



# County of Santa Cruz

## PARKS, OPEN SPACE & CULTURAL SERVICES

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JOE SCHULTZ, DIRECTOR

## PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, October 9, 2007

7:15 p.m.

Regular Meeting

Valencia Hall

2555 Valencia Road

Aptos, CA 95003

### I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m.

Members: Janet Doten, Dave Mercer, Katharine Minott, Michael Rosenberg  
Francisco Serna

Present: Janet Doten, Katharine Minott, Michael Rosenberg

Staff: Joe Schultz, Gretchen Iliff, Bob Olson, Beth Porter

### II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS OR APPROVAL

The agenda was approved as modified. The tour of the post office will take place immediately following the agenda approval. (Minott/Doten 3/0)

### III. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of September 10, 2007 were approved as presented  
(Minott/Doten 3/0)

B. Information and Reports (Accept and File)

- 1) Facilities Division – Status Report
- 2) Maintenance Division – Status Report
- 3) Planning Division – Status Report
- 4) Recreation & Cultural Services Division – Status Report
- 5) Arts Commission Agenda October 27, 2007

The Information and reports were accepted and filed as written. (Minott/Doten 3/0).

### IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - None

### V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

New Parks Director, Joe Schultz, thanked the Commissioners for adjusting their meeting schedule for the remainder of 2007 to accommodate his teaching schedule at San Jose State University.

The Superkid Triathlon that took place on Sunday, October 7 was a huge success. Four hundred seventy youth, ages 3 years to 14 years, took part in the event. \$6,000 was raised for SHARP scholarships.

The Highlands Park playground is progressing. The rubberized insulation was delivered and will be installed this week. Twenty-one bags, 2,000 pounds each 6'

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x 6' x 8' will be moved by forklift into a bin and then blown onto the surface. This material is 50% poured in place rubber and qualified for the California Grant for recycled tire products. Supervisor Mark Stone will determine a date that a ribbon cutting ceremony can take place to open the playground. The first playground "space net" will be part of the upgraded playground.

Director Schultz is in the process of meeting staff, commissions, supervisors and directors.

**VI. REGULAR AGENDA (DISCUSSION ITEMS)**

**A. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Several items contained on the status reports were discussed. Gretchen Iliff explained that the water hyacinth problem was not solved by introducing weevils into the water. It was learned that the Coastal Commission will match funds with the county to remove the water hyacinth. Various methods to eradicate the water hyacinth are being explored.

**B. ACTION ITEMS**

1. **Approve 2007 Parks Commission Annual Report**

The annual report was discussed by Commissioners at the September commission meeting. Suggested changes have been made. A motion was made to approve the report and submit to the Board of Supervisors (Minott/Doten 3/0).

**VII. AGENDA/MEETING FOR: Parks Commission, November 6, 2007 at 7:15 p.m. at Simpkins Family Swim Center 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room**

**A. INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. Seacliff Park

**B. ACTION ITEMS**

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. (Minott/Doten 3/0)**