

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
Regular Meeting (virtual)

February 7, 2022, 7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.

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**(AGENDA to follow)**



# County of Santa Cruz

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### PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA

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

**II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS**

**III. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Opportunity for persons to address the Commission on matters which are within the scope of responsibility of the Commission or on today's Agenda. Presentations must not exceed three (3) minutes in length, and individuals may speak only once during Oral Communications. Commissioners will not take actions or respond immediately to any public communications presented regarding topics not on the Agenda but may choose to follow up later, either later, or on a subsequent Commission Agenda.

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approve minutes from December 6, 2021.....Page 3-4
- b. Consider Reports:
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  - 2. Maintenance Section Report.....Page 6-7
  - 3. Planning Section Report.....Page 8-9
  - 4. Recreation Section Report.....Page 10-11
  - 5. Reservations Section Report .....Page 12
  - 4. Volunteer Section Report.....Page 13-14

**V. COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

**VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**VII. REGULAR AGENDA – Action Items**

- a. Adopt resolution approving the commission's findings under AB 361 (Page 15-16)

**VIII. REGULAR AGENDA – Information Items**

- a. Regional Transportation Commission trail construction discussion
- b. Discussion on Parks and Recreation Commission elections for officers

**IX. NEXT MEETING:** Monday, April 4, 2022, 7:00-9:00 p.m. - Virtual Meeting via Zoom

**X. WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE LISTING**

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**



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### PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION Minutes of December 6, 2021, 7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting Virtual via Zoom

#### I. ROLL CALL

Present: Vivian Fenner-Evans, Kate Minott, Maggie Duncan-Merrell, Jim Rapoza  
Staff: Jeff Gaffney, Rebecca Hurley, Jennifer Mead

#### II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS (Minott/Duncan-Merrell 4/0)

#### III. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

1. Jean Brocklebank Subject: I'm referencing a report sent to staff & commissioners, I found all documents about signage at Scott Creek beach. I'm asking for the commissioners to review and that this item be placed on the agenda. I'm disappointed that it did not get on the agenda this time. It's been over 2 and half years that we've been trying to do this, we feel stone walled.
2. Michael Lewis Subject: I am disappointed, I've spent a lot of time on this to bring these documents out to the public. I want a commitment that this will be on the agenda for the next meeting. We shouldn't have any more foot dragging. This is a specific item and it should not fall under the North Coast Facilities & Mgmt plan.
3. Linda Brown Subject: I want to echo what Jean and Michael talked about. I am all for signage on the beach, especially at Scott Creek Beach. I dislike dog owners violating the leash laws. I've had confrontation with other owners. The signage is the only power that we have when at the beach. We need signs to show that it is the law to leash dogs. Dog owners have no fear. I hope to discuss this more at the February meeting.

#### IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Minutes of October 4, 2021 were approved; reports considered and accepted  
(Minott/Duncan-Merrell 4/0)

#### V. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Minott 2nd District: I'm taking a series of workshops on diversity, equity and inclusion. Thank you Rebecca for the fast response to Seascape Park and the horrible damage that was done to the public restroom. Tomorrow, Seacliff park is getting grass.

Duncan-Merrell 3<sup>rd</sup> District: I had the opportunity to visit city parks including Pogonip, I've never seen so many crowds of people using the parks. It's lovely to see the parks getting used. The Civic Auditorium is open again and has several events coming up: The Nutcracker, Al Franken, The Symphony, and David Sedaris. The Winter Spring Activity guide is being mailed out; recreation after school programming will be offered.

Fenner-Evans 1st District: I visited 5 parks in the 1<sup>st</sup> district. The area at Heart of Soquel with tables and chairs are full at lunch time. I went to Winkle and talked with some neighbors there. I went to

Santa Cruz Gardens and a dog jumped up on me so I had to leave. The neighbors have placed plastic chairs near the play structure because there is only one table and chairs. I went to the Farm Park, the neighbors feel the bridge is unsightly and dangerous and think the addition of the pump track would benefit the neighborhood. The community gardens are thriving at the Farm. It would be great to have a status update about the grant application for Farm Park. I also visited AJC and was told a unique bird was seen called the Grey Ghost, it was exciting to hear.

Rapoza 5th District: Thank you for the volunteers at Felton Discovery Park and Quail Hollow Ranch; and thank you to staff who take very good care of all the parks in the 5<sup>th</sup> district.

## **VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- Regarding the Farm Park, the bridge is appropriately sized per engineer/soil reports and for ADA access. We've put in for several grants and are hopeful. We will continue to work toward getting the development done there, it is a beautiful piece of land.
- We lost Will Fourt, he is going to work for State Parks to reimagine Big Basin. It will be hard for us, but is a great opportunity for Will.
- We also lost Jessica Beebe who was promoted to a Recreation Supervisor for the City of Watsonville.
- We hired six permanent Maintenance Workers and are recruiting for a Resource Planner.
- Hidden Beach Playground was renovated and opened; it was a special project to honor Jett Ramsey who died very young.
- I wanted to address the concerns around Scott Creek; I have spoken with Fish & Wildlife, Point Blue, and Planning Department. I have not found anything to prohibit dogs permanently at that beach. I will continue to look into this.
- We are looking to proceed with North Coast Facilities & Management Plan and will be working with the State to contract with a consultant.
- We have a number of items on the Board of Supervisor's agenda tomorrow.

## **VII. REGULAR AGENDA – Action Items**

- a. Motion: The commission approved the Biennial Report with request that staff review for typos. (Minott/Fenner-Evans, 4/0)
- b. Motion: Approved meeting dates for 2022 (Minott/Fenner-Evans, 4/0)
- c. The commission discussed continuing virtual meetings in 2022 in compliance with AB 361
- d. Motion: Adopt resolution approving the commission's findings under AB 361 (Minott/Duncan-Merrell, 4/0)

## **VIII. REGULAR AGENDA – Info Items**

- a. Director Gaffney gave update on Opal Cliffs Recreation District Reorganization status
- b. Director Gaffney gave update on possible South County Parkland Acquisition & Development project

**IX. NEXT MEETING:** Monday, February 7, 2022, 7:00-9:00 p.m.  
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**X. WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE LISTING** (Page 34)

**XI. ADJOURNMENT** – Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m. (Minott/Fenner-Evans 4/0)



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JEFF GAFFNEY  
DIRECTOR

Date: January 28, 2022  
To: Parks and Recreation Commission  
From: Max Friedmann, Aquatics Supervisor  
Subject: Aquatics Section Report

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### **Simpkins Renovation Project and Closure**

- Simpkins Family Swim Center is now closed for the 50m pool renovation project.
- The renovation project is scheduled to last for approximately 6 months.
- Renovations include replastering of the 50m pool and resurfacing of the pool deck cement.

### **Harvey West Pool**

- All County Parks aquatics programming is now being offered at Harvey West Pool.
- Programming includes drop-in lap swim, water aerobics, and adult fitness swimming (Masters).



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Date: January 28, 2022  
To: Parks and Recreation Commission  
From: Rebecca Hurley, Parks Superintendent  
Subject: Maintenance Section Report

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### South County

- New 5,000 SF sod lawn was completed at Seacliff Village Neighborhood Park
- Two large trees at Pinto Lake fell across the back walking trail; trees were removed
- Contractor selected for resurfacing tennis/ basketball/pickleball courts at Willowbrook Park. Work expected to begin in February weather permitting
- Large domestic water mainline was repaired at Pinto lake.
- Staff is improving and preparing baseball fields at Polo Grounds for upcoming spring season
- There has been increased graffiti at Seacliff, the Farm Park and Pinto Lake and Mesa Village. Staff are diligently removing graffiti.

### Mid County / Swim Center

- Swim Center Maintenance staff Replaced the sand – in the playground at Brommer – with Fibar.
- Repaired the roof/HVAC unit at the Veterans Memorial Building.
- Removed trumpet vines off of face of Simpkins main building.
- Addressed water leak at Brommer Park.
- Replace 6” – 3 way valve on 50 meter filtration system, Replaced motor on 50m CO2 pump, replaced mechanical seal on Recreation pool chlorine injector pump.
- Replaced sign at Jose Avenue park – Eddie Lane entrance.

### North County

- Turf renovations at AJ, Highlands, Michael Grey. This includes aerating, fertilizing, top dressing, slit seeding, rolling, and gopher abatement.
- New roof at Highlands House, Highlands Park.
- Baseball infield renovations at AJ, Highlands, and Michael Grey.
- New split rail fencing at Quail Hollow Ranch.
- Drainage work at Quail Hollow Ranch.
- Dug out overlook at Scott Creek beach.

- Major clean up at Twin Lakes Park.
- Bathroom maintenance at Moran Lake due to ongoing vandalism.
- Playground equipment upgrades and maintenance at Chanticleer, AJ, Highlands.
- Parking lot and parking lot islands maintenance at Emeline and 701.
- Tree work at Emeline and 701.
- Tree work at Highlands, Felton Covered Bridge, Ben Lomond Dam.



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Date: January 28, 2022  
To: Parks and Recreation Commission  
From: Michael Hettenhausen, Park Planner  
Subject: Planning Section Status Report

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

Staff entered into a contract with a landscape architect to develop plans and specifications to be used for bidding purposes. The landscape architect will develop conceptual renderings of the completed project to present to the public at a public meeting tentatively planned for April.

### **Chanticleer**

Staff applied for a Prop 68 Regional Park Program grant for Chanticleer Park Phase 2 Development. The scope of the Regional Park Program application includes converting the historic residence into indoor recreation space, constructing two new reservable picnic pavilions, constructing a walking and bicycling trail in the park, and installing an outdoor fitness station.

### **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.

### **Hidden Beach**

The discretionary permit for the new restroom is being considered by County Planning. Once approved, staff will work with our consultant to prepare the construction documents for the County Building Permit application.

### **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 Department of Public Works project manager is reviewing bids for the project. Construction is tentatively scheduled to commence in February or March.

### **Moran Lake**

The consultants provided a concept plan, which was reviewed by County Park staff as well as Coastal Conservancy grant manager. Comments on the concept plan were provided to the consultant on January 20<sup>th</sup>. A public meeting to present the concept plan is tentatively planned for April.

### **North Coast Facilities and Management Plan**

The Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution to accept the Coastal Conservancy and State Parks funds at its December 7<sup>th</sup> hearing and approved the Request-for-Proposal (RFP) for a planning consultant at its January 11, 2022, hearing. The RFP was posted on the County's

General Services Department's Solicitations website and provided directly to several local planning consultant firms. Proposals are due February 3<sup>rd</sup> and will be evaluated by a committee consisting of County and State representatives.

### **North Coast Rail Trail**

Staff worked in partnership with the Regional Transportation Commission to submit Prop 68 Rural Recreation and Tourism Program and Regional Park Program grant applications for partial funding of construction of the North Coast Rail Trail segment from Yellowbank to Davenport.

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

The updates to the Park Impact Fee program including ordinance updates and Unified Fee Schedule amendments took effect on October 1, 2021. Parks staff is working with Planning staff to transition to the new program as it applies to collecting fees during permit applications. Parks staff launched a new web page with information about the program.

### **Rockview**

Staff is working with construction and geology consultants to design new stairs from Rockview County Park to the beach.

### **Simpkins Family Swim Center Indoor Youth Activity Center and Outdoor Learning Center**

Staff submitted a Prop 68 Regional Park Program grant application to design and construct an indoor Youth Activity Center and an outdoor Learning Center. The indoor Youth Activity Center would be in the south plaza area and offer free play as well as programmed activities for youth while their parents/guardians use the aquatic center. The outdoor Learning Center would be located adjacent to the indoor Youth Activity Center and offer a dedicated space for outdoor trainings for Junior Guards and others.

### **Willowbrook**

Parks design consultant developed a concept plan to redesign the Baseline Drive park entrance and improve a nearby seating area. The concept plan was presented to the public at a January 20<sup>th</sup> fundraising kickoff event held at the park. Staff is reviewing proposals from playground vendors to replace the existing 5–12-year-old play structures and sand with a new 5–12-year-old play structures and rubber surface material.



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Date: January 28, 2022  
To: Parks and Recreation Commission  
From: Jaime Jimenez, Recreation Supervisor  
Subject: Recreation Section Report

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### **Recreation**

- Our After School Care Enrichment (ACE) Programs at Mar Vista Elementary school and at La Selva Beach Clubhouse are in full swing this Winter.
- Field Trips to Ready, Set Glow and the SC Roller Palladium hosted our programs this winter as our destination trips.
- Staff focused on new arts activities ranging from Picasso snowman to melting puffy paint snowmen were created by youth between the ages of 6-13.
- We increase health and wellness awareness in our programs this month. We visited a local park and had Yoga at the park to empower the body and mind.
- The holidays season focused on gingerbread legend literature with story of the making of the gingerbread cookie and on how fast he would have to run. Programming ended with a pajama days, cookies, dance, and arts & craft.
- Fall is a time for football. This fun activity was introduced into our rotation and staff took advantage of the time to foster human development, motor skills and support positive sportsmanship. Youth were taught to Honor the ROOTS of the game by honoring the rules, officials, opponents, teammates, and your own self.
- The Winter Camp was held at Aptos Village Park between Dec. 27-30 between 7:30am-6pm. The camp experienced 26 registered participants.

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

- We are collaborating with the La Selva Beach Library branch where participants get to use up to 17 laptops to play Mine Craft every Thursday.
- We are scheduled to host the Cruz Gambit Chess Club at the La Selva Public Library.
- We continue in communication with the City of Watsonville – Public Works Department exploring a possible Agents of Discovery site at their Nature Center. We have a meeting scheduled for February 14<sup>th</sup> and hope to launch this site soon.

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

- The recreation team continues seeking out potential contractual agreements with groups and individuals in the community to offer positive recreational programs in our county for the summer months. A “Teach with Us” link is in our [scparks.com](http://scparks.com) webpage to increase exposure and create more interest opportunities by skilled professionals in our community to teach classes with our department.

## **Marketing Efforts**

- The Department has created bilingual flyer and continues to post updates in our website and continues to conduct social media postings to inform the community of upcoming recreational opportunities.
- The Department is gearing up to obtain program information in preparation for the Summer Activity Guide scheduled to be sent to the printers on March 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Staff are working on creating summer programming banners and yard signs to promote the upcoming Spring and Summer offerings.



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Date: January 28, 2022  
To: Parks and Recreation Commission  
From: Sarah Shea, Recreation Supervisor  
Subject: Reservations Section Report

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The reservation and facilities team continues to build knowledge and understanding of the multiple facets of the department. The team is working on creating efficient procedures while maximising the usage of our park facilities.

**Picnic Reservations** continued into the winter despite the weather conditions. Reservations to our outside areas continue to be a popular and safe choice for our community members.

**Athletic Field Permits** This spring the new reservation team is working proactively to collect league requests in January and February. Delays from continuous users exist due to changes in leadership, ongoing covid related hesitations, and unconfirmed schedules. The reservation team is working with leagues to navigate these challenges while streamlining the reservation/request process. Conversations have started to reopen the Concession program at Polo Grounds.

**Horse Boarding:** A project to upgrade our existing horse stalls and improve feed and tack rooms is underway in partnership with the Maintenance team.

### **Venue Rentals Overview:**

- December and January saw a continued usage of venue rentals primarily for birthday parties, memorial services, and fundraisers for a total of 13 rentals.
- Open house dates published for the year at all four venue rentals and included in local marketing strategies. The beginning phase to add virtual open house tours is underway.
- Reservations staff attended a wedding festival to promote our venue rental options
- A call to vendors has been made to recruit local companies to attend a small, local Santa Cruz Community Wedding Fair hosted by County Parks at Highlands in early March.

### **Special Events:**

- Parks sponsored the annual Holiday Market at Felton Covered Bridge organized by the San Lorenzo Valley Chamber of Commerce.
- The department is starting to see a return to previously held special events at the County Parks with an increase in requests for the 2022 year.

**Commemorative Program:** Seventy-two renewal request letters were sent out to donors whose commemorative feature dedication had come to an end. At the time of this report fourteen have renewed, nine have opted to sunset the dedication, and the remaining are pending.

**Staffing:** Current initiatives for recruiting new Park Service Officers for facility staffing and administrative needs are underway.



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From: Margaret Ingraham, Volunteer Program Coordinator  
Subject: Volunteer Program Report

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### **Anna Jean Cummings Park**

The Workability group continue to help maintenance staff with projects at AJC and Willowbrook park and since September they have logged 266 hours.

### **Felton Discovery Park**

We started back in January with volunteer days the first Saturday of every month from 9-11. 8 volunteers showed up on a frosty, cold morning in January to do weeding in the newly planted areas of the park.

The next 3 volunteer days are scheduled for:

February 5<sup>th</sup>

March 5<sup>th</sup>

April 2

Chris Soriano, Field Programs Coordinator for the Santa Cruz Museum of Natural History continues to work with his group from the of Earth Stewards Program at FDP. The group works in the park 2 days a month.

*(The Earth Stewards Program aims to empower the next generation of environmental stewards by providing STEM education to alternative education high school students through outdoor experiences).*

We have another great project in the planning phase for FDP. Jay Ryan is completing a term of service for California Conservation Corps Watershed Stewards Program (WSP) in partnership with AmeriCorps. He is placed at the Resource Conservation District (RCD) of Santa Cruz. Jay has a bachelors degree with a focus on ecological restoration. He has proposed a project for FDP which we are very excited about. It will be a restoration project with the main objective being to remove invasive plant species (Mostly Blackberries) from the watershed.

We are looking forward to working with Jay on the project and the park will greatly benefit from his efforts, the volunteer day is scheduled for Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>,

### **Quail Hollow Ranch**

We have 2 new docents being trained for the park, once they are ready to go that will give us 11 total! Our docents play an essential role in welcoming and educating the public to the park as well as opening the Visitor Center. Currently the docents have gone back hosting at the park by sitting outside the Visitor Center instead of opening the house because of the latest resurgence of Covid related cases. Soon, we all hope we will go back to opening the Visitor Center again. In the meantime, the docents make the best of it and greet visitors outside and on the trails.

In December the **Santa Cruz Astronomy Club** brought 3 of their volunteer members to set up telescopes and answer question at the stargazing event; 7 community members showed up but unfortunately the stars did not. It was a cloudy and foggy evening so all had to come home early.

The dates for the **next FREE star gazing** outings are:

Feb 25 - sunset about 6pm, darkish about 7pm

Mar 25 - sunset about 7pm, darkish about 8pm

Apr 22 - sunset about 7:50pm, darkish about 9pm

May 6 - Sunset at 8pm, darkish about 9pm (32% Waxing Crescent moon sets 1:36am)

Jun 3 - Sunset at 8:25pm, darkness about 9:30pm (19% crescent moon sets at midnight)

Jul 8 - Sunset about 8:30pm, darkness about 9:30

Come and enjoy the evening with this group of knowledgeable Astronomers!

### **Hidden Beach/East Cliff Parkway/Davenport Landing**

Starting in February a group of from the Nature Lodge will be volunteering with County Parks doing litter pick up and light landscaping. We are excited they have chosen County Parks as a way to give back to their community. Below are the dates and Parks they will be helping with.

2/12- Hidden Beach

5/21- East Cliff Parkway

August TBD- Davenport Landing

**BEFORE THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ**

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-1**

**SANTA CRUZ COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION'S  
FINDINGS PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY BILL 361 AUTHORIZING TELECONFERENCE  
MEETINGS AS A RESULT OF THE CONTINUING COVID-19 PANDEMIC STATE OF  
EMERGENCY AND HEALTH OFFICER RECOMMENDATION FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING**

**WHEREAS**, the Parks and Recreation Commission is a legislative body under the Brown Act as defined under Cal. Gov. Code section 54952(b) and Santa Cruz County Code Section 2.38.110; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill 361 ("AB 361"), urgency legislation effective immediately, that amended Government Code section 54953 to permit legislative bodies subject to the Brown Act to continue to meet under modified teleconferencing rules provided that they comply with specific requirements set forth in the statute; and,

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to AB 361 and Cal. Gov. Code section 54953(e)(1)(A), a legislative body may meet under the modified teleconferencing rules during a proclaimed state of emergency, and where local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom issued a Proclamation of State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and which remains in effect; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 30, 2021, Santa Cruz County Public Health Officer Dr. Gail Newel strongly recommended that legislative bodies in Santa Cruz County continue to engage in physical/social distancing by meeting via teleconference as allowed by AB 361 and confirmed that she will regularly review and reconsider this recommendation and notify the public when it is no longer recommended; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to AB 361 and Cal. Gov. Code section 54953(e)(3), within 30 days of the date the legislative body first holding a teleconferenced meeting under the modified rules, and every 30 days thereafter, a legislative body can continue to hold such teleconference meetings provided it has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and determined either that the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person or that local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 7, 2022, the Parks and Recreation Commission held initial teleconference meeting under AB 361; and

**WHEREAS**, this Commission has reconsidered the circumstances of the current state of emergency and finds that the COVID-19 pandemic continues to directly impact the ability of members of the public to participate safely in person and further finds that the Santa Cruz County Public Health Officer continues to recommend measures to promote social distancing; and

**WHEREAS**, in the interest of public health and safety, and due to the emergency caused by the spread of COVID-19, the Parks and Recreation Commission deems it necessary to utilize the modified teleconferencing rules set forth in AB 361;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Parks and Recreation Commission makings the following findings by a majority vote:

**Section 1.** The foregoing recitals are true and correct, and adopted as findings of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

**Section 2.** Effective immediately, and for the next 30 days, the Parks and Recreation Commission will meet via teleconference as authorized under AB 361 and Government Code section 54953(e)(3).

**Section 3.** No later than thirty (30) days from making today’s findings, or at the next scheduled meeting, the Commission will reconsider the circumstances of the COVID-19 state of emergency and, if necessary, adopt subsequent findings to continue holding teleconference meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(3).

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Parks and Recreation Commission in Santa Cruz, State of California, this \_\_7th\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_February\_\_\_\_, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSENT:  
ABSTAIN:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chair, Parks and Recreation Commission

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Department Staff

Approved as to Form:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Office of the County Counsel