



SAN BENITO COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

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San Benito County Board Chamber – 481 4th Street, Hollister, CA 95023

REGULAR MEETING ACTION MINUTES November 16, 2010

1. Call To Order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Don Kelley.

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Don Kelley.

1.2 Roll Call

Present: Commissioners Don Kelley, Daniel Dungy, Ray Pierce, Wilbert White, and Jesse Garza.

Absent: Jim West, Janie Lausten.

Also present: Public Works Administrator Steve Wittry, Administrations Services Manager Linda McElroy.

1.3 Acknowledge Certificate of Posting

The agenda was posted on November 12, 2010, by 5:00 p.m. at the San Benito County Free Library, San Benito County Courthouse, and San Benito County Administration Building per Government Code Section #54954.2(a).

A motion to acknowledge the Certificate of Posting was made by Commissioner Dungy and seconded by Commissioner Pierce. Motion passed 5-0.

2. Public Comment

No public comment.

3. Consent Items

3.1 Approval of Minutes of October 19, 2010 meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pierce and seconded by Commissioner Dungy to approve the Consent Items. The motion passed 5-0.

4. Staff Announcements – Information Only

Linda provided all commissioners with the October 2010 #46 issue of the Noticias De Anza news letter. This publication provides updates on the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail.

Steve provided an update of the zebra mussels eradication efforts at the San Justo Reservoir. The water district has requested site access and usage of an office shed located next to the boat dock.

5. Commission Announcements, Introductions and Presentations – Information Only

Commissioner Garza stated there has no Veteran's Commission meeting this month and that the next meeting would be in February 2011.

6. Discussion Items

6.1 County Budget and Meeting Update

During the October 26, 2010 Board of Supervisors meeting, departments were reducing the occurrences of commission meetings in an effort to satisfy the BOS budget reduction requests. It was recommended that a reduction in the SBCPRC meetings from monthly to quarterly be made. Several commissioners present during this meeting articulated the great strides and accomplishments made by the SBCPRC to date and the possibility of some other type of budget balancing measures could be utilized. The BOS agreed to continue the SBCPRC meetings until an alternative recommended solution is presented in early 2011 possibly January.

Since this decision, a sub-committee of commissioners met with Jeff Gafney of the Hollister Hills State Vehicular Recreation Area to discuss the possibility of a joint effort that would provide financial support to the county in return for commission meeting time to facilitate issues surrounding the HHSVRA.

Natalie Lohi from the HHSVRA spoke on the desire of the park to utilize the commission meetings as a forum for public input into land usage of the different buffer zone areas surrounding the existing SVRA park. The state would be willing to fund a number of meetings during the next year to assist the county budgeting requirements.

Commissioner Dungy gave a quick update on the original EIR submitted by the HHSVRA and the potential to create recreational use for equestrian, hiking, nature trails, and bicycling within the current buffer zone. This land would be a great benefit to residence once access is available.

Natalie added that the county and state would have to define mutually agreeable details then create a draft MOU for approval by both agencies. More than likely this project will take a couple of years to complete.

Discussion continued regarding state and county commission requirements, wants, and available assets that would possibly form the basic elements of an agreement. All the commissioners supported the discussion of creating and MOU between the State and County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dungy and seconded by Commissioner Garza to endorse the idea of a MOU between the State Parks and County regarding SBCPRC meetings and have staff move forward with the HHSVRA in creating a draft MOU. The motion passed 5-0.

In addition to this passed motion, there was also commission consensus that both Don Kelley and Daniel Dungy should be involved with the draft creation of the joint MOU.

General discussion then commenced with other brainstorming ideas that would aid in reducing the impact of budget reductions on the parks. Ideas brought up include Park Districts, modified commission operating procedures, County Parks Department, grant opportunities, and increased joint partnerships with community based organizations.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the San Benito County Parks and Recreation Commission, Commissioner Dungy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Pierce. Motion passed 5-0.

The next regular meeting of the San Benito County Parks and Recreation Commission will be emailed to commissioners by staff once a draft MOU is available for review.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Hodges, Staff Analyst
San Benito County Parks and Recreation Commission