

**Parks and Recreation Commission
MINUTES**

Council Chambers, 990 Palm Street
Wednesday, June 7, 2006 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Pyper called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Chair Pyper, Commissioners: Gary Clay, John Knight, Don Dollar, Jill Lemieux, Ty Griffin and Richard Kriet

ABSENT: John Knight, Don Dollar

STAFF: Parks and Recreation Director Betsy Kiser, Recreation Supervisor James Bremer, Parks Maintenance Supervisor Todd Beights

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

The minutes from the May 22, 2006 meetings were approved.

1. Public Comment

None.

2. Volunteer of the Month - May

Director Kiser introduced Volunteer of the Month Andy Morris of KAT Country. Andy was recognized for his loyal community support and willingness to lend a helping hand when needed. Andy has actively promoted Parks and Recreation Programs and invited our employees to share airtime with listeners. He also donated his time to provide entertainment for the annual Triathlon and arranged the lighting and sound systems for the Teen Idol contest.

3. Mitchell Park Flagpole Reinstallation

Director Kiser presented the staff report to the Commission regarding the Rotary Club of San Luis Obispo's request to reinstall the flagpole in Mitchell Park to a temporary location near the bandstand in the park.

Commissioners discussed the item and felt that there is no aesthetically pleasing site near the bandstand to locate the flagpole, but agreed that a good reason for returning it to the park at this time is because of the community's desire to see the flagpole back in the park. Several Commissioners were concerned that placing it near the bandstand might interfere with active uses in the park and present safety concerns.

Recommendation:

Approve a donation from the Rotary Club of San Luis Obispo to reinstall the Mitchell Park flagpole to a temporary location near the gazebo in the park; and let staff decide where it should be placed.

(Pyper/Lemieux) 2 yes: 3 no: absent (Knight; Dollar) Motion failed.

4. Parks and Recreation Commission Bylaws

Director Kiser presented the staff report to the Commissioners and reported on the City Attorney's opinion regarding conflict of interest rules.

Recommendation:

Approve final draft of by-laws and forward recommendation to the City Council for adoption.

(Kriet/Lemieux) 5 yes: 0 no: 2 absent (Knight; Dollar)

5. Contract with Seahawk Swim Club

Director Kiser presented the staff report to the Commission regarding the 2006 Contract with the Seahawk Swim Club for use of the Swim Center.

Commission discussed the item and asked for clarification on several areas of the contract.

Recommendation:

Forward a recommendation to City Council to approve a one-year contract between the City and Seahawk Swim Club for use of the Swim Center, effective July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007.

(Griffin/Kriet) 5 yes: 0 no: 2 absent (Knight; Dollar)

6. Director's Report

Director Kiser briefed the Commission on the following projects:

- Park Tour: July 12, 2006. Invitations will be sent along with a syllabus for the day's activities.
- Council approval of Golf Course Rate Review and conceptual approval of the CIP and operating program changes
- Hiring of Supervising Administrative Assistant, Marti Reynolds
- Update on the meeting with SESLOC regarding Damon-Garcia Sports Fields parking issue
- Status of
 - park playground renovations
 - landscaping of berms at the Water Reclamation Fields
 - El Chorro Park renovation
 - Therapy Pool design
 - bridge design for Laguna Lake Golf Course

7. Communications

None

8. Staff Report

Recreation Supervisor Bremer presented a PowerPoint presentation on the facilities section. Commissioners expressed most interest in the wear and tear on the fields.

Parks Maintenance Supervisor Beights reported on Cheng Park progress; weed abatement efforts; removal of tree wells from trees downtown; mosquito season spraying of wet areas; budget issues; the Mission Plaza CIP; Grizzly Academy mentorship; and a Boy Scout project to put in a kiosk at Laguna

Lake on flora and fauna.

9. Committee Reports

Commissioners gave brief reports on committee meetings they attended.

- Tree Committee – no report
- Mayors Youth Task Force – no report
- Open Space – no report
- Joint Use Committee – none
- Jack House Committee – Pyper
- Golf – none

Commissioner Pyper reported that the Victorian Games will be held at the Jack House on June 25; Art in the Garden on August 22; and status of the installation of a birdbath, bench and wall in memory of Martha Schwartz.

Commissioner Griffin requested a copy of the Department's budget documents.

10. Adjourned

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. to the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on July 12, 2006 for the Park Tour.