

**Advisory Committee on Joint Use of Recreation Property
MINUTES**

Ludwick Community Center, Assembly Room

864 Santa Rosa Street

Tuesday, March 27, 2007 12:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Cochran called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Chair Nancy Cochran, Vice Chair Terry Conner; Committee Members: Rick May, Richard Kriet, Ed Thoma, and Bob Lewis

ABSENT:

STAFF: City of San Luis Obispo: Linda Fitzgerald, Recreation Manager; James Bremer, Facilities Supervisor; Todd Beights, Parks Maintenance Supervisor, and Marti Reynolds, SAA., SLCUSD: Buildings & Grounds Supervisor Arnie Silacci

1. Public Comment

None.

2. Consideration of Minutes

MOTION: (Thoma/Lewis) Approve the February 27, 2007 minutes as written.

Approved 4 yes: 0 no: 2 absent (May and Conner)

Vice Chair Conner and Committee Members May arrived for discussion of item #3.

3. March 2007 Facility Grant Cycle

Committee members reviewed the grant requests. Recreation Manager Fitzgerald explained if encumbered funds roll over to this year they can be used for this cycle; \$10,395.52 is available because the Soccer Club and Girls Softball did not use all of their 2006 allocations.

Fitzgerald noted under SLO Soccer Club's request, the amount should be \$6,350.00. Regarding #2, because men's senior baseball is an adult program, they would be eligible for the difference in price between use of SLO Baseball Stadium and school district fees for comparable facilities (\$3,198.00). There was some discussion on the fact the school district does not prep the field so Men's Senior Baseball's bill includes prep which is part of the recommendation.

MOTION: (May/Kriet)

1) Approve facility use grant of \$6,350.00 for SLO Soccer Club's annual Summer Classic Soccer Tournament; 2) Approve facility use grant of \$4,045.00 as modified for Men's Senior Baseball to utilize Morro Bay High School for league play.

Approved 6 yes: 0 no: 0 absent

4. Staff Reports

Park Maintenance Supervisor Beights discussed with the Committee investing money in portable toilets at field level for players at the Baseball Stadium and previous discussions on sharing the cost with facility users. Beights also informed the Committee he has ordered tarps to cover Home Plate and the Pitchers Mound at the Stadium to protect the areas from rain and its effect on clay. Maintenance takes the tarps off prior to a game and the user places them back on when the game is finished. Beights inquired as to the possibility of the cost of the tarps (\$600 each) being funded by joint use. Beights also received a letter from Dan Ainsworth regarding maintenance concerns of the Stadium (light bulbs, squirrel eradication) all of which Parks Maintenance is working on. Currently, maintenance is trying to use a pesticide free solution called the "Rodenator." A separate topic of evening lighting on the flagpole if there were a 24-hour flag up was discussed and eliminated due to security issues.

Facilities Supervisor Bremer updated the commission on the new sound system at the stadium and the resultant new speaker system. Because the speakers will cost more than \$5,000, three quotes are required. Bremer has quotes from two local vendors and is waiting for the third from someone outside of town. Commissioner Conner said he can provide other more local possible contacts. Commissioner Thoma will forward more information on supplies. Bremer confirmed for the Commission that the previously approved recommendation by the SLO Blues of moving the speakers over the bathrooms has gone no further. Bremer stated the issue of noise pollution would still not be addressed. The idea of installing 10-12 smaller 6" speakers was to bring the sound to fence level and control it by focusing it away from the community, providing better coverage and lower volume.

Commissioner Thoma also remarked he would be happy to donate floodlighting for the flag, but Beights pointed out that for security reasons he prefers not to illuminate that area at night as it can become an attractive nuisance.

Bremer also informed that at the last Building and Facilities meeting it was questioned why we supply field marking material at the middle school for girls softball. Fitzgerald and Thoma talked of the history of parks maintenance and their role in prepping all fields at one time and then no longer a responsibility unless within the school district. As it is now we simply provide a nominal amount of chalk to some local teams as a good will effort.

Commissioners requested that a stadium report be provided as a regular monthly report. Also, Bremer stated he has been in contact with the Blues and, although there is no schedule yet, there will be one soon. He has the 2nd half Babe Ruth schedule firm for use of the stadium. Commissioners commented that for the future this challenge be looked at before the coming of the new year.

5. Additional Items

Recognition of Outgoing Members – Chair Cochran passed out plaques to outgoing committee members Richard Kriet, Bob Lewis, Ed Thoma and Rick May.

ADJOURNED

Meeting was adjourned at 12:42 p.m. to the April 24, 2007 meeting at 12:00 noon, Ludwick Community Center.