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

Ludwick Community Center, Assembly Room
864 Santa Rosa Street

Tuesday, January 22, 2008 12:00 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL: Vice Chair Terry Conner; Committee Members Rick May, Colin Jones and Michael Parolini

ABSENT: Chair Nancy Cochran and Committee Member Lisa Monreal

STAFF: City of San Luis Obispo: Betsy Kiser, Director, James Bremer, Recreation Supervisor; Marti Reynolds, Supervising Admin Asst., and Arnie Silacci, SLCUSD Building & Grounds Supervisor

Vice Chair Conner called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

1. Public Comment

None.

2. Consideration of Minutes

MOTION: (Parolini/Conner) Approve the November 27, 2007 minutes as corrected (page 2 paragraph 6).

Approved 4 yes: 0 no: 2 absent (Cochran/Monreal)

3. Joint Use Agreement between the San Luis Coastal Unified School District and the City of San Luis Obispo

Director Kiser gave the Committee Members background information on the agreement. Some modifications have been made and addendums have been incorporated into the master agreement. Director Kiser explained that City and School District staff meet annually to discuss changes in the agreement and then every five years to review, this being year one of the new 5-year agreement. Recommendations will go to the School District February 5th, the PRC on February 6th and Council later in February.

Vice Chair Conner questioned the possible addition of Holt Field and discussion last month as potential inclusion in the Joint Use agreement. Director Kiser clarified with Building and Grounds Supervisor Silacci that the School District does not offer the facility for use in its current condition, and doing so would take more negotiation that would hold up the agreement. Vice Chair Conner requested the interest in Holt Field be included in part of the minutes.

MOTION: (May/Parolini) Endorse the Joint Use Agreement between the San Luis Coastal Unified School District and the City of San Luis Obispo for joint use of facilities and provision of programs and forward a recommendation to the City Council for final approval.

Approved 4 yes: 0 no: 2 absent (Cochran/Monreal)

4. Update on San Luis Obispo Baseball Stadium

Recreation Supervisor Bremer updated the Committee on the Stadium uses. A meeting was held with the SLO Rattlers and the SLO Blues in December to draft a seating and scheduling plan for the All Star Game which will affect Parks staff for field preparation. Currently the Parks Maintenance Supervisor is reviewing this draft. Both teams are trying to bring the first All Star game of CSB to San Luis Obispo in July. Both teams are meeting on their own with positive results. Parks and Recreation is waiting for the Babe Ruth schedule which has not yet been submitted. This may or may not affect Men's Baseball (who has submitted a schedule). New to the agreements this year is set workdays - days that the teams will be off the fields to allow Parks Maintenance to complete field tasks. The teams will try to be off the fields all day Mondays through 6 pm Tuesdays. Negotiations for both contracts are hoped to be concluded by the end of January. Agreements will go to Council around March 4th for approval.

5. Staff Reports

Recreation Supervisor James Bremer reported on the synthetic turf study. The study session for February 12th was cancelled. Staff is recommending a more in depth study of needs and uses, whether user's needs would be met, and the best approach to the needs assessment. The Public Works and Parks and Recreation Departments are working on a project plan for improving the turf at the Damon Garcia fields. The decision to go with synthetic turf will be put on hold until the needs assessment is completed with all user groups. The subject of Holt Field and synthetic turf and thereby accommodating soccer use was discussed. The outcome of the study is to inform Council of the absolute best use of funds to fulfill the unmet needs of the community.

Committee Member Parolini asked about the priority to use parkland development funds on a field that has already been built but is underutilized, such as Damon Garcia. Bremer responded that Damon Garcia does not address "diamond-based" sports such as baseball and that even if all fields were opened up for use from November through March there would still be the issue of lighting fields.

Director Kiser indicated that although it may be mid-summer before all the information is gathered together, the Damon Garcia Project Management Plan can still come forward. In the meantime, Staff would ask for general fund support (Capital Improvement) and thereby utilize Parkland Development funds for other more appropriate uses.

Vice Chair Conner discussed using Chevron funding for lighting on the corner of Tank Farm. Natural Resources Manager Neil Havlik is involved in the very preliminary stages of this.

Building and Grounds Supervisor Silacci indicated the School District is still working with YSA for in lieu fees – will renovate Pacific Beach turf field and two softball fields at Laguna Middle School. The drainage issues encountered at Laguna Middle School are the biggest project. Charging for field use has helped to overcome costs, such as for fertilizer. The School District is able to contract services out as equipment they own is not currently up to task. Supervisor Silacci added that soil and grading work is being done at Pacific Beach and is that facility is used primarily for overflow uses as well as soccer and Girls' softball. Also discussed was increased cul de sac use for parking at Laguna Middle School and YSA's desire to police the area.

Committee Member May noted that Holt Field has \$1.5 million budgeted for a synthetic turf/all-weather track. The Major City Goal was to find a way for the City to participate and eventually have it become a Joint Use Facility. May asked that they (the JUC) mention it in the agreement so it would eventually become part of the City Goals.

Committee Member Jones commented on the Parks Maintenance field preparation at El Chorro. Last year, there were issues with dampness and mowing. As a result, he is aware of some users that will not be returning. Jones will email Director Kiser with more information.

6. Additional Items

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 12:52 p.m. to the February 26, 2008 Joint Use Committee Meeting at 12:00 p.m. at the Ludwick Community Center.