

MINUTES – MORRO BAY RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING – **January 18, 2018**

VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING – 6 p.m.

PRESENT: Chair Robert Swain, Vice Chair Drew Sidaris, Commissioner Kevin Carroll, Recreation Services Manager Kirk Carmichael and Teen Program Coordinator Sydney Bliss.

ABSENT: Commissioner Jeffery Cox and Commissioner Skip Sorich.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Robert Swain called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLIGIANCE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Vice Chair Drew Sidaris announced that he attended the thanksgiving dinner and tried to volunteer but there were so many volunteers that everything was covered and said that everyone was having a great time. Sidaris also announced dropping by the Bird Festival over the weekend and said that there were a lot of people and it was a great event. He also commented that he had noticed that there are more benches down by the Rock and that people should go enjoy the beautiful area.

Chair Robert Swain announced that the twelve days winter fest and boat parade were a great success plus commented that the Advisory Board Recognition event was a great event and he wanted to thank the city council for putting it on. Swain also announced that he contacted Ann Reisner about the Jack La Lanne memorial and said that the Commission's idea was more of a circuit training than a monument and expressed that they would get back to her with more information in the future.

Recreation Services Manager Kirk Carmichael announced that the first annual Health and Wellness Faire is taking place this Saturday from 9 to 12pm at the Morro Bay Community Center and the event will include over 35 booths with Health and Wellness activities and business's. Carmichael also wanted to thank Brady Lock, the Senior Programs Coordinator responsible for the event, for all his hard work on the event and said he hopes to see everyone out there this Saturday.

Carmichael also announced that our annual Dixon's Spaghetti Feed is scheduled for March 9th and said there is another spaghetti dinner event following ours, so we are thinking about changing up the menu, but our event is long standing at nearly thirty years, so we will get back to you about the finalized menu.

Carmichael announced that Youth Basketball is in full swing with over 300 kids participating from up and down the coast and games are played on Saturdays at Los Osos Middle School and Del Mar Elementary School gyms. Also, with youth sports futsal registration is at the end of February with games starting early April. Sign your kids up. A couple other sports related items are Adult Softball with registration starting at the end of this month with games starting towards the end of March and youth girls' softball registration is open now with games starting mid-February.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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Council Member Robert Davis thanked Kirk and his staff for getting the pool open. Mr. Davis commented that January 9th was the opening day at 5:30 a.m. in the rain with swimmers right from the very beginning and said It was not an easy task to coordinate all the moving parts necessary to get the pool open, such as lifeguards, the school schedule and making it available to the public and that Kirk and Karen Sweeny have done a magnificent job of making it happen plus the community really appreciates the pool being open.

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

<https://youtu.be/Bp1sOr659jc?t=431>

A-1 Approval of minutes for Recreation & Parks Commission meeting held on November 16, 2017

RECOMMENDATION: Approve minutes.

A-2 Recreation Services Division Status Report

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file.

A-3 Review of City Council Changes to Recreation and Parks Commission By-Laws

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file.

MOTION: Vice Chair Drew Sidaris moved to approve the Consent Calendar Items A-1 through A-3. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kevin Carroll and passed unanimously, 3-0.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

C. BUSINESS

<https://youtu.be/Bp1sOr659jc?t=523>

C-1 Program Evaluation-2017 Tree Lighting

<https://youtu.be/Bp1sOr659jc?t=534>

Recreation Services Manager Carmichael gave a presentation on the 2017 Tree Lighting program evaluation report that was prepared by Youth Services Coordinator Angelica Gallardo.

Carmichael explained that there will not be staff reports on the entire Winterfest activities because they were not coordinated through the recreation division but were brought to the city through a tourism grant and coordinated by Terri Bayus. You may have seen the Recreation Services staff working these events, but we were there as support staff and that the Holiday Tree Lighting event was coordinated through Recreations Services. Carmichael said there were over one hundred participants, the event took place before the lighted boat parade, the event was for everyone, Kids Club children and the MBHS choir performed, Santa Claus with Mrs. Claus and an elf arrived on a firetruck, and it was nice to see that the community members out enjoying the event.

Chair Swain mentioned that people may have been confused about location of the event because last year the event was held at tidelands park.

MOTION: Vice Chair Drew Sidaris moved to receive and file the report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kevin Carroll and passed unanimously, 3-0.

C-2 MBHS Pool Update

<https://youtu.be/Bp1sOr659jc?t=875>

Recreation Services Manager Carmichael gave a presentation on the MBHS Pool. Carmichael announced that we are moving forward with the school district and the high school for times of use and programming for the following year. We currently work on three-month program periods at a time and they are based around the school's programs. The pool opened on Jan 9th at 5:30 a.m. in the rain and we had two people that jumped in the water at 5:30 a.m. and since that first day we have seen an increase in participation. We currently have three programs running. The first is Aqua Zumba that is taught by Jenny, who is already one of our instructors that teaches a fitness class at MBCC. The first two weeks of Aqua Zumba we had 23 participants. Another program is Masters Swimming which started the second week of the pool opening with 11 participants with most them being MB high school staff. Finally, we have lap swim which is offered three times a week in the a.m. and five days a week in the afternoon. Since the pool opened on the 9th, we have had 188 participants in lap swim. Carmichael also said that we are trying to capitalize on the use of the pool and offer as many programs as we can at any given time to help reduce the costs of lifeguard coverage as well as the costs of pool rental. Carmichael also announced that we are still hiring aquatics staff and just today we hired an aquatics coordinator, Katie Tucker who has about 15 years of experience and we're excited to have her as she'll be developing emergency action plans, set up cash handling systems, manage lifeguards and more. He also announced that we will be offering lifeguarding classes as soon as Karen Sweeny in our office gets certified to train for new lifeguards. Keep in mind that Cuesta college will close their pool at the end of April and that we should see an impact in the water. We are

also planning a community grand opening aside from the school's grand opening that was done back in October. We are looking to do something in the springtime such as a water appreciation safety day and demonstrations of water polo, Aqua Zumba, diving, etc. We are also looking for someone to teach aqua aerobics.

Vice Chair Drew Sidaris asked Is the pool heated? Carmichael responded the pool is between 78 to 82 degrees.

Chair Robert Swain asked where do I get more information regarding the pool? Carmichael responded that information can be found on the city website, city Facebook or you can call the Recreation Services office. Swain then asked if we will be adding more classes during the summer? Carmichael responded yes and we will be launching a learn to swim program along with other programs over the summer.

Commission Kevin Carroll commented that everything looks great and that were doing the smart thing of starting slow and adding programs.

Chair Robert Swain asked if you must know how to swim to do the Aqua Zumba class? Carmichael responded that the class is held in the shallow end of the pool, so you don't need to know how to swim but you do need to keep yourself upright in four feet of water.

D. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

E. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m. to the next regularly scheduled Recreation and Parks Commission meeting at 6 p.m. on **Thursday, March 15, 2018**, at the Veterans Memorial Building, 209 Surf Street, Morro Bay, California.

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