



City of Santa Rosa

Finley Center
2060 W. College Avenue
Cypress Room

Board of Community Services Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 28, 2019

4:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Quandt at 4:09pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Board Member Terri Griffin, Board Member Kathy Hayes, Board Member Carole Quandt, Board Member Carolina Spence, Board Member Pamela Van Halsema, and Board Member Sandra Wandel

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jeremy De La Torre submitted a letter to the Board requesting that Oaklake Green Park be renamed for his deceased friend and community hero, Tim Gillaspie, who gave his life saving others.

Duane De Witt supported Mr. De La Torre's request and brought forth ideas about how trees save cities. Mr. De Witt is in favor of less concrete and more nature in parks.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 July 24, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

Board Member Griffin made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 24, 2019 meeting as submitted. Van Halsema seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

5. REPORTS ON UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACCOMPLISHED EVENTS

Parks Deputy Director Jen Santos reported on upcoming events, including the fall softball managers' meeting, City Booters' free field day, the beginning of the adult softball season, Oktoberfest, the senior bingo party at Steele Lane Community Center and the Santa Rosa History Tour on Rosie the Trolley. Accomplished events included the application for state grants for Roseland Community Park and Coffey Park totaling \$7M, the end of the summer softball season and summer sports clinics, sports field permits issued to 12 organizations representing over 4,000 youth and adults playing Fall sports, the close of the Work Experience

Program for 300 teens, the close of summer camps for 2,000 youth, and the opening of Neighborhood Services after-school sites.

6. DIRECTOR UPDATES

Santos provided an update on Coffey Park. The construction portion is out to bid and closes in a couple of weeks, when a contract will be awarded. We are hopeful that the area surrounding the playground will be completed by year end and the remainder completed in 2020 with a grand opening celebration. The art project is moving forward, targeting installation by summer 2020. The September BOCS meeting may be cancelled so Santos may attend a Community Advisory Board meeting on same day as BOCS. Measure M is being presented at Council on September 10th at 4pm, for those board members interested in attending.

7. SCHEDULED ITEMS

7.1 MERIT AWARD NOMINATION FOR STAN GOW

The Board will work together to submit a Merit Award nomination for BOCS Chair, Stan Gow.

Recommended Action: Merit Award Nomination

Carole Quandt provided Stan Gow's history with the BOCS, Waterways and other committees through the years and made a motion to nominate him for a Merit Award. Spence seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

7.2 SENIOR PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Recreation Coordinators Al Pritchard and Mickey Remy will present an overview of Senior Programs, one year after the closure of the Bennett Valley Senior Center.

Recommended Action: Information

Recreation Supervisor Amy Rocklewitz introduced Mickey Remy, Program Coordinator, who reported on the transition of senior programs from the Bennett Valley Senior Center to the Steele Lane Community Center and the Person Senior

Wing (Finley Complex) in September 2018. The successful transition was largely due to thorough preparation, creative use of facility space, tours, community outreach, feedback and excellent marketing. Multigenerational use of space has been welcomed by seniors and youth alike. News of the transition to other facilities caused many seniors to be skeptical at first, but the result is a robust increase in class participation and senior memberships.

Public Comment:

Duane De Witt provided posters to Remy for "POW Day" for posting at senior centers. He advocated for satellite senior centers throughout districts in the City.

7.3 PARK MAINTENANCE TRANSITION UPDATE

Steve Kroeck, Deputy Director of Field Services and Clint McKay, Street Maintenance Supervisor, will present an update regarding the transition of park maintenance from Recreation and Parks to Transportation and Public Works.

Recommended Action: Information

Parks/Streets Maintenance Superintendent Clint McKay reviewed the Citywide reorganization and noted that Park Planning is now being managed by the Parks Deputy Director (Jen Santos) while Park Maintenance is managed by the Deputy Director of Field Services (Steve Kroeck). Parks and landscape maintenance perform a multitude of tasks such as planting trees, weed abatement, lake and dam maintenance, remediation work in Rural Cemetery, graffiti removal, maintenance of athletic fields and much more. Twenty-six park staff maintain 1,036 acres of parkland and hundreds of park amenities and oversee 73 acres of landscaped areas. Volunteers provide up to 5,000 hours of work on park projects. Park maintenance staff are divided into 8 districts and support park programs, special events, youth camps, sports activities and more. An increase of 63% more park staff FTE's would bring our staffing levels up to the national average.

Public Comment:

Duane DeWitt favors the addition of more parks staff, more trees in the parks and solicitation of donations for a riding mower for parks.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 Mayor's Lunch for Committee/Board Chairs

Recommended Action: Information

Vice-Chair Quandt attended but had nothing to report.

8.2 Santa Rosa Waterways Advisory Committee
Recommended Action: Information

Vice-Chair Quandt reported the Committee did not meet.

8.3 Merit Awards Committee
Recommended Action: Information

Board member Spence reported about 25 nominations have been submitted and final selections are coming up soon.

9. WRITTEN AND/OR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

None

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Measure M funding
PG&E Power shutdowns and how the City is planning for that
Renaming Oaklake Green Park (Gillaspie) and renaming Creekside Open Space (Traverso)
Roseland Creek Park update
Appointing a new Chair by Council member Chris Rogers
Satellite Senior Center in Roseland - Library Partnership
Understanding of City policies regarding landscape and tree selection for parks

11. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Quandt adjourned the meeting at 5:47pm. The next meeting of the Board will be held on Wednesday, September 25, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

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