



**SAN BENITO COUNTY PARKS AND
RECREATION COMMISSION**

Dora Sanchez	Tim Powers	Marie Peterson	Sandy Swint	Nelda Escamilla	Paul Hain	Maria Spandri
District No. 3	District No. 2	District No. 1	District No. 4	District No. 5	Historical Society	Veteran's Park Commission

**AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
December 11, 2019
5:30 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Roll Call
- C. Acknowledge Certificate of Posting

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Opportunity to address the commission on items of interest not appearing on the agenda or not scheduled for public hearing. No action may be taken unless provided for by GC 56954.2. Each speaker is limited to five minutes.

III. CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Approve the action minutes of the August 14, 2019 and the November 13, 2019 regular meetings.

IV. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS - Information Only

V. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

The Commission will consider and may take action on the following items:

- A. **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

Election of new Chairman and Vice Chairman.

B. **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

Discussion at the November 13, 2019 meeting to go to quarterly meetings per Ordinance 804, beginning in the months of February, May, August, November. The item was placed on the agenda to approve quarterly meetings.

C. **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

Discussion of future agenda items.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

A. **Adjourn to the next regular meeting of February 12, 2020.**

**SAN BENITO COUNTY
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
CERTIFICATE OF POSTING**

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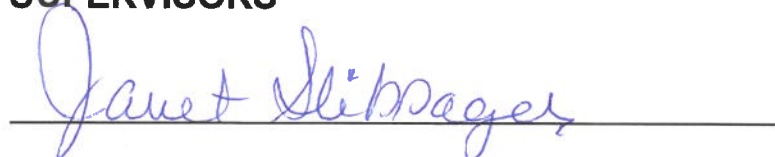
**The front entrance of the old County Courthouse, Monterey Street,
City of Hollister, County of San Benito, State of California**

and

**The front entrance of the San Benito County Administration
Building, 481 Fourth Street, Hollister, CA**

I, Janet Slibsager, certify under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct.

**JANET SLIBSAGER, CLERK OF THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS**





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**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
August 14, 2019
5:30 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m by Commissioner Paul Hain.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Maria Spandri.

B. Roll Call

Clerk of the Board Janet Slibsager did roll call. Commissioners present were Paul Hain, Dora Sanchez, Nelda Escamilla, Marie Peterson, Maria Spandri, Sandy Swint. Commissioner Tim Powers was absent.

C. Acknowledge Certificate of Posting

MOTION:

To acknowledge the Certificate of posting:

Made by **Maria Spandri** and seconded by **Sandy Swint**

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For (6):

Against (0):

Ayes: Escamilla, Hain, Peterson, Sanchez, Spandri, Swint

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one from the public who wished to speak.

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III. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Approve the Action Minutes of the April 10, 2019 regular meeting.

MOTION:

To approve the action minutes of the April 10, 2019 meeting: Made by **Nelda Escamilla** and seconded by **Sandy Swint**

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For (6):

Against (0):

Ayes: Escamilla, Hain, Peterson, Sanchez, Spandri, Swint

IV. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS - Information Only

A. **RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

Update on New Staff Department Organization relative to Parks Recreation Commission and County Parks and Recreation.

Harry Mavrogenes introduced himself as the new Resource Management Agency Director. He mentioned that there are 15 open vacancies as of right now at the RMA Department. He said that there is limited resources with FEMA restoring the corner of the park. Jason DaRoza is the person handling the bidding to repair park equipment and for maintenance of the park.

B. **RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

Update on Upcoming Subdivisions: The commission will receive a report of the Upcoming Subdivisions for the unincorporated area if any and be given an overview in regards to park elements within the subdivisions.

RMA Director Harry Mavrogenes reported that there is one new subdivision the Santa Ranch Project off of Fairview next to a school. The school is using the park to stock pile dirt so there is no work being done with the park as of now. There has been no major filings at this time.

He said that he is working on the River Park and will be having a conference call on Friday with the City Manager of Ripon regards to the facility.

Commissioner Paul Hain asked Harry Mavrogenes for a brief history of his background. Mr. Mavrogenes provided history where he explained his past work experience in development, etc.

Commissioner Maria Spandri asked about potable water being in the development at the Historical Park. She said that there needs to be access to drinking water.

Mr. Mavrogenes said that he was not sure about that but would look into it.

Commissioner Hain said that he thought that there was \$50,000 budgeted to update water.

Management Analyst Dulce Alonso said that she believed that was true, but will have to check into it. She said that in regards to safety, there will be upgraded repairs on play structures.

Commissioner Sandy Swint said that she was concerned with restrooms at the Babe Ruth field that they are not ADA compliant and still on septic and not city water.

Mr. Mavrogenes suggested that there needs to be a Capital Improvement Program put in place for needed projects.

Commissioner Nelda Escamillia said that she would like to know if the skate park is in the development plan.

Ms. Alonso responded that the Vet's Park was built by the City of Hollister and they have a lease agreement for the park to be maintained by the City of Hollister. She said in regards to the concerns of safety with the fences and regular maintenance she would follow up with the City of Hollister.

V. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Nelda Escamillia: No report.

Commissioner Sandy Swint: Reported that she attended the National Night Out. She meet ladies from San Benito Safe Kids. They invited the City to their next meeting August 21, 2019 at Noon at Valley Pizzeria.

Commissioner Marie Peterson: No report.

Commissioner Dora Sanchez: No report.

Commissioner Paul Hain: Reported a successful Blue Grass Festival at the Historic Park. He will hold a follow up meeting with the Blue Grass Society where they have a 10 year contract (4 years in) with them to perform at the festival. He said that the Historic Park is separated into two different sections. The historic village is maintained by the Historic Society and the County operates the park portion of it. Suggestions from the Blue Grass Festival is to have more electrical outlets and have more potable water and trees. There is one permanent restroom on the north side of the park and it would be nice to have one on the south end.

Commissioner Maria Spandri: Reported that she was able to have a special meeting with the Vet's Park Committee to start reviewing the leases that are coming up in January.

The first lease that will be worked on is with the City on the language in the contract and update responsibilities.

She said that an Ad Hoc Committee was created with herself and Peter Hernandez to review the Black Jack's lease. She would like to hold a tour of the parks and have everyone come up with a capital budget to see what that park's are in need of.

She also attended the Hollister Heat tournament which was a successful event. She said that the High School issued checks for allowing the groups to use the Vet's Park for the carnival. She said that the VFW group decided to give it back to ASB. She said that she would like to look into doing the carnival again there next year since it was a very successful event.

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

The Commission will consider and may take action on the following items:

A. PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Receive a report from R.E.A.C.H.

There was no report.

B. PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Update on Regional Park/Phased Plan for River Parkway.

Management Analyst Dulce Alonso out of the County Administration Office reported on the River Parkway. The County of San Benito, City of Hollister, and the Hollister School District made an agreement in 2016. The agreement was the High School would enter a lease with the County of San Benito for 47 acres of unused land, in exchange for Nash Road being closed. There still is no agreement, both the County and City on the part of Nash Road.

On August 5, 2019 there was discussion with the City in closing Nash Road hoping to inquire the land behind the High School. The City would like to own part of the land behind the High School in order to give up Nash Road. The County will need to work with the City in regards to the River Parkway project. The County of Administration Office submitted a grant for 5 million dollars for trails along the River Parkway. On August 20, 2019 it will be going to the Board of Supervisor meeting to adopt a Resolution.

Commissioner Maria Spandri: Reported that several people have reported that the bushes on the side of River Parkway are too high, and are scared to walk along the road because they can not see over.

Ms. Alonso responded that the County does not have a lease for the land behind the new road, but does maintenance where the new road was placed.

C. PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Staffing needs and solutions.

Commissioner Maria Spandri asked Harry Mavrogenes what type of positions are open.

Mr. Mavrogenes said that the 15 open positions in the RMA Department are Capital Project Staff, Road Crews, Accounting, Engineering, and several others in different departments. He stated that the Bay Area pays more than San Benito County and that it has been hard staffing because they cannot compete with the pay.

Commissioner Nelda Escamillia said that she would like to work with Dulce and Harry in promoting the open positions with the EDD Department.

D. PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Park updates.

Commissioner Sandy Swint said that she would like a joint meeting with the Vet's Park Commission to talk about park upgrades, discuss plan to take to the Board of Supervisors.

Commissioner Maria Spandri said that she would speak with Mark Medina, but the number one

concern as of right now is getting the leases up to date.

Commissioner Swint expressed the concern of applying for grants that could help the parks.

Commissioner Nelda Escamilla would like to know if the County has grant writers.

Ms. Alonso replied that there is one grant writer, but is contracted out with the County.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

A. Adjourn to the next regular meeting of September 11, 2019.

MOTION:

To adjourn meeting at 6:18
p.m.:

Made by Nelda Escamilla and seconded by Maria
Spandri

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For (6):

Against (0):

Ayes: Escamilla, Hain, Peterson, Sanchez, Spandri, Swint



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**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
November 13, 2019
5:30 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:41 p.m by Commissioner Paul Hain.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Paul Hain.

B. Roll Call

Clerk of the Board Janet Slibsager did roll call. Commissioners that were present were Paul Hain, Nelda Escamilla, Marie Peterson, and Dora Sanchez. Commissioners Tim Powers, Maria Spandri, and Sandy Swint were absent.

C. Acknowledge Certificate of Posting

MOTION:

To acknowledge the Certificate of posting:

Made by **Nelda Escamilla** and seconded by **Dora Sanchez**

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For (4):

Against (0):

Ayes: Escamilla, Hain, Peterson, Sanchez

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one from the public who wished to speak.

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III. CONSENT ITEMS

IV. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS - Information Only

A. RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Update on New Staff Department Organization relative to Parks Recreation Commission and County Parks and Recreation.

Dulce Alonso reported for RMA that there is no update on staff recruitment and currently have open positions.

B. Approve the action minutes of the August 14, 2019 regular meeting.

This item was pulled and will be brought back to the next regular Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on December 11, 2019 for approval.

C. RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Update on Upcoming Subdivisions: The commission will receive a report of the Upcoming Subdivisions for the unincorporated area, if any, and be given an overview in regards to park elements within the subdivisions.

Dulce Alonso reported for RMA that there is no new sub divisions for parks. There has been a proposal to replace broken playground equipment from two months ago that is stuck in legal. There is also bids for potable water filtration equipment for both Vet's and Historic park. There working on a contract to hire a landscape architect to do a masters plan for Vet's Park.

V. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Peterson will meet with Mark Medina about issues going on.

Commissioner Escamilla attended a COG meeting with Mary Gilbert and gave an update of what is going on with the highway construction with HWY 25 and 101.

Commissioner Hain visited Kelly Park in San Jose, CA. Kelly Park is an example of a park that Hollister will never afford, but would be nice to have.

Commissioner Hain participated in a classroom with S.T.R.A.W., (Student and Teachers Restoring Active Water Sheds).

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B. PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Update on Regional Park/Phased Plan for River Parkway.

Dulce Alonso provided information on the State Grant for the trails for River Parkway. Still waiting for a response if the grant will be approved or denied.

Commissioner Paul Hain would like a presentation of the whole plan with an update for a future meeting. He would also like to see programs on the River Parkway.

C. PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Park updates.

There was no report.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Discussion on having quarterly meetings starting in February 2020. Will be brought back in the December 2019 Meeting for a vote.

A. Adjourn to the next meeting of December 11, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

MOTION:

To adjourn meeting at 6:03 p.m. Made by Nelda Escamilla and seconded by Dora Sanchez

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For (4):

Against (0):

Ayes: Escamilla, Hain, Peterson, Sanchez