City of Santa Rosa

Finley Center
2060 W. College Avenue
Cypress Room

Board of Community Services
Regular Meeting Minutes - Draft

Wednesday, September 27, 2023 **5:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Castillo at 5:07 PM

2. ROLL CALL

Also present: Acting Director, Recreation and Parks - Jen Santos, Deputy Director Recreation, Jeff Tibbetts and Parks Superintendent, James Castro.

Present: 5 - Vice Chair Paul Castillo, Board Member Guido Boccaleoni, Board Member Carole Quandt, Board Member Carolina Spence, and Board Member Omar Lopez

Absent: 2 - Chair Logan Pitts, and Board Member Madonna Cruz

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

3.1 Public Comment - Non-Agenda Matter

Attachments: Aquatics during Finley pool renovation_Redacted

No in person public comment.
Email received and attached

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

meeting minutes were approved as submitted by the Board

4.1 Regular Meeting Minutes - August 23, 2023

Attachments: Regular Meeting Minutes - August 23, 2023 - draft
Regular Meeting Minutes - August 23, 2023 - final

meeting minutes were approved as submitted by the Board

5. REPORTS ON UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACCOMPLISHED EVENTS

5.1 Upcoming Events and Accomplished Events

Attachments: UPCOMING AND ACCOMPLISHED EVENTS - September 27, 2023

A list of accomplished and upcoming events was distributed to the Board and made available to the public prior to the meeting. Acting Director, Jen Santos

highlighted the following:
Upcoming Highlights:

September 19: Tacos with a Cop. Neighborhood Services and Violence Prevention collaborated with SRPD to engage the Apple Valley neighborhood and bring community resources to residents. Over 100 people attended.

Accomplishment Highlights:

October 7-8: Last weekend of operation for Redwood Empire Live Steamers train at Youth Community Park.

6. DIRECTOR UPDATES

Acting Director Santos provided the following updates:
September 12 Council approved the Finley Aquatics Center construction contract and also on September 12th, Council received a Recreation Division update
Council approved a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) for Kawana Springs Park design and construction.
The Draft General Plan was presented to Council by the Planning and Economic Development staff, which included significant updates to the Recreation and Parks sections.
Violence Prevention Partnership (VPP) will provide a 5-year Strategic Plan to Council on October 10, 2023 and receive feedback.
Finley Aquatic Center (FAC) closure is scheduled for November 3, 2023 and additional options and schedule will be provided to accommodate aquatic recreation while the pool is under construction.
Ridgway Aquatics Center will have an alternate schedule starting November 6, 2023 through Spring 2024.
The Southeast Greenway in conjunction with the Southeast Greenway Partners will be discussed at the BOCS October meeting.
At the request of the Board, direction was provided on how to report graffiti.
A reminder was provided that at the previous request of the Board, new park naming requests will be considered until the new Citywide Naming Policy has been updated - Naming Policy will move forward following completion of the Board Ordinance updates.
Early training on best management practices for the beetle infesting Oak trees has been implemented and the Board will be updated when a Best Practice and Management Strategy has been completed and ready for implementation.
Deputy Director of Recreation, Jeff Tibbetts, provided an update regarding the collaboration with other agencies for use of swimming pools during the FAC closure for construction.

7. CHAIR/BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Vice Chair Castillo - Visited Strawberry Park and Coffey Park.
Member Lopez - Visited 5 parks
Member Quandt - Volunteered at Olive Park with Park Maintenance and the Creeks Steward Program as well as North Park with the neighborhood group
Participated in 16 sold out Rural Cemetery nighttime tours
Member Spence - Provided a report about the Merit Awards held at the Finley Center and 14 awards were presented
Member Boccaleoni - Visited Southwest Community Park

8. SCHEDULED ITEMS

8.1 DAY CAMPS AND WORK EXPERIENCE

Recreation Supervisor, Rob Beal provided 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.
*Recreation Coordinator, Ryan Shepherd, gave the presentation to the Board on behalf of Rob Beal.

Recommended Action: Information

Attachments: Camps and Work Experience September 2023

BOCS discussion and questions ensued

no public comment

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 Mayor's Lunch for Committee/Board Chairs

Recommended Action: Information

No update was available

9.2 Santa Rosa Waterways Advisory Committee

Recommended Action: Information

Board Member Quandt - Staff presented the General Plan updates with

emphasis on waterways

9.3 BOCS Governing Documents Subcommittee

Recommended Action: Information

Acting Director provided a brief update that the changes have been submitted to the City Attorney and will be submitted to the City Manager's Office prior to bringing it back to the full Board.

10. WRITTEN AND/OR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

none received

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Recommended for consideration that the BOCS be scheduled every other month

Update on 888 4th Street Development

Update on Fremont Park

12. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Castillo adjourned the meeting at 6:02 PM
No meeting in November.
The next special meeting will be on December 13, 2023, at 5:00pm.

Approved on _____

Julie Schulz, Administrative Secretary