

**SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
FEBRUARY 28, 2008  
SAN LUIS OBISPO VETERANS HALL  
SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA**

**Commissioners Present:** Rick Mathews, Dorothy Jennings, Pandora Nash-Karner, Paul Teixeira and Terry Eberhardt

**Commissioners Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Ernie Del Rio and Pete Jenny

**Call to Order:** 6:00 p.m.

**OPENING**

1. **Pledge of Allegiance.**

2. **Public Comment.** None

3. **Commissioner Comments.** **Commissioner Jennings** thought the SLOCAPRA Commissioners Workshop was fantastic; took a walking tour of downtown Paso Robles, as part of the specific plan development for the downtown area; met with District One representative from the Bicycle Advisory Committee, Bill Van Orden, to discuss mutual interests; met with Paula O'Farrell of Parks-4-Pups to discuss Vineyard Estates issues. **Commissioner Eberhardt** said part of the SLO City's Bob Jones Trail has been completed; said he is delighted with the development process of the BJT; also thought the Commissioners Workshop went very well; said the Avila Beach Community Center is moving forward with recreation programs and rentals, and hired a part time Program Coordinator. **Commissioner Nash-Karner** said feedback from advisory councils on Parks Commission updates has been very good; met with GS Director, Janette Pell, to discuss Park issues and said it was well received; suggested that the next Park Commission meeting be held at SLO Botanical Gardens and that part of the agenda could be a facility tour; met with Bill Benica about a Vets Memorial at Cayucos Pier; and said she has been accepted to be on the Board of Directors of the SLO Botanical Gardens. **Commissioner Teixeira** said neighbors are satisfied with progress on Jack Ready Park development; his weight-watching group is using the Prescription Trails brochure and would like more of them to distribute. **Commissioner Matthews** said he attended Creston Advisory Body meeting, stating they are trying to convert the old Fire Station to a Community Center and are looking for advice and cooperation from the Park Commission. **Commissioner Matthews** said he also attended the recent Board of Supervisors meeting and read the California Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights (COBR) into the minutes during public comment.

4. **Approve minutes of January 24 meeting.** Motion to approve the January 24, 2008 minutes made by **Commissioner Teixeira**, seconded by **Commissioner Eberhardt**; motion approved 5-0.

## STAFF REPORTS

5. **Park Manager's report.** a) Updated **Park Commission** on County Administrator's request for information on proposed budget cuts for fiscal year 2008/09. b) **Jenny** gave an update on the formation of the General Services Agency noting that it should become official April 6; job specifications for Deputy Directors have been introduced to Human Resources. c) **Jenny** said Josh Heptig has been hired as the new Golf Course Superintendent to replace retired Superintendent Ray Festa. d) Board of Supervisors has accepted trails in Nipomo and Templeton; ECOSLO has been hired to manage volunteers to maintain Knollwood, Calendar Grove, and Vineyard Estates trails. The 2-acre park site in Vineyard Estates has also been accepted into park inventory. Staff has been communicating with Parks-4-Pups about the possibility of developing an off leash dog park on the 2-acre site. e) **Jenny** said he talked to State Parks Planner Nina Gordon about COBR and plans are being made to distribute information to educate and inform the public about the program. f) The next meeting, scheduled for March 27, will be at the SLO Botanical Gardens. **Jenny** said he will also be gone in April and that one item that may need to be addressed beforehand, is the participation of Parks assisting the Dana Adobe in Nipomo with land acquisition.

## BUSINESS ITEMS

6. **Establish subcommittee to draft 2008 Annual Report to Board of Supervisors.** Commissioners **Nash-Karner** and **Jennings** volunteered to work with staff to develop a format and content. The report should go to the Board following the end of the fiscal year.
  
7. **Discussion and preparation of letter to Governor Schwarzenegger regarding proposed closure of State Parks to balance budget.** Commissioner **Matthews** asked if the Park Commission had seen the letter circulated via email. Commissioner **Nash-Karner** suggested a different approach should be taken to address state park closures that should include issues of tourism and the fight against childhood obesity. Commissioner **Eberhardt** moved to direct the Chair and Commissioner **Nash-Karner** to draft a letter. Commissioner **Teixeira** seconded; motion approved 5-0.
  
8. **Consideration of a Memorandum of Understanding for a joint park/school site with Lucia Mar Unified School District, for recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.** **Jenny** gave a background of the project to Park Commission. He said the plan is that a 13-acre site could be dedicated and set aside for a park and school. Staff is looking for support for the concept of an MOU with Lucia Mar Unified School District to record the idea of working cooperatively for future staff of both agencies. Commissioner **Eberhardt** moved to support staff recommendations. Commissioner **Nash-Karner** seconded; motion approved 4-0; Commissioner **Teixeira** abstained.
  
9. **Recommendation to support a conservation easement to the San Luis Obispo County Historical Society for the Rios Caledonia Adobe.** **Jenny** gave an update on the Rio Caledonia Adobe. Renovation funding includes Prop 40 funds matched to a Federal Grant totaling \$400,000. Part of the Federal grant is conditioned on a 3<sup>rd</sup> party holding a conservation easement, in this case,

the SLO Historical Society. **Commissioner Eberhardt** moved to approve staff's recommendation. **Commissioner Nash-Karner** seconded: motion approved 5-0.

10. **Approve letters of donation.** None.

11. **Adjourn meeting.** Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

