon encourages the Board to keep in mind the needs of the community when considering park planning.

**7.2 PUBLIC ART HIGHLIGHTS**

Arts Coordinator Tara Thompson will provide highlights of the public art program and the status of current projects.

Recommended Action: Information

Arts Coordinator Tara Thompson reported on a public art walking tour map at the Courthouse Square kiosk that lists 59 art works and includes a QR code to scan for a mobile version of the map. She also provided information about the conservation and maintenance program for the City's art collection and presented before & after photos of restored art pieces.

Thompson provided project updates on Meter Made, delayed due to fires, and Depot Park public art project with a final design due in June. Refurbished light sculpture 'Zag' will be relocating to another bridge near Prince Gateway Park.

**7.3 BUDGET UPDATE**

Interim Director Jason Nutt will provide a briefing on the City budget and potential impacts to services provided by the Recreation and Parks Department.

Recommended Action: Information

Interim Director Nutt updated the Board on the City's budget, including a 14.4 million structural deficit. The City's excessive reserves were depleted by the October wildfires. While no direct actions have yet been requested by the Council of departments, staff will research possible expenditure reductions and revenue enhancements to address the deficit and bring these strategies to the Council in May. Also being considered are levels of service and cost recovery options. We want to keep vacant positions until we have a clearer picture of what will be required of our department soon. Nutt encouraged the Board to put forth ideas that we may take to Council in May.

Public Comment:

Gregory Fearon: Inquired about timeline for next steps in the budget process for Recreation and Parks.

Discussion ensued.

## 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

no meeting

- 8.2 Santa Rosa Waterways Advisory Committee  
Recommended Action: Information

no meeting

- 8.3 Merit Awards Committee  
Recommended Action: Information

Board member Spence reported on a very successful 2018 event.

## 9. WRITTEN AND/OR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

Travis Berding letter

## 10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Quandt made a motion to add the renaming of Creekside Park to the May 23, 2018 agenda. Test seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Gow adjourned the meeting at 5:32pm. The next meeting of the Board will be held on Wednesday, May 23, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

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