

ARTS COMMISSION Regular Meeting  
(virtual)

September 27, 2021, 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

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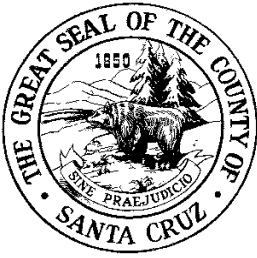
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**(AGENDA to follow)**



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### ARTS COMMISSION – AGENDA

Monday, Sept. 27, 2021

Microsoft Teams meeting platform 4:30 PM

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**I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**

**II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS OR APPROVAL**

**III. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approve minutes from July 12, 2021 ..... Page 3
- b. Consider Reports:
  - 1. Aquatics Section Report ..... Page 4
  - 2. Maintenance Section Report ..... Page 5
  - 3. Planning Section Report ..... Page 6-7
  - 4. Recreation Section Report ..... Page 8-9
  - 5. Volunteer Section Report ..... Page 10-15

**IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:** Opportunity for persons to address the Commission on matters which are within the scope of responsibility of the Commission but not on today's agenda. Presentations must not exceed three (3) minutes in length, and individuals may speak only once during Oral Communications.

**V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**VI. STAFF REPORT**

**VII. REGULAR AGENDA**

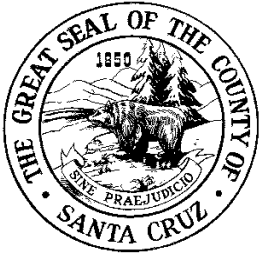
**A. Information/Discussion Items**

- 1. New Arts Commissioner – Micha Scott
- 2. 2021 Artist of the Year Event

**B. Action Items - None**

**VIII. AGENDA /MEETING FOR: November 8, 2021 - 4:30 p.m.**

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**



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### ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES - DRAFT

July 12, 2021, 4:30 p.m. - Microsoft Teams meeting platform

- I. Called to order at 4:33 p.m. Present: Kilian, L Phillips, Gardner, J Phillips, Stabile, Miyakusu, Oslapas, DeWorken Late: Niven Resigned: Willis  
Staff: Rebecca Hurley, Kathy DeWild
- II. Approved Agenda  
Motion/Second: Stabile/Miyakusu  
AYES: 8  
NOES: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0  
ABSENT: 1
- III. Approved Consent Agenda  
Motion/Second: Stabile/L. Phillips  
AYES: 8  
NOES: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0  
ABSENT: 1
- IV. Next meeting date: September 20, 2021, 4:30 p.m., Microsoft Teams platform
- V. Approved motion to adjourn at 5:51 p.m.  
Motion/Second: DeWorken/Niven  
AYES: 9  
NOES: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0  
ABSENT: 0



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Date: July 28, 2021  
To: Parks and Recreation Commission  
From: Max Friedmann, Aquatics Supervisor  
Subject: Aquatics Section Report

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### **Return to Drop-In Swimming**

- The Swim Center no longer requires reservations for pool use and offers drop-in lap swim and open swim.
- Drop-in recreation swim for children and families has also returned.

### **Swim Lessons and Junior Guard Program**

- Group swim lessons have returned and are available alongside private/semi-private swim lessons.
- Three sessions of Pool Junior Guards and Little Guards programs were offered this summer. Capacity limits were increased, and many normal programing features have returned.

### **Scholarships and Friends of Santa Cruz County Parks Partnership**

- Through our partnership with Friends of Santa Cruz County Parks the Swim Center has made scholarships available for summer swim lessons as well as our Summer Aquatics Camps. Folks involved with local groups such as Cradle to Carrier and Black Health Matters have been given the opportunity to use these scholarships.



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Date: July 28, 2021  
To: Parks and Recreation Commission  
From: Rebecca Hurley, Parks Superintendent  
Subject: Maintenance Section Report

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### North County

- Water leak repairs were completed at Anna Jean Cummings.
- The gazebos and restrooms were painted at Anna Jean Cummings.
- Facility maintenance was done at Highlands and Quail (for special events).
- Major tree debris clean up took place at Moran way eucalyptus lot.
- Upgrades to the driveway at Quail Hollow Ranch were completed.
- A new culvert was installed at Quail Hollow Ranch.
- Tree work was completed at Quail, Highlands, Ben Lomond Dam, and Emeline campus.
- New signage was installed at North Coast Beaches.
- The red curbs were painted along East Cliff Parkway.

### Mid County / Swim Center

- A section of fence adjacent to Jose Avenue Park was replaced.
- Gates that were vandalized at Jose Avenue Park were repaired.
- The mechanical seal in the recreation, recirculation pump and Cap Stone #1 pump was fixed.
- 5 faucets in the men's main locker rooms at Simpkins were replaced.
- The wiring harness on one of the wide area mowers was fixed.

### South County

- A shade structure was installed at Seacliff Village Neighborhood Park.
- Six coastal live oaks were planted and irrigated at Seacliff Village Neighborhood Park.
- Renovation was done to restroom interiors at Seascape Park including new fixtures, lighting and paint.
- Repairs were made to Pinto lake pump track.
- Vegetation management was completed at Pinto Lake Park.
- A split rail fence was installed at Richard Vessey Park.
- Large irrigation leaks were repaired at Pinto Lake, Scott Park, and Polo Grounds.



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Date: July 28, 2021  
To: Parks and Recreation Commission  
From: Will Fourt and Michael Hettenhausen, Park Planners  
Subject: Planning Section Status Report

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**Chanticleer Park:** Staff submitted supplemental information needed for the application for Prop 68 Statewide Park Program grant application for Chanticleer Park Expansion and development of Phase 2 at the park, and completed a site visit with grant administrator staff from CA State Parks. Staff also submitted a development permit amendment application for time extension to County Planning to extend the development permit beyond 2021.

### **Heart of Soquel Phase 2 & 3**

Construction of the new trail and restoration landscaping is complete and the trail is open. Staff issued a Notice of Completion to the contractor after Board approval, and a maintenance and monitoring of planting establishment areas are ongoing.

### **Hidden Beach**

Planning and Financial staff has selected a playground replacement contractor, generated the required contracts, and routed the contracts to the various County departments for signatures. Playground replacement is anticipated for Fall 2021. Also, the Parks Department's design consultant is continuing preparation of 30% design drawings for a new permanent restroom, including discussing water meter requirements with the County's Sanitation District and the Soquel Creek Water District.

### **Moran Lake**

The Board accepted Coastal Conservancy grant revenue, the grant agreement, and a design contract for completion of the Moran Restoration and Public Access Plan. Parks staff have worked with County Environmental Health staff to discuss setting up a lagoon monitoring program and have applied for partnership grant funding to complete an updated monarch habitat site assessment and management recommendations for the site from US Fish and Wildlife Service through the Coastal Program.

### **Greyhound Rock**

Staff continues to work with staff from the state Coastal Conservancy and state Department of Fish and Wildlife on a grant application for planning and development of minimalist overnight accommodations and indoor programming facilities at the park.

### **Live Oak Library Annex**

Staff is participating on the Technical Advisory Group with County Department of Public Works and Library staff as well as an architectural firm to produce interior and exterior design plans for the Live Oak Library Annex, proposed for construction along the north wall of the Simpkins Family Swim Center. The County's Planning Commission recently approved the development permit and CEQA Notice of Exemption for the library annex.

### **Anna Jean Cummings Mitigation Plantings**

Staff has completed soil testing for sudden oak death at the site and initiated a contract for local seed collection and plant propagation in anticipation of planting in fall 2022.

### **Farm Future Phase 2**

Staff and consultants are preparing a Master Plan Amendment Application (MPAA) to include a bike pump/jump track as an additional alternative feature and revise the development permit expiration date. The MPAA will be submitted to the County Planning for review and consideration. On July 13, the Parks Department director and Planning staff hosted the Statewide Park Program grant administrator at the park. Also, staff has addressed questions from the grant application's incomplete letter and resubmitted the required information. Grant awards are anticipated late September/early October.

### **Park Dedication In-Lieu Fees and Park Impact Fees Update**

Staff presented proposed updates to the existing park dedication in-lieu fee program to the Board of Supervisors at a public hearing. The proposed ordinance amendments were approved by the board on June 8, and the Unified Fee Schedule amendments were approved by the board at a separate hearing on June 29. Staff have prepared the materials for Coastal Commission review at a hearing in September or October 2021, after which the updates will take effect pending certification by the Coastal Commission.

### **North Coast Multi-Agency Coordinating Committee**

Parks staff submitted a state Coastal Conservancy grant application, along with several Letters of Support, to prepare a North Coast Facilities and Management Plan, which would consolidate all the various federal, state, and local government agencies' planning and capital improvement plan documents into one comprehensive document. The state grant would fund the hiring of a consultant to review existing documents, facilitate stakeholder meetings, and produce a regional planning document. Grant awards are anticipated for late September/early October.



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Date: July 28, 2021  
To: Parks and Recreation Commission  
From: Jaime Jimenez, Recreation Supervisor  
Subject: Recreation Section Report

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### **Summer Camps**

- We have continued to offer our Summer Day Camps, Sports Camps and Cultural Arts at various sites throughout the County both in person and virtually.
- At these sites, Recreation Staff provided positive recreational experiences with various activity games, arts and crafts, outdoor nature, and science enrichment activities for children 4-14.
- The following Summer Day Camps were offered in the department.
  - Coastal Explorers
  - Zombie Camp
  - Field trips to Ranging Waters, Roller Skating & SC Beach Boardwalk
  - Bi-weekly camps at La Selva Beach Clubhouse
- July is Recreation Month - we offered daily opportunities for community members to explore our parks, beaches and programs as we celebrate the California Parks and Recreation Society "Parks Make Life Better" month. Community members got an opportunity to challenge themselves and visit more than 60 parks, beaches and coastal access points the County Parks has to offer. All the activities were free and designed for everyone to participate at their leisure. Activities ranged from movies at the park, geo mapping with the Agents of Discovery app, birding walks, full moon walk, yoga at the park and much more.

### **Partnerships with Local Recreation Departments**

- With July is Recreation Month, we partnered with County Parks Friends and other independent contractors to offer free programs throughout the Santa Cruz County parks and open spaces. Some of the activities included stroller strides, doggie date night and Musical Me.
- We look forward to the month of August as we prepare for the anticipated Parks & Rex event.

### **Recreation Programs & Contractual Agreements**

- The following contracts and classes were offered during the month of July.
  - National Academy of Athletics – Outdoor Basketball & Jr. Academy All Sorts of Sports
  - Santa Cruz Baseball School – Baseball hitting and pitching camps
  - Hawaiian Camp – Polynesian Song, Dance and Ukulele camp
  - Watercolor in the Park at Aptos Village Park



- The recreation team is currently seeking out potential contractual agreements with groups and individuals in the community to offer positive recreational programs in our county for the fall, winter and spring.

### **Marketing Efforts**

- The Department marketing efforts this month consist of working on updating the website, social media postings and continued sharing our sensational summer activity guide to inform the community of upcoming recreational opportunities and to help navigate their interest in our reservations and registrations system and opportunities on the Web.



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Date: July 28, 2021  
To: Parks and Recreation Commission  
From: Margaret Ingraham, Volunteer Program Coordinator  
Subject: Volunteer Program Report

### Anna Jean Cummings Park

Two new volunteers have signed up to help at AJ. They will be removing vines and bushes from the short cyclone fence along the path per our maintenance staff request. Thank you, Dwight and Nancy.

### Aptos Village Park

16 volunteers showed up at AVP on May 30<sup>th</sup> to work on removing ivy from the trees. The group brought their own tools and were prepared to tackle some of the big vines and deal with poison oak.





### **The Hook**

Supervisor Koenig and his Analyst, Kristina Glavis showed up again at the hook to continue work on the corner of the parking lot; together with other volunteers, including Parks Commissioner Vivian Fenner-Evans they raked, weeded, applied weed cloth and mulch to the corner. They also painted the wooden fence that is the back drop for the food vendor. Maintenance staff supported the efforts with the removal of some large stumps and rocks and installed benches.



**BEFORE**



**NOW**







### **Felton Discovery Park**

For the July 3 community volunteer day the only volunteers that showed up were Michele Mosher and Nancy Gerdt, our two devoted volunteers that lead many of the volunteer days. They stayed for the duration and got lots of weeds pulled! The next volunteer day is Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup> from 10 – 12.

### **Quail Hollow Ranch**

We have a newly trained docent who will be hosting the house open on Fridays, welcome Scott Deal!

Volunteers, Richard and Kathy James spent many long hours cleaning the house for the re-opening to the public. Kathy helped Parks staff organize for carpet and upholstery cleaning. Richard and Kathy also worked closely with maintenance and recreation staff to prepare for the upcoming summer camps to be held at Quail. In addition, Richard and Kathy have created new and enhanced existing historic displays in the house. The house is clean and organized and ready for visitors.

Richard has started back offering his history talks about the Quail Hollow Ranch and house. His first talk in over a year brought in 7 participants.





Jim Bahn worked with maintenance staff to create an appealing and updated trail map, which maintenance staff recently installed. Jim also installed many needed trail signs along the trails.



The **Santa Cruz Warriors** promote community service within their organization and several of their office staff came out to Quail to help us paint fence boards that had been recently replaced. Thank you SC Warriors!





The **Santa Cruz Astronomy Club** is back at Quail offering Star Gazing for Free to the public! The first one this year was on July 9<sup>th</sup> and they had large turn out from the public to enjoy. Come join us at the next Free Star Gazing on:

August 6      September 10      October 1      All start at sunset!

### **Interns**

The Parks Department has a new intern and he is helping in 2 capacities. He is working with maintenance staff in the field and also in the office helping to prepare for our Parks and Rex fundraiser event coming up August 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **AmeriCorps**

AmeriCorps Team Blue 1 was here for the month of June and accomplished some difficult and rewarding projects. The Team was lead by Aniko Milan, Park and Program Specialist for County Parks Friends.

The team spent the majority of their time at our Pinto Lake County Park where they were housed. Here is a list of some of the projects they accomplished:

- The grounds around the house got a lot of care; they pruned, raked, mulched, cleaned and weeded.
- Approximately 1.5 acres were improved upon; removing invasive plant species, creating defensible space, and making the house more visible from the path
- They removed approximately 9000lbs of invasive plants
- They tended and assisted 18 trees around the grounds
- Around the County they helped to install 16 of the community Art frames
- They did numerous beach clean ups
- They helped extensively with the Labyrinth project at Felt Street Park





**BEFORE**



**Almost done**



**The house is visible now from the path and many invasive plants have been removed. 10 native trees and plants are now thriving.**