

County of San Mateo

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

Thursday, February 1, 2018

4:00 p.m.

Board of Supervisors' Chambers
400 County Center, Redwood City

MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 4:02 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Barbara Bonilla (Chair), Basem (Sam) Manneh (Vice-Chair), Neil Merrilees, Marico Enriquez, Meda Okelo, Eeshan Bhat (Youth Commissioner)

Staff Present: Jonathan Gervais, Scott Lombardi, Lori Mrizek, Nirit Eriksson (Deputy County Counsel)

3. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

4. Presentations

4.1 Carla Schoof, Community Programs and Communications Manager, presented an update and PowerPoint on the Parks Shuttle Program.

4.2 Jonathan Gervais, Parks Director, presented an update and PowerPoint on the Coyote Point Eastern Promenade Project.

5. Action Items

5.1 The Commission moved to approve the minutes from the December 7, 2017 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting. Manneh/Merrilees, 5-0.

6. Parks Foundation Executive Director's Report

Michele Beasley presented the Parks Foundation report.

The Parks Foundation's Youth Environmental Education field trip program serves schools, after-school programs, and non-profits. The Foundation funds a school or youth organization's transportation needs and connects them to trained docents or rangers who will lead them on hikes and explain the wonders of the park. The most recent participants were the St. James Community Foundation, which is an after-school math tutoring program in San Mateo. The students visited Memorial Park where they were greeted by Rangers Katherine and David. Everyone had a wonderful time.

The Foundation is also supporting the Wilderness School, a program run out of Thornton High School in the Jefferson Union High School District in Daly City. The Wilderness School runs a ropes course on San Bruno Mountain.

At the end of February, the Parks Foundation will present a gift to the County to continue supporting the Alambique Trail re-route in Wunderlich Park. To date, over \$12,000 has been raised for this project.

The Parks Foundation is one of the underwriters for Season 4 of Open Road with Doug McConnell. The show airs Sundays at 6:30 p.m. (however, not airing in month of February due to the Olympics). The new season kicked off with a rerun featuring Devil's Slide Trail. Airing again in March, there will be all new episodes. The Foundation's Director is working with the show to see if they will agree to do a feature on San Bruno Mountain.

There will be a 20th Anniversary Celebration of the Parks Foundation on Sunday, Sept 9th at Huddart Park.

7. Parks Director's Report

A slide show accompanied the Director's report.

8. Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Okelo had a meeting with Carla Schoof, Parks Community Programs and Communications Manager. Carla shared with him the Visitor's Study. Commissioner Okelo is hoping to have recommendations soon for the Board of Supervisors regarding how to increase Parks visitation.

Commissioner Okelo announced he has been reappointed to the Parks Commission.

Youth Commissioner Eeshan Bhat reported that he is on an Environmental Justice Committee. The committee is comprised of students that are involved and interested in the environment. It is a network of green clubs. Eeshan will be hosting an event where all those clubs come together to discuss the environment and report what projects they have participated in to help the environment. Eeshan is planning to host the event in April.

9. Items for Future Agenda

Work plan updates
Budget
Strategic planning for parks
Acquisition policy
Fee study - reviewing park fees
In-lieu fees (part of budget discussion)

10. Adjournment

Manneh/Enriquez motion to adjourn. Vote: 5-0
The meeting was adjourned at 5:27 p.m.